

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 p.m.-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: 8:15am-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.

PARTICIPATING IN WONDROUS WORK

These familiar Gospel stories of Jesus feeding the multitudes and walking on water might fill us with awe and wonder at the power and might of the Son of God.

As I pray with the scriptures, what strikes me is the invitation that Jesus extends to his disciples to participate in his work. When the disciples notice the need to feed the crowd, their first response is to tell the people to go away. Instead, Jesus says "you give them something to eat." The disciples are focused on their own scarcity, but Jesus takes the simple food the disciples have and transforms it into abundance. He does not simply hand the multiplied loaves to the people directly, but to the disciples to distribute to the crowd. I imagine them participating in the miraculous work: the broken bread passing through their hands, over and over again as they handed it out and collected the remaining fragments, basket by basket. Perhaps something transformed in their hearts as well.

Shortly after this, Jesus calls Peter to walk out to him on the water in the middle of a storm, and Peter is able to do so (briefly). I imagine what it was like, in the middle of a stormy sea, to keep my eyes on Jesus and step out towards him, filled with faith and trust.

We might not be walking on water or multiplying loaves to feed multitudes, but I hear Jesus calling me every day to participate in his mission of love. When Jesus sees the crowd, he looks and responds with compassion. How might Christ be calling us to see our neighbour and respond compassionately – not from scarcity but with a spirit of abundance? We may not have all the answers, but Jesus wants to work in and through us to enfold God's peace, love and justice. May we step out in faith, trusting that Jesus is with us, saying "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

~ 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.*

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

JoAnn M. Lopez

Margaret D'Elia

John DiCecco

Hilda O'Connor

Dr. John Paul Farahat

Adrian Ross

Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

Rosemary Boissonneau



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 3

The office will be closed in observation of the Civic Holiday (Simcoe Day). **Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. only.** Regularly scheduled Confessions and Evening Prayer are cancelled.

PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

Saturday, August 15

Mass at 10:30 a.m., picnic to follow

Join the parish community on Saturday, August 15 for our annual parish potluck picnic. We will begin with Mass at 10:30am to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the picnic will follow on campus (ending at 2pm).

This potluck gathering in the campus green space will be fun for the whole family as we gather to rejoice in the beauty of creation and community. To help us plan, or if you'd like to volunteer to help, please register by Monday, August 10. Final details will be emailed during the week of the picnic to all those who register. Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca, 416-926-7122).

SUNDAY SPORTS IN THE PARK

Sunday, August 16, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Enjoy a friendly game in the park on campus on Sunday afternoons this summer. Games will be for adult players, but children aged 10+ can participate with a parent present. For Sunday, August 16, we'll play a game of frisbee. All are welcome to come watch! Players, please register through our website to help us plan.

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:

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*

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

August 1 – 2, before & after all Masses

Outreach volunteers will be here to collect donated unopened pantry items, which will be used for our meal service or distributed directly to our patrons. Meal-replacement drinks, canned stews, and canned meat and fish are particularly helpful to our patrons.

Cash donations are also gratefully accepted before and after each Mass, and you can also donate online through our website.

SCHEDULE UPDATES

The **Christian Meditation** group and the **Reading Group** will be paused in August and will resume after Labour Day.

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

BASILIAN FATHERS: VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

August 14 – 16, 2026

Queen of Apostles Renewal Center (Toronto, ON)

Is God calling you to serve? Join the Basilian Fathers for a Vocation Discernment Retreat on the weekend of August 14 – 16 at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Center (1617 Blythe Rd, Mississauga ON L5H 2C3). Young men aged 18 and older are invited to this opportunity to learn about the Basilian Way of Life in a space of prayer and reflection. For more information, please contact Fr. Steven Huber, CSB at vocation@basilian.org.

USMC CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue from Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College is a 10-course program. Courses for the Fall term include Faith & Food, Art & Faith, and Introduction to Interfaith Communication & Dialogue. Every course costs \$150. For information & registration visit: uoft.me/interfaithdiploma

Course Highlight: **Faith & Food**, offered in the Fall, 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. Enrolment in this course is open to all learners. Contact: ce.stmikes@utoronto.ca.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 8 - 9: Building Fund

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

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!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 3 - 9

MONDAY

9 a.m. | Andres Felipe Rojas Ramos (liv.)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Lorena Vicente (liv.), Fr. Cole Powers (liv.),
Antonia Kowalska (+), Tara Gallo (+),
Josefa Lim (+), Sergio Lim (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Michael Ciavarella (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Maria Carmela Corio (liv.), Glen Mahimkar (+),
Muriel Boylan (+), Tara Gallo (+), Winnie Why (+)

FRIDAY

12:10pm | Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00pm | The Caspersz Family (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Joel & Renita D'Souza (liv., liv.)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Josephine Thomas Majlvtac (+)
4:30pm | Sheila Colla (+)

AUGUST 10 - 16

MONDAY

12:10pm | Antonietta Ciavarella (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Melissa Sapinoso (liv.), Mary Gannon (+),
Tara Gallo (+), Ching Lai Wah (+)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Tara Gallo (+), Elaine Kim (liv.)

FRIDAY

12:10pm | Therese Rushotte (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Stella & John Dabrowski (+,+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Sotera Cruz (+)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30pm | 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, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Leonor Riaño, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Francesca Young-Cvetkovich.

Pray for the Deceased.

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