

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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## 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

### GROWING IN LOVE

By Lucinda M. Vardey

Today's readings embellish a vital aspect to Jesus' two commandments of loving God and neighbour as oneself. Love is a deepening process: beginning with childlike reliance on God as parent, growing into expressing love of God through service to others, and eventually maturing into total obedience to truth. As an expression of love of truth, justice makes forgiveness essential to being in love with God. Justice in part is practiced by showing love and respect for those who have done us wrong.

How can love be practiced by confrontation we might ask? And how can we act from the heart without seeming to judge or put a person on the spot? In many cases in life, people who have hurt us are unaware that they have done so. Being wronged can undoubtedly make us wary of the person who afflicted us and cause us to avoid future contact. And, because of the need for justice, we are invariably inclined to talk more to others about the hurt instead of directly to the person. Sharing one's experience face-to-face not only requires courage, honesty and vulnerability, but allows the recipient the opportunity to become aware of the truth. As Jesus frequently directs us towards relationship and healing, he reminds us that he is present in the middle of such meetings, guiding the fragile process towards mercy and peace.

Charity extended to one's neighbour, especially when it requires choosing what's right or what's needed for the other over what's comfortable or easy for oneself, is where God nourishes and purifies both hearts. The Lord stated such facts to St. Catherine of Siena in her Dialogue:

"Those who want to gain, lose and those who are willing to lose, gain." By not seeking our own consolation over another's benefit, we help not only she or he but ourselves, unleashing the power and healing of God's loving grace.

"For without you, high eternal Goodness, nothing can be done." (*St. Catherine of Siena*).

*Today's readings: Ezekiel 33.7-9, Romans 13.8-10, Matthew 18.15-20.*

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS & PARISHIONERS!

Every year in September, our parish gets a little better with the return and addition of university students who join the parish. If you are one of those students, we hope you feel at home here. You can visit the parish website to learn more about the many ministries and activities. Even if you are only with us for a short time, we hope you will get involved, learn and make a contribution to the community. We are always looking for new liturgical ministers, choir members and volunteers.

If you are here working on an education degree and plan to use St. Basil's as a reference, then it is important that you officially register with us; otherwise, it is not necessary, though you are welcome to if you choose to do so.

We know Toronto can be a tough city to crack, so take a moment to drop by the offices and talk with the parish staff - we've all been there and we are happy to help you connect to other people with your interests. Even if you are just dropping by, we would love to meet you!

- Fr. Chris

## QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

From the cross, Christ teaches us to love even those who do not love us.

### Basil's Book Club

St Basil's is hosting a Book Club! Membership is \$30 each month, which will cover the book purchase, and snacks for our discussion group. **Our first book will be *The Holy Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser.** All ages encouraged. Proceeds will go toward the Community Capital fund. The books will be sold in the vestibule on today, Sunday, September 7th. Stay tuned for details on our first discussion. You won't want to miss out!

### 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!

## JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

**TODAY - Sunday, September 7th,** is the John Ford First Sunday Food Collection for the Daily Bread Food Bank. Your gifts of food or money will be gratefully accepted in the vestibule of the church at each Mass.

### GENTLE FITNESS FOR SENIORS

By popular demand, our Gentle Fitness Class for Seniors is continuing into the Fall. Classes begin Wednesday, September 10th at 10 am. No registration necessary. The cost is \$7.00 per class.

About the instructor: Karen has been teaching for more than 30 years, everything from high intensity aerobics, aquafitness, conditioning and various levels of fitness directed to Seniors. She certified currently with the Ontario Fitness Council and First Aid Certified. For almost 20 years, she has been teaching at the Sunshine Centre at St. Andrew's Church.

### SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, August 31, 2014

\$5,946.53

**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](mailto:ann_schnurr@yahoo.ca)

**LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. BASIL'S?**

Be sure to check out our website (<http://stbasiltoronto.org>) for all the ways in which you can support St. Basil's Church. Feel free to contact Fr. Chris with any questions.

**Are One's Religious Beliefs the Only Reason to be Anti-Euthanasia?**

October 8 at 7 p.m.  
University of Toronto, St. Michael's Campus  
Charbonnel Lounge, Elmsley Hall  
A Lecture Series organized by the Catholic Women's League of Canada Toronto Diocesan Council in Honour of the late Moira Ste. Marie. Guest Speaker Dr. Margaret Somerville is involved in the development of applied ethics, in particular the study of wider ethical and legal aspects of medicine and science, a prime example being euthanasia. Tickets are \$10. For more information or tickets, contact Mary Hawkley at 905-668-1644 or [mahawkley@sympatico.ca](mailto:mahawkley@sympatico.ca).



**September 7 – 13, 2014**

**Sunday**

- 9:00 – Anne Gregoire +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Mike Gregoire +
- 4:30 – Janina & Anzelm Waluk +,+

**Monday – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 7:30 – Paul Cachia +
- 12:10 – Gayle Madely +
- 5:10 – Maria da Luz +

**Tuesday**

- 7:30 – Cathy Coffin +
- 12:10 – Bohdonna Charka +
- 5:10 – Julia McFerran +

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Marie Robinson +
- 12:10 – Bohdonna Charka +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – Mary Persad (liv.)
- 12:10 – Bohdonna Charka +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday**


- 7:30 – David Go +
- 12:10 – Luigi and Lina Ciavarella +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday – St. John Chrysostom**

- 5:00 – Paul Darraugh +

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially 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 Alfred Graham, Joyce Mowatt and Benita Javilagon-Aploinario.**



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