

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. (*paused until September*)

Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)

Monday to Friday: 5:10 p.m.

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3-6 p.m. (*paused until September*)

First Friday: After 12:10 p.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Monday: 12:45 p.m. *Ardèche Hall (basement)*

Saturday: 11 a.m. *Decker Room (basement)*
(*paused until September*)

FAITH SHARING (ONLINE)

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (<https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>)
(*paused until September*)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Monday & Tuesday Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
(*paused until September*)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul can be reached
for assistance at 416-926-2292

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

*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:

Associate Organist:

Musician-in-Residence:

Coordinator of Community Engagement:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

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Dr. John Paul Farahat

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FAITH AT THE MARGINS

The readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time point to this reality: God's dream is for **all people** to come to know God's love. At the same time, I wrestle with the Gospel encounter between Jesus and the foreign woman. For the first time, we see Jesus ignoring someone crying out to him for help and even belittling her with his words! Yet this faithful woman is undeterred. She puts herself in Jesus' path and demonstrates her trust in God and her determination to find healing for her daughter. This messy encounter with an outsider clarifies and expands Jesus' understanding of his mission. His compassion must extend beyond borders. In fact, his mission to the "lost sheep of Israel" becomes more authentic to the promise spoken by the prophets precisely when all people (including this woman and her daughter) have a chance to experience God's in-breaking reign.

In my life, encounter across difference has transformed my heart and helped me to know, love, and follow God more fully. There are times when I have found myself at the center of a community of belonging and times when I have been the outsider. I believe my lived experience of vulnerability and marginalization as an outsider has most deeply shaped my commitment to a ministry rooted in compassion. How do we respond to outsiders in our midst? How do we live when we are outsiders? How do these experiences clarify our faith?

In the Gospel for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear Peter recognize Jesus as the Messiah when they are in the foreign region of Caesarea Philippi. Perhaps we too can come to know Jesus more clearly when we have had an experience of being outsiders.

How will we, like Jesus, let our experience of encountering difference transform us to more wholeheartedly participate in God's mission? When we are far from our comfort zone, how would we answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?"

~ JoAnn Melina Lopez

*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.*



SUNDAY SPORTS IN THE PARK

Sunday, August 16, 12-2 p.m.

Enjoy a friendly game of frisbee in the park on campus on Sunday afternoon. All are welcome to come watch! Players, please register through our website to help us plan.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Are you returning as an adult to the Catholic faith? Join us for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a journey of exploration, prayer, reflection, study, and conversation that leads to full Christian initiation in the Roman Catholic community through the Sacraments.

This program serves adults including:

- Those who have never been baptized
- Those baptized in another Christian denomination
- Those baptized Roman Catholic as children who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our program includes **weekly Wednesday night meetings from late September through April**, and all participants are supported by parishioners in their faith journey. Interested? **Make an appointment before September 15** with JoAnn: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: CHOOSING HUMANITY IN THE AI REVOLUTION

October 30-31, 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Free admission / Lunch included

How do we maintain our humanity and dignity in a world that increasingly revolves around AI? Join Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College as we discern our stakes in the current AI revolution through the lens of *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo's "AI encyclical." Through two days of panels, discussions, and workshops, we will explore how the Pope uses Catholic social teaching to engage with the structural realities of AI. We will also consider our own practical responses to his call to prioritise human dignity over unrestricted AI development.

This symposium will help us engage critically and faithfully with AI in our own lives, work, and ministries. Whether you are new to the conversation and wanting to learn more or are already confronting pressing issues around AI, we welcome you to join us in this timely dialogue on navigating the emerging AI frontier.

Register: <https://stmikes.utoronto.ca/ce/news-events>

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7- 8:30p.m.

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:

September 14, 28 & October 26:

Pope Leo XIV's first Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*:
On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of
Artificial Intelligence.

November 9 to February 8:

St. Augustine's *Confessions*

WOMEN, SERVICE, AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Wednesday, September 23, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join us for this lively, hope-filled, and interactive conversation about new church teaching regarding the role of women in the church, and the ongoing discernment on women deacons. This educational forum will focus on the Church's newest teaching on women in Paragraph 60 of the Synod's Final Document and how you can contribute to the ongoing discernment about women's participation and ministry during the Vatican's Synod Implementation Phase. All are welcome! Registration through our website helps us plan for refreshments. You can contact JoAnn Lopez (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca) with questions.

USMC CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College will be offering a course called **Faith & Food over four weeks this Fall starting October 21**. This course will allow you to explore the connections between spirituality, culture, hospitality, and community through a unique, immersive experience across Toronto's diverse faith traditions. Visit Jewish, Catholic, Muslim and Mennonite places of worship, prepare and share meals with host communities, and discover how food expresses identity, belonging, and belief. Whether you're interested in culinary histories, cultural learning, spirituality, or simply meaningful human connection, this unique course offers an opportunity to learn, reflect, and build community, one shared meal at a time. **St. Basil's will be one of the host institutions for this program.** This course is an elective course within the Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue. Courses cost \$150, and discounts are available for seniors over age 65, or USMC alumni. Enrolment in this course is open to all learners. Register: uoft.me/faithandfood.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Not yet registered at the parish? Registration is an official way of becoming a member of a parish community. It allows us to know who is present in our community and gives us the opportunity to communicate with you, especially at critical moments. To register, please visit our website or pick up a paper registration form at the entrances.

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*).

Our parish now is able to accept offertory donations by credit and debit card using the newly-installed TipTap Pay kiosk, located near the baptismal font.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 15 - 16: Canadian Missions Collection

The Canadian Missions Collection supports remote dioceses in NWT and in northern Alberta as well as Catholic Missions in Canada. Your contribution supports many missions in regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry. Your generosity will sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for your support of this important work!

PARKING NOTE: CAMPUS MOVE-IN

Please note that first year students at the University of St. Michael's College will be moving in to campus residences on **Sunday, August 30**. This will mean limited parking availability and heavier traffic around campus that day. The driveway to the church will be accessible as usual, but please plan for traffic and parking disruptions throughout the morning. Let us pray for the incoming students and their families as they prepare to join the St. Mike's community!

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 17 - 23

MONDAY

12:10 p.m. | Francis, Mary & Monica Gannon (+, +, +)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Tara Gallo (+), Winnie Why (+),
Liam Primaylon (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Vocations

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Winnie Why (+), Rolando Santos Agulto (+), Tara Gallo (+), Paraiso Family (liv.), Kathy Klotz (liv.),
Ludovit Bodnar & Family (liv., liv.)

FRIDAY

12:10 p.m. | Luigi, Lina, Len, & Michael Ciavarella (+, +, +, +)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Maria Eulália Cabral (+)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Josefa Adolfo (+)
10:30 a.m. | *Pro Populo*
12:00 p.m. | Terence Coates (+)
4:30 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory (+)

AUGUST 24 - 30

MONDAY

12:10 p.m. | Trinidad Macalino (+)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | John Cannon (+), Gabriel Khayatt (+),
Tara Gallo (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Robert & Valerie Crilly (+, +)

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Primitiva De Guzman (+), Bernice Casey (+),
Anastasia (liv.), Jasmin Paraiso (liv.)

FRIDAY

12:10 p.m. | Lindsay & Julie Nelson (+, +)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Geoffrey Coutinho (+)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Christian (liv.)
10:30 a.m. | *Pro Populo*
12:00 p.m. | Diana & Steven Liu (liv., liv.)
4:30 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory (+)



Pray for the Sick, especially, Sue Banfield, Marion Bayfield, Rebecca Beaton, Peter Bird, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandeller, Lynden Beiyang Chen, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Jaime Hernandez, Maryanne Hodges, Helen Keeley, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Leonor Riaño, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Tony Smart, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Francesca Young-Cvetkovich.

Pray for the Deceased, especially Florence Clarkin and John Sytsma.

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