

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:
Office Manager (on leave):
Office Administrator:
Director of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist:
Musician-in-Residence:
Coordinator of Community Engagement:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
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CHRIST'S VICTORY

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

A unique part of the liturgies on Easter Sunday and Pentecost is the "sequence," which precedes the Gospel. Here is an excerpt from the Easter sequence:

"Death and life fought bitterly
For this wondrous victory;
The Lord of life who died reigns glorified!"

Though Jesus, the Lord of life, has triumphed over death, the fight between death and life continues to be played out in this earthly life. It is only so evident in the wars and violence happening in various parts of the world or in the poverty that denies people the chance to have the basics to flourish, to live life to the fullest. Sometimes, we might think that death has the upper hand when we experience struggles in our life or have trouble seeing how we can make a difference in problems so large. Yet, Jesus' resurrection, which we celebrate today, reminds us that God's power transforms death into life—the "wondrous victory" about which the sequence speaks. The resurrection makes possible a sharing in the divine life, in the immortality that God desired for humanity from the start before death entered the picture.

Life is possible for us when we choose to adopt the ways of Jesus, when we place him at the centre of our lives and walk in his footsteps. For him that meant embracing the cross as a result of being true to himself and placing his trust in the Father's plan.

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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.



When Jesus, nailed to the cross, began to recite Psalm 22, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” he was expressing how we might feel when we are going through a tough time, perhaps having a hard time experiencing God’s presence. Yet, we are invited not to stop at those opening lines but to notice how the psalm ends—with an expression of confidence that God will hear our cries for help and will deliver us. Though he suffered and died, Jesus trusted in God’s help and power, later demonstrated in his being raised from the dead.

What does walking in the footsteps of Jesus look like for us? No matter our life’s circumstances, Jesus invites us to proclaim the Good News by the witness of our lives. As his followers, we do that by humbly embracing our crosses and responding to others, not with weapons of violence or revenge, but with weapons of love, kindness, and patience no matter how others treat us. What is wonderful is that we do not have to do this alone, for we are part of the Christian community that spans time and space! We have each other for support in living Christ’s ways, and our community of faith is growing.

This weekend, I had the privilege of baptizing more than 20 people who are committed to following Christ and walking in his footsteps. Praise God! Thank you for all the support that you have offered them during their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. I am grateful to the newly baptized, the “neophytes,” along with those who were confirmed, for their willingness to respond to the voice of God in their life and take the inspiring step of faith to seek the sacraments of initiation. The faith community has not only grown in number but in strength to “Share the Good News, sing joyfully: His death is victory!” (Easter Sequence). Let us continue to support each other generously to not let death have the upper hand but instead to make known Christ’s victory by bringing much needed peace, hope, and compassion to our world.

Happy Easter!

Blessings,
Fr. Morgan

EASTER MONDAY

Please note that Masses for Easter Monday (April 6) are as usual (7:30am and 12:10pm). **There are no confessions, and the office will be closed.**

THANK YOU & HAPPY EASTER!

Parish staff would like to recognize the contributions of the many groups which volunteer their time during Holy Week. Thank you to the flower team for preparing the church environment, to St. Basil’s Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum for leading us in song, and to our liturgical ministers who lend their gifts serving during the many liturgies of the week. Thank you as well to volunteers who assisted with the Easter Vigil party, and all those who have supported members of the RCIA program throughout the year. We also thank all who contributed financially to support the celebrations of the week. Finally, we thank you – every member of our parish community: your presence, participation, and practice of prayer and service bring to life our faith in the Paschal Mystery which we celebrate each Easter. May God bless you and your families!

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

April 11-12 weekend, before and after all Masses

Since the first Sunday of April is Easter Sunday, the monthly Food Drive will take place next weekend, April 11-12. Outreach volunteers will be here at all Masses. 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. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted by volunteers, and you can donate online.

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: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

SHARELIFE EASTER MESSAGE

This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. It is through your love that our family of faith is strengthened. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter, blooming with hope. The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

GIVING TO ST. BASIL'S: TIPTAP PAY

We are excited to share that our parish is now able to accept donations by credit card onsite using the newly-installed TipTap Pay kiosk, located near the baptismal font. The kiosk is equipped with three devices, each representing a fixed amount: \$10, \$20, or \$50.

TipTap pay donations will support our general offertory collection and cannot be designated for specific purposes (e.g. Outreach ministry, Mass intentions, Music, ShareLife, St. Vincent de Paul, candles, music ministry, etc.)

To donate: Simply tap your credit card, debit card, or mobile wallet against the device indicating your preferred donation amount. When you tap, there will be a series of beeps, which indicate:

- **Approved:** one beep followed by a second beep.
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If you would like to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year: You will need to register each physical card used. Please note that mobile wallet donations are not eligible for a tax receipt. You may register your card via the posted QR Code, or at <http://tinyurl.com/TipTapStBasil>.

There are three tax-deductible ways to give to St. Basil's:

- Weekly Sunday Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – *automatic monthly debits from your bank account*
- Credit Card (*using the kiosk or online via CanadaHelps*).

Please note: we are charged a processing fee for each credit card payment, which is deducted from your donation.

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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 6 - 12



MONDAY

7:30am | St. Basil's Parish Families (+)
12:10pm | Antonio Cruz (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Johana Sarah (+), Silvio + Eraldo Fallico (+, +)
Elizabeth Cobban (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Stefan & Anna Papez (+, +)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Maureen Foley (+),
Shu Nu Lamhang (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Vocations
12:10pm | Lina, Len, Michael & Luigi Ciavarella (+,+,+,+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Kari Avila (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Mario Succi (+)
10:30am | Pro Populo
12:00pm | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30pm | Terence Coates (+)

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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