

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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Office Hours: Mon-Fri (9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm)

Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm; 5:10 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

St. Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 and is the third oldest parish in the city of Toronto after St. Paul's Basilica (1822) and St. Michael's Cathedral (1845).

We are the collegiate church of the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, as well as being the parish church to our parishioners who come to worship here from all over the city.

Since October 2007, we have been the home of the National Televised Daily Mass, reaching people in their homes all over Canada. The Daily Mass is broadcast six days a week on Vision TV, the Crossroads, Television Network and Salt and Light TV.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Director of Music: John Paul (J.P.) Farahat
Assistant Organist: Nancy Sicsic
Office Manager: Mary Hopper
Social & Community Coordinator: Leanna Cappiello
Student Intern: Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

A COMPANION TO ST. MICHAEL'S

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

This Monday, the Church celebrates St. Michael and the Archangels; and since Michael is the patron of both this Archdiocese and our University, it is a great celebration indeed.

Given that Michael is the patron of the University here, our Sunday readings seem to lead into the Feast on Monday as they speak the often child-like attitude even adults have towards fairness.

Much like last week, we are reminded that God's ways are much different than our own. The Lord challenges our notion of fairness directly through the words of the prophet Ezekiel. The Psalm begs the Lord to remember his mercies, which is evident in Matthew's Gospel as Jesus favors the repentant sinner over the self-proclaimed righteous person.

These readings remind me about why those who built St. Michael's College insisted that St. Basil's Church be at its centre. As students learn about the various disciplines of this world, we would be negligent I think, if we did not at the same time remind them of the importance of mercy. When we learn to see the world and all that it contains through God's eyes, we learn to see it with compassion – to see it from their perspective rather than that of our own.

Thus, St. Basil's is the necessary companion to St. Michael's for its steeple towers over the campus reminding us what we hear in our readings today: that God's ways are not our ways as so must aspire to be something greater than we are today. The many people and experiences encountered here challenge us to step outside of our own self-centeredness.

Of course, St. Basil's is also the beneficiary of this companionship for we are continually challenged to look at the world anew. Should we be willing, our parish has an opportunity to experiment with new approaches to spiritual formation and worship. It is the tension of the multi-generation faith environment that enables St. Basil's to be, as one parishioner described it to me not that long ago, "a modern traditional parish." May we be faithful to the example of both our patrons as we strive to be just that.

Readings: Ezekiel 18.25-28, Philippians 2.1-11, Matthew 21.28-32

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a child in Grade 2 or 8 interested in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation, then please contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org or call the parish office for more details.

Both programs begin in January (the exact date and time of both classes has yet to be determined). Each program meets for one hour - students with Emily and our team of catechists; and parents with Fr. Chris. The actual First Communions and Confirmations will occur in the weeks following Easter.

Historical Tours are back!

To celebrate the St Michael's Feast Day, we are bringing back the Historical Team to offer tours of St Basil's after every Mass on Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th. Learn about our Church's early beginnings to the present day!

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, September 21, 2014 \$6,226.15

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) is a program that welcomes new members into Roman Catholicism. This program is meant for all those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, or for those baptized in the Catholic tradition and would like to complete their initiation by receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

R.C.I.A. begins with a period of Inquiry, which allows those in the program to encounter the Good News of the Gospels and be introduced to Roman Catholic theology. At the beginning of Lent, a Rite of Acceptance (for those who have not yet been baptized) and Welcome (for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition) marks the transition from the period of Inquiry into the Catechumenate.

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment begins with the Rite of Election celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent. At this point in the program, the entire Catholic community joins the catechumens in a period of reflection and repentance as we anticipate the Easter Triduum together. At the culmination of this period, after intense spiritual formation and prayer, our St. Basil's Parish community will joyfully welcome the catechumens into full membership with the Catholic Church when they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4, 2015.

R.C.I.A will begin on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 and will meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00pm. Our RCIA schedule has been posted online under the heading "Sacraments- RCIA."

If you would like more information about this program, or would like to attend the meetings for personal interest *or* to be part of our planning team, contact Emily at the Parish Office or through liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org.

Basil's Book Club

We hope you are enjoying this month's reading of *The Holy Longing!* The book discussion night will be held on Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Snacks provided. Wine is welcome!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Any family hoping to enrol in Baptism Preparation Classes should contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org to register or receive more information. Please note that there have been changes to the program.

Mat/Pat-Leave Moms/Dads

Are you on Maternity or Paternity Leave? Want a chance to connect with other parents in a child-friendly environment? Join MAT/PAT LEAVE MOMS/DADS and gather on the Church steps **Thursdays at 9:30am**: prepare for a leisurely walk around the grounds and campus, so carriers and strollers are welcomed. Bring your own baby!

GENTLE FITNESS FOR SENIORS

By popular demand, our Gentle Fitness Class for seniors is continuing into the fall. Classes are on Wednesdays at 10 am. No registration necessary. The cost is \$7.00 per class.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD @ ST. BASIL'S

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program will begin on **Sunday, October 5, 2014**, at the **10:30am mass** in the church hall. The program has three age groups (3-5, 6-8 and 9-12).

If you would like your child(ren) to attend these classes **there is a \$5.00 administration fee/child and one parent must volunteer with the program.**

Registration forms are available from the church office and online under Children's Lit.

The administration fee is to be paid by cheque, payable to St. Basil's church, indicating in the memo area "CLOW program" and attached to the completed registration form(s) being returned to the church office.

There will be **2 orientation meetings** for the program offered during the month of **September**. If you would like more information about the program or are a member of the congregation interested in volunteering with the program, please contact Ann Schnurr by email at ann_schnurr@yahoo.ca

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS When a society lacks God, even prosperity is joined by a terrible spiritual poverty.



September 27th – October 4th

Sunday

- 9:00 – Matos and Martins families
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Antonietta Ciavarella +
- 4:30 – Ruben Pasion +

Monday – Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

- 7:30 – Julita, Nestor Licudan & family (liv.)
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 5:10 – Sr. Theresa Joseph (liv.)

Tuesday – St. Jerome

- 7:30 – In Thanksgiving
- 12:10 – Virginia G. Ramirez +
- 5:10 – Angela and Daniel Ferguson (liv.)

Wednesday – St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

- 7:30 – Helen Freeman +
- 12:10 – Leonard Pauplia +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday – The Holy Guardian Angels

- 7:30 – Esther Magosse (liv.)
- 12:10 – Julio E. Vicente +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday


- 7:30 – Fr. D.C. Marmioa (liv.)
- 12:10 – Ella Pereira +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday – St. Francis of Assisi

- 5:00 – Margaret Mahoney +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Mary Ricco, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Lucille Lakan, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Nada Dancy, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, and Janet Ritch.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Clifford Hatch.



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