

AUGUST 31, 2025

ORDINARY TIME XXII

# ST. BASIL'S



# CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

## 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: 7:10am  
Monday - Friday: 12:10pm

## ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

## VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

## 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

## HUMILITY: GROUNDED IN GOD'S WISDOM

In the book of Sirach, we're told to have humility when pursuing wisdom so God's people will love us, as our earthly reward. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to humble ourselves by seeking those most in need who can't repay us, with spiritual grace as compensation. Many theologians interpret the root of the word "humility"—from the Latin "humus," defined as "earth"—to mean grounded in earthly wisdom or, ultimately, grounded in God's wisdom.

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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Reflecting on this theme, I am reminded of an elderly woman I met outside a local library a few winters ago whom I will call Mary. I arrived at the library just before it opened that day, and Mary was already there with a shopping cart piled high with possessions beside her. When I asked to share her bench, she kindly and eloquently welcomed me to join her. Her unexpected response caused me to question my assumptions, as a first lesson in humility from Mary. Once inside the library, I was surprised to discover Mary reading the daily paper. I had thought she simply wanted to be in a warm place, but I shouldn't have been surprised after our engaging conversation outside when Mary told me she chose to live on the street. She also graciously declined the money I offered her for a warm cup of coffee on that cold day, saying she had already had her morning coffee. Her gracious response of dignity was yet another humbling lesson.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to be like humble hosts of a wedding banquet by inviting guests who are marginalized, expressly because they can't repay us, so our compensation is spiritual instead of earthly. I am grateful for the spiritual grace I received by being open to experience humility inspired by Mary. Curiously though, it felt as though Mary became the gracious host with me as the grateful guest unable to repay her inspiration.

Reflecting on the Responsorial Psalm refrain, "In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy," I wonder now about safer options for Mary to maintain her dignity and independence, and I pray that God will continue to watch over her and others in similar circumstances.

– Suzanne Gregory

## LABOUR DAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labour Day.

Regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled on Monday, September 1 and a single Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am, after which the church will close.

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

**Tuesdays, 7pm - resumes September 2**

Join us for an hour of reflection and faith sharing on Zoom every Tuesday evening at 7 pm, resuming September 2. We pray with the Sunday scriptures as we grow in relationship with the Word and community. Come to one, some, or all sessions: no preparation required other than a willingness to reflect and share. All are welcome! Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez: [joann.lopez@utoronto.ca](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca) To receive the Zoom link, please register: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

## 7:30AM MASS UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the 7:30am Mass will resume after Labour Day. Please note that the schedule has been revised. The 7:30am Mass will be offered only on Monday and Friday during the academic year, starting on Friday, September 5.

## READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, resuming October 27, 7-8:30 pm**

Our parish reading group will resume October 27, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of each month from 7-8:30pm in Macrina Hall. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/>. Questions? Contact Kristina Glicksman: [kristina.glicksman@gmail.com](mailto:kristina.glicksman@gmail.com)

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

Are you or someone you know considering becoming a Catholic? Curious about the Catholic Church? Returning as an adult to the Catholic faith? Consider joining 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 of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. 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 meetings typically held on Wednesday nights from October through May, and all participants receive support from parishioners in their journey of faith. *Interested in finding out more?* Make an appointment with JoAnn Lopez: [joann.lopez@utoronto.ca](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca)

### ST. PHOEBE DAY

Wednesday, September 3, 6:30pm

**Do you know St. Phoebe?** In the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul commends St. Phoebe to the Christian community in Rome, introduces her as a deacon (*diakonos*) of the church at Cenchreae, and asks that they “receive her in the Lord” (Romans 16:1-3). On Wednesday, September 3, we honour St. Phoebe, the Deacon with sung Evening Prayer followed by a community social before we participate in the virtual gathering with Discerning Deacons, joining communities around the world to celebrate St. Phoebe and the good news of our new Church teaching elevating women’s leadership in the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality! All are welcome. Registration (through our website or the QR code on the flyer) helps us plan for refreshments.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 13/14: Building Fund  
September 20/21: St. Vincent dePaul

## MASS INTENTIONS

AUG 31 – SEP 6



### SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME XXII

9:00am Dr. Bill Bonner and Family (✱)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Aurora (liv)  
4:30pm Peter Galitzine (✱)

### MONDAY

9:00am Mr. and Mrs. Duncan (liv)

### TUESDAY

12:10pm Dr. Peter Moran (liv), John Klotz (liv)

### WEDNESDAY ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

12:10pm James Robert and Valerie Crilly (✱,✱)

### THURSDAY

12:10pm Terence Coates (✱), R. Leong (liv)

### FRIDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm *Vocations*

### SATURDAY


5:00pm McLewin Family (✱)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandeller, Lynden Beiyang Chen, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, 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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