

# 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 - 8:30pm)  
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

## CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

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

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St Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 by the Priests of the Congregation of St. Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers. 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. We strive to live the Gospel with the Basilian values of goodness, discipline and knowledge; and to live with their tradition of hospitality to all who visit here.

**For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.**

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Mary Hopper
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Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm; 5:10 pm  
NOTE: No 5:10 pm Mass Weekdays  
from June 1 - Labour Day

## Real Labour = Real Healing

By Leanna Cappiello

I wonder what it must have been like to bear first-hand witness to the miracles of Jesus. Imagine seeing a mute man speak and a blind man see, simply by a touch and a whisper. I can hardly blame them for being "zealous" in proclaiming such a miracle!

And yet Jesus orders the witnesses to keep what they saw to themselves. Why? Shouldn't this be broadcasted? Perhaps Jesus knew that the witnesses would put too much emphasis on the physical healing and neglect the dimension of the spiritual transformation of this man. This is not to say that we should ignore physical healings and miracles. As we discussed in our Bread of Life discourse, Jesus gives us exactly what we need, and for this man, it could have been his speech and hearing abilities. But there is more going on here.

Upon close reading of this passage from Mark's gospel, I noticed unbearable grit to Jesus' healing methods. He puts his fingers in the man's ears and spits on his hand and places it on his tongue. This method demonstrates a robust, human

approach to healing. In a way, I can see that this represents the intense effort that goes into any sort of transformation. Think of recovery from addiction, apologies and forgiveness, surgeries, mourning the loss of a loved one, the birth of a child... these things take real effort and labour, (and the process is often ugly). Jesus doesn't simply wave his hand to heal from afar to demonstrate his divinity; he touches the man in an alarmingly visceral way to show his humanity. Both dimensions are key in healing.

When Jesus whispers, "Be opened", he doesn't just mean the eyes and ears of this man, but also his awareness to the spiritual realities. This is to say that we need the physical to remind us of the spiritual. There are many dimensions to healings, and these two go hand in hand. Jesus isn't there to "fix" us, he is there to awakens us.

*Today's Readings:*  
*Isaiah 35.4-7*  
*James 2.1-5*  
*Mark 7.31-37*

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

All are invited to join us this Saturday morning (September 12th) for the resumption of the Liturgy of the Hours at St. Basil.

Offering together the universal prayer of the church, we will be meeting weekly in the sanctuary at 9am to recite Lauds. Based largely on the psalms, this is the form of prayer Jesus would have learned growing up in a Jewish community, and used himself as a Rabbi and teacher.

As the word suggests, Lauds focuses on prayer of praise and thanksgiving. Only thirty minutes in length, this is a joyful way to start the weekend. Your voice is needed, and you will be most welcomed on any Saturday. Please join us. Prayer materials are provided. Come and see why Saturdays really are for smiling.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:**

Sunday, August 30, 2015 \$5923.35

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015:  
JENNIFER LOVELESS IN CONCERT**

Jennifer Loveless, Titular Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa, presents a programme of music by Bach, Franck, Messiaen, and Vierne, as well as Widor's complete Symphonie no. 6 en sol mineur. This concert is presented and made possible by ORGANIX 15'. Ticket prices are \$35 (general); \$30 (seniors); \$25 (undergraduate students).

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

I wanted to take just a moment to thank all those who contributed to the 2015 Share Life Campaign. As you know the Archdiocese faced a bit of a challenge due to the Family of Faith Capital Campaign. Every parish had to step up a bit to meet the goal so that the many ministries who depend on Share Life can continue to meet their ever-growing needs.

St. Basil's certainly did just this! Our goal was \$69,000 and we contributed \$74,490! I am humbled by such generosity and heartened that our parish so strongly supports the ministries in the Archdiocese that care for those in need. Thank you, and God continue to bless our parish!

- Fr. Chris

**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](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org) or call the parish office for more details.

**THANK YOU FOR THE PLASTIC BAGS**

Thank you very much for your generosity in collecting plastic bags to be made into mats for Toronto's homeless. We received an overwhelming number of bags which will help make many, many mats! For now, we are no longer in need.

## CONSIDER ATTENDING R.C.I.A!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) program is an incredible opportunity for parishioners to learn more about the Catholic faith from engaging speakers with theological backgrounds.

Please check out our parish website under the heading, "RCIA," for our complete schedule of class topics, liturgies, and special events-including a parish historical tour, teaching Mass, and art tour of the renowned 'Donovan Collection.'

Journey with this group for personal interest, and come see why our parish boasts one of the largest RCIA programs in the diocese. For more information, contact Emily at [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org).

## The Domestic Church

We've gathered round  
the table  
to share the meal  
prepared for us.  
Prepared and orchestrated  
by one who knows  
how best to satisfy  
the hunger of the family  
-at least in theory.

Some meals are savoured;  
others lost to  
lack of appetite  
or hunger for other things.

Not so unlike  
the meal in which  
Bread is broken:  
nourishment shared,  
savoured at times.  
an afterthought at others.  
But always prepared  
with a Love which asks only  
that we come as guests  
prepared for a family dinner.

-Carole Thomas

## LABOUR DAY

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7 immediately after the 9:00am Mass. There will be no confessions on that day.



## MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 6th-12th

**Sunday**      **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00-      In Thanksgiving, Antony and family  
10:30-      Pro Populo  
12:00-      In Honour of the Eternal Father  
4:30-      Emiliana Dulay (+)

**Monday**      **Labour Day**  
9:00am      Anne Gregoire (+)

**Tuesday**      **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
7:30am-      Kay Bonner (+)  
12:10pm-      Frank and Mike Gregoire (+, +)

**Wednesday**      **Saint Peter Claver**  
7:30am-      Tinella Family (liv.)  
12:10pm-      Go Tie Siem (+)

**Thursday**  
7:30am-      Lena Palma (+)  
12:10pm-      Lola and Joseph Mac Neil (+, +)

**Friday**  
7:30am-      Lydia Caballero Grey (+)  
12:10pm-      Angelina Dimascio Ottaviani (+)

**Saturday**  
5:00pm-      Rolando Villa (liv.)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker, C.S.B., Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Greg Rath, and Luz Manalo.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Myra Flannigan, and Justin Wilson.



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