

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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JESUS, OUR FRIEND

In today's first reading, Peter admonishes those responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus, while vindicating the Lord, by presenting Jesus ultimately as the Savior David speaks about in the Psalms. The heaviness of the accusatory tone Peter uses in addressing those culpable for the unjust killing of Jesus is relieved by the hope and deep joy inspired by recounting the Psalmist's encounter with the Lord. As the reading progresses from enmity towards Jesus to the hopeful gratitude of David, we are stirred to consider our own relationship with Him, especially as we join our voices in the Psalm refrain, proclaiming our trust that the Lord will guide us in the path of life.

Friendship is a blessing and there is no truer friend than Jesus. Befriending us first, He offers noble companionship on life's journey and unwavering consolation when on this sojourn we face trials and tribulations. But how are we to reciprocate this friend, who even, as David says, saves us from death and corruption? Sincere gratitude, like that expressed by David in his feigning prose, is essential.

For gratitude to be genuine, though, the gift must be appreciated. And the benefits of the wonderous friendship with the Lord may not always be visible to us. For example, the concept of eternal life may seem abstract at times, and there will be times in our lives when we may feel lonely or abandoned. So how are we to be thankful in the absence of any apparent benefit?

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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.*



We must ask God for the spiritual grace of gratitude, contritely, and prepare for the coming of this grace by making worthy accommodation for this friend we so long to host. We must invite Jesus to reveal himself to our hearts anew.

Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, when we invite Jesus in, we can be healed of our blindness of heart which prevents us from seeing the presence of the Lord, especially in moments when our life experience obscures his closeness. It is important to remember that despite how we feel, or what we may be going through, Jesus, in divine friendship, is walking with us and is always worthy of thanks.

~ Michael Marson

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

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.

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7 - 8:30pm

We are a welcoming community of book lovers who read together, ponder what we've read, and share our thoughts and ideas. We aim to read a wide variety of literature through the year. Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

Upcoming offerings:

- May 25: "Revelation" and "Good Country People"
by Flannery O'Connor
- June 8: "The Displaced Person" and "The River"
by Flannery O'Connor
- June 22 onward: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

ST. BASIL'S WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

During this Easter season, we invite parishioners to encounter the Risen Christ in prayer through one of our weekly opportunities, offered in-person or virtually:

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Mondays, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Ardèche Hall
Saturdays, 11am - 12 Noon, Decker Room
Wednesdays, 5:30pm & Saturdays, 3:30pm (Virtual)

This easy-to-learn contemplative Christian prayer will bring stillness and quietude to your life. All are welcome, no previous experience needed. Contact the parish office for the link to the virtual gatherings.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays, 3pm - 6pm

Spend some time with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist during this time of silent prayer in the church each week.

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>.

EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)

Monday to Friday, 5:10pm

All are welcome to join in Evening Prayer (Vespers) 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.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

April 19-25 is Volunteer Appreciation Week in the Archdiocese of Toronto. We want to thank each and every one of our parish volunteers for your invaluable contributions and profound impact. We are deeply grateful for your 'Yes' to serve our parish community and our neighbours with a ready heart and willing spirit. Especially in this Easter Season, we are thankful for how your willingness to serve and share your gifts becomes a beacon of Christ's light in our neighbourhood.

Interested in volunteering at the parish? Check our website for opportunities: <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/ministries>.

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 (Register before May 15)

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 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, give online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SAVE THE DATE

May 2 – 3: John Ford First Sunday Food Drive

May 23 – 24: Bundle Up Sunday (Clothing Drive)

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 20 - 26



MONDAY

7:30am | Lori Brynna & Caitlin Crumley (liv., liv.)
12:10pm | Lindsay & Julie Nelson (+, +)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | William Graham (+), Juan Blackwell (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | John Papez (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Thomas & Reid Families (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Souls in Purgatory (+)
12:10pm | Encar Benemerito (liv.)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Perfecto Suarez & Teresita Reyes Suarez (+, +)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Maureen Breslin (liv.)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Toni Al-Hani (+)
4:30pm | Adrian Ross (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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