

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. (*currently paused*)

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. (*resumes September 1*)

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)*
(*resumes after Labour Day, Saturday, September 12*)

FAITH SHARING (ONLINE)

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (<https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>)
(*resumes September 1*)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Monday & Tuesday Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
(*resumes September 8*)

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.*

ROCKY ROAD

I'm struck this week by how easy it is for our friend Peter to go from "rock" to "stumbling block". As we heard a few weeks ago, Peter could launch out of a boat in a storm and walk on water towards Jesus, and just as easily sink beneath the churning waves. Today, we find that the same Peter who so confidently proclaimed Jesus as the Christ a few verses before, cannot accept the kind of Messiah Jesus is proclaiming to be. Jesus' model of the suffering servant defies the expectations of the disciples, who imagined the Anointed One would enter Jerusalem and overthrow the occupying empire.

It's so easy for us to misunderstand Jesus. How often do we think our life of faith and discipleship will lead us to easy answers, success, good health, and no problems at all? Instead, we find that when we choose to follow Jesus' invitation to love God and neighbour, we often will experience the same skepticism and rejection that Jesus and the prophets did. Yes, the cost of discipleship can be high. Yet, Jesus invites us to a different way of life and a different definition of success than the world's. And Jesus promises to be with us along the way – in triumph and tragedy.

Peter is afraid of what Jesus says is coming. He wants so desperately to protect his friend – and he wants Jesus to conform to Peter's vision of the Messiah. Here, Jesus tells Peter to "get behind me". Instead of leading, Peter needs to follow. He needs to learn from Jesus' way. We know that Peter – faithful foundational rock and stumbling block – will follow Jesus into Jerusalem, will deny him zealously, and will also be forgiven and transformed by the Risen Christ.

This path of discipleship is not easy. There will be times, like Peter, when we mess up or misunderstand. Some days, like Jeremiah, we will cry out to God, wondering why we even bother to follow. Yet there's a fire burning within us. The fire of God's love that yearns for all the earth to be aflame. We keep following because we know that, carrying our cross behind Jesus, we find transformation, flourishing, and a new identity as children of God. Walking together as disciples, we will be knit into right relationship. Let us keep following on the path, trusting that what we gain as disciples is much more abundant than we could have ever dreamed.

~ 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:

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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

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Dr. John Paul Farahat

Adrian Ross

Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

Rosemary Boissonneau



WELCOME (BACK) STUDENTS!

St. Basil's is delighted to welcome all first-year students, as well as all students returning to campus. We are here as a space for you to grow in faith, find community, and share your gifts in service. We look forward to walking with you in your time as a student!

SCHEDULE UPDATES

Here is an update about the resumption of programs and prayer offerings that were paused for the summer:

Adoration: Tuesdays, 3 – 6 p.m.

(resumes September 1)

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, 7:30 p.m.

(resumes September 1)

Join us for an hour of reflection and faith sharing online using the Sunday scriptures. Register to receive the Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

Christian Meditation:

Mondays, 12:45 p.m. & Saturdays, 11 a.m.

(resumes September 12)

Rest in the presence of God through silent meditation in community.

Coffee Hour: Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

(resumes September 13)

Connect with community after the 10:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday.

Morning Mass: 7:30 a.m.

We will provide an update about the 7:30 a.m. Mass schedule after Labour Day.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

The annual Season of Creation is a time for Christians to come together in prayer, action, and community to care for our common home. It begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme is "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47, where God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, restoring all creation to flourishing life. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together. Learn more at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.

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

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS

Monday, September 28, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

St. Basil's Parish Basement (Ardèche Hall)

Looking for prayer and stillness this fall? Join us for an introductory session on Christian Meditation on Monday, September 28, from 12:45-1:30 p.m., immediately following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Learn this contemplative way of Christian prayer, practised by the 4th century Desert Fathers and Mothers. This easy-to-learn contemplative Christian prayer will bring stillness and peace to your life. All are welcome, no previous experience needed. Questions? Contact: Lorena at [<patakav@yahoo.ca>](mailto:patakav@yahoo.ca).

SYNERGY 2026 CONFERENCE

November 3-5

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, in partnership with several Catholic agencies and organizations across the Greater Toronto Area, is pleased to invite you to Synergy Toronto 2026, taking place November 3-5, at the Chelsea Hotel in downtown Toronto.

Synergy Toronto 2026 will bring together more than 400 participants and leaders from Catholic Social Services, Catholic Health, and Catholic Education for a three-day conference focused on strengthening collaboration in response to issues affecting individuals and communities in our shared context, including poverty, food insecurity, housing instability, and mental health. Grounded in Catholic Social Teaching, the conference reflects our belief that we can accomplish more together by building stronger relationships, advancing collaborative initiatives, and creating synergies that deepen our collective impact without compromising the quality or compassion at the heart of our mission. Register here: <https://catholicpraxis.ca/>.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 12-13: Building Fund

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 31 - SEPT 6

MONDAY

12:10 p.m. | John Papez (+)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Mr. & Mrs. Duncan (liv.),
Concepcion Sambile Macalino (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Udr Caspersz (+)

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Winnie Why (+)

FRIDAY

12:10 p.m. | Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Deceased members of the McLewin Family (+)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Basilian Fathers (liv. & +)
10:30 a.m. | *Pro Populo*
12:00 p.m. | Joel & Renita D'Souza (liv., liv.)
4:30 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory (+)

SEPT 7 - 13

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. | John Ciavarella (liv.)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Brian Izzard (liv.), Rosamaria Caldarella (+),
Merlinda Guevarra (+), Holy Souls (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Stefan & Anna Papez (+)

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Beatrice & Louis Monahan (+, +),
Galina & Lungina (+, +), Eduard Dvorkin (+),
Yulie Tagsa (liv.), Loretta Wilson (liv.),

FRIDAY

12:10 p.m. | Jacinta Cruz (+)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Victor & Narlene Baggao (+, +)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
10:30 a.m. | *Pro Populo*
12:00 p.m. | Amado J. Pasion (+)
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, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Francesca Young-Cvetkovich.

Pray for the Deceased.

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