

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm (Saturday)
 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 4:30pm
Coffee Hour follows the 10:30am Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Friday: 7:30am
 Monday - Friday: 12:10pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 12:00pm
 Saturday: 4:30pm - 5:00pm

EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 First Friday: After 12:10pm Mass until 1:30pm

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Monday: 12:45pm *Ardeche Hall (basement)*
 Saturday: 11:00am *Decker Room (basement)*

FAITH SHARING (ONLINE)

Tuesday: 7:30pm (<https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Monday & Tuesday Lunch: 11:30am - 12:30pm
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul can be reached for assistance at 416-926-2292

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
 Sunday: 8:15am - 1:15pm

For information about baptisms, weddings, and funerals, please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require one year's notice.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor:
Lay Pastoral Associate:
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SEEING, BELIEVING & LIVING RESURRECTION

Thomas gets a bad reputation as a “doubter”. But as I pray with today’s Gospels, **I see that none of the disciples believes what they are been told.** Mary Magdalene had just announced to the disciples “I have seen the Lord!” but they remain locked away and afraid until Jesus comes to meet them. The disciples who encounter Christ tell Thomas, “We have seen the Lord!” and yet he will not believe until he sees and touches Christ himself and can proclaim authentically: “My Lord, and my God!”

Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” and Peter echoes this sentiment in our second reading. Now perhaps some of us believed without seeing. But don’t we all, like the disciples before us, yearn for an embodied encounter with Resurrection Life in our life? We too desire to have Jesus’ transforming power come into our lives in palpable ways.

I am lucky to have been able to say “I have seen the Lord!” many times through my life. In moments of prayer. In conversation and community. In service and pilgrimage. In forgiving and being forgiven. In finding new opportunities when I could not imagine ways forward. As I watched our RCIA group receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil last weekend. In my personal and professional life, I have had powerful experiences of encountering God’s grace, mercy, and transforming power touch my life, and the lives of those I have accompanied.

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Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. We are blessed because you are here!

Parents are welcome to feed their children in church. Feel free to move about with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.

Where have you experienced Christ's Resurrection Life? How has your encounter with Christ strengthened and transformed you? I hope every parishioner at St. Basil's can have their own encounter with Jesus that allows them to boldly say: "I have seen the Lord!"

In our scriptures today we see how encounter with the Risen Christ slowly transforms the disciples in tangible ways, so that the ones who were afraid and locked away become the community of faith we hear about in the Acts of the Apostles: living resurrection joy, sharing life in faith and fellowship as a radical community of love. In their action, their joy, and their community of mutual sharing, the early church lived as embodied witnesses to transformed life in Christ. They became a beacon of light which attracted others to encounter Christ's presence.

Jesus is still calling us to be his living witnesses today, so all may encounter him. Every time we gather at the Eucharistic table, he breathes his Spirit upon us and sends us out to share in his mission. Beyond just words, we are called to embody the Risen Christ in our world, like the disciples before us. We can do this by allowing God's grace to form and transform us anew into a community of faith and friendship. We can reach out to those who are locked away in fear. We can offer peace. We can ask for and extend forgiveness. We can courageously pray for our needs and the needs of our neighbour. We can work for justice and ensure everyone has what they need. We can tenderly touch the wounds of the world, knowing Christ too bears wounds. We can proclaim God's Resurrection joy, hope, life, mercy, and transforming power with our lives in tangible ways, that all may see and believe.

I pray that all who know and encounter us may be able to say with joy: "We have seen the Lord!"

~ JoAnn Melina Lopez

7:30AM MASS PAUSING FOR THE SUMMER

As the academic year draws to a close, we will observe our summer weekday liturgy schedule. We will pause our 7:30am Mass for the summer. There will not be a change to the 11:30am Confession and 12:10 Mass schedule. The church will continue to be open from 7am to 7:30pm on weekdays. Our final 7:30am Mass before the summer pause will be on Friday, May 1.

We anticipate resuming the morning Mass on Mondays and Fridays during the academic year after Labour Day. Please check our bulletin boards, website, and bulletin in late August for an update regarding our fall Mass schedule.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Mondays, 12:45 - 1:30pm, Ardèche Hall
Saturdays, 11am - 12 Noon, Decker Room

This easy to learn contemplative Christian prayer will bring stillness and quietude to your life. Meditation is also offered virtually on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)

Monday to Friday, 5:10pm

All are welcome to join in Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Basil's from Monday through Friday at 5:10pm. Evening Prayer includes hymns, psalms, and readings, and offers an opportunity for prayer and reflection at the end of each day. All materials are provided in the church.

RESURRECTION HOPE: EASTER TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wednesday, April 29, 7pm

Join us on Wednesday, April 29, at 7pm at St. Basil's for a Taizé prayer service, where we will rejoice in resurrection hope and reflect on our call as disciples to bear the light of Christ in our world. This ecumenical and meditative prayer form includes music, scripture, prayers, candlelight, and silence to draw us out to live our baptismal call. All are welcome! Questions? Contact: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

April 11-12 weekend, before and after all Masses

Outreach volunteers are at all Masses this weekend for the John Ford Food Drive. Meal-replacement drinks, canned stews, and canned meat and fish are particularly helpful. During this season we also welcome donations of new or gently used rain gear to assist our adult patrons. Items such as socks, umbrellas, and coats will truly make a difference in someone's life. Some patrons have also requested sleeping bags. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted by volunteers at the table, and you can donate online.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Tuesdays, 7:30pm (online)

Join us for an hour of scripture reflection and faith sharing online based on the upcoming Sunday readings. Register to receive the link: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>.

SERRA CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, after 12:10pm Mass

The next meeting of the Toronto Downtown Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 in the St. Basil's Parish Macrina Hall following the 12:10pm Mass. Our guest speaker will be Sr. Joane Caritas Gepitulan of the Daughters of St. Paul. Sr. Joane will share her vocation journey and reflect on her current ministry focusing on evangelization through media and communication outreach. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are most welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE

The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY) invites young adults ages 19–39 to express your interest in travelling with OCY for World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea in August 2027. World Youth Day is a powerful opportunity to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and join young Catholics from around the world in a joyful pilgrimage of faith, prayer, and communion with the universal Church. Express interest through the form at: <https://ocytoronto.org/events>

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday, May 30

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to a “Day With Mary” taking place on Saturday, May 30 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children’s catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Register before May 15: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

Friday, May 15 to Sunday, May 17

St. Augustine’s Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.)

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents’ relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God’s beloved, capable of great love. Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$325 per person (\$225 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2026.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 11–12: **Building Fund**

This fund is used for future building repairs and renovation projects. It ensures our parish’s long-term financial stability.

April 25–26: **ShareLife**

ShareLife supports agencies that carry out the mission work of the Church. Their efforts to serve the marginalized in our communities and around the world are made possible thanks to our donors’ generosity. This year is the 50th Anniversary of ShareLife. Our parish fundraising goal is \$109,000. To give, use a ShareLife envelope, online through our website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 13 - 19



MONDAY

7:30am | St. Basil’s Parish Families (liv.)
12:10pm | Robert & Valerie Crilly (+, +)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Didit Flores (+), Elizabeth Gillow (+),
Roxanne Hipolito (+), Brian Danter (+),
Dolores Rugama (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Vocations

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Glynda Kou (liv.), Ofelia Augustine (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Souls in Purgatory (+)
12:10pm | Francis, Mary and Monica Gannon (+,+,+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Souls in Purgatory (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Roque Yupangco (+)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30pm | Glynda Kou (liv.)

Pray for the Sick, especially, Sue Banfield, Marion Bayfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandeller, Lynden Beiyang Chen, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D’amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maryanne Hodges, Helen Keeley, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O’Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, and Alexander Wu.

Pray for the Deceased.

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