

APRIL 27, 2025

EASTER II - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ST. BASIL'S



CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Lay Pastoral Associate	JoAnn M. Lopez
Director of Music & Principal Organist:	Dr. John Paul Farahat
Assistant Organist	Adrian Ross
Musician-in-Residence:	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri



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

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.



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ACCOMPANIED FROM FEAR TO FAITH

Was there a time in your life when you were afraid and hid? As a small child, I ran down the lane beside my house, peeking at scary looking strangers passing by. I didn't know why I was afraid but the feeling was all absorbing. Children do this instinctively but we adults do it too. Sometimes our fear can be physical, emotional or spiritual. It always traps us perhaps only for a moment but often it preys on us for a very long time. For me, it was a few moments until they passed by and I was safe again in my own yard.

On a much larger scale, such was the very emotional time of the Apostles after the Resurrection. They hid behind locked doors in real fear of imminent and imagined personal dangers. Then Jesus showed up unannounced and all those fears quieted. They knew him and knew he loved them. Despite all the horrors of the crucifixion (trauma, pain, humiliation) all was well again. Jesus was with them.

Or did you, like Thomas, miss out? Not get the message? There was joy and excitement in the air of that upper room for sure but was this a scam? Were you afraid to believe them? How could it be real? Jesus had died! And although Jesus had raised Lazarus, who was there to raise Jesus? It all seemed beyond reason. So, Thomas demanded some form of proof.

Our fear can spark and feed doubt. There is much in our current time to fear and we hear it loud and often. Perhaps we even share the latest threat. Maybe there are more doubters than believers in my circle. Can I change that? What holds me back from reaching out to a believer who shares the hope of Jesus? Sometimes we just need a little help in our faith lives. Jesus reached out to

Thomas, helping him to believe. How does Jesus reach out to you so you can say with Thomas, "My lord and my God!"

- Sr. Mary Mallany, IBVM

JOHN FORD FRIDAY SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Weekend of May 3/4

The John Ford First Sunday Food Drive supports our Outreach Ministry. We are looking for: **Canned meats and fish, Canned or dry lentils and beans, Rice, Pasta, Barley, Oats, Nut butters (peanut, almond, soy, etc), Canned or jarred stew, Canned or jarred pasta sauce, Canned vegetables and fruit.** There is also a special need this time of year for new or gently used rain-gear.

We will be collecting these donations before and after Mass next weekend. As always, cash donations are accepted to support the bulk purchasing of these items.

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The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

PILGRIMS OF RESURRECTION HOPE: EASTER TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wednesday, April 30, 7pm

Join us on Wednesday, April 30, 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: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

PARTNERS IN MISSION: READING AND REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesday evenings, May 28 to June 18

Would you like a more caring, compassionate, and friendly Church? One where Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour, is our mentor and the Gospels are our roadmap along our pilgrim way leading to God's heavenly kingdom? If these ideas excite you, join us to build a mission-driven community at St. Basil's, where we support and accompany one another as we live the Gospel.

We invite you to participate in a 5-week series that involves reading the book *Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission* (Mallon, 2014) and reflecting on how the invitations from the book might lead to a renewal of mission at our parish. Each session will include prayer, small groups in the style of "Conversation in the Spirit" (synodal process), and large group discussion. Sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings: May 28 from 6-8:30pm; June 4, June 11, June 18 from 7-8:30pm; and June 25 from 6-8:30pm.

More details and registration is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Yf5ovC1kbm>.

Questions? Contact: Marion Bayfield at marionbayfield@yahoo.ca.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 3/4: ShareLife

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 27 - MAY 3



SUNDAY EASTER II

9:00am Quantral Rodrigues (liv)
10:30am Pro Populo
12:00pm Theresa Bapora (liv)
4:30pm Carmelita Salazar (*)

MONDAY

7:30am Fedrick (liv)
12:10pm Encarnacion Benemerito (liv)

TUESDAY

7:30am Quentin Leung (liv)
12:10pm

WEDNESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm John Papez (*)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm

FRIDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00pm Caterina Ciavarella (*)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Dr. Peter Moran, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Rosalie Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.


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