

DECEMBER 28, 2025

# 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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Friday: 7:30am  
Monday - Friday: 12:10pm

## CONFESIONS

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 *Ardèche 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:**



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## TRUSTING IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE

In our liturgical calendar, other than perhaps the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on November 2, few feast days offer the same immediate and human connection as the Feast of the Holy Family. All of us belong to families, whatever form those families may take.

I would like to focus briefly on God's providence in the lives of the Holy Family, a theme woven throughout today's Gospel.

While the flight into Egypt, and later return to Nazareth, presented significant risks for the Holy Family, stepping back from these moments reveals a central element of their story: an almost unimaginable trust in God's plan. From Mary's acceptance at the Annunciation, to Joseph's obedience to divine instruction, to the events recalled in today's Gospel, and through Jesus' public ministry culminating in the Crucifixion, each chapter of their lives both individually and collectively reflects a profound trust in God's work. At each moment, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, are required to decide whether they accept or reject what God reveals, and to entrust themselves to divine providence. Can we truly say that we would have trusted as they did?

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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.*

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



Both in their time and in ours, we encounter moments of uncertainty, standing at inflection points without a clear view of what lies ahead. In such moments, trust in providence is not measured through a single act, but as a conscious choice made daily. In this, the Holy Family is not distant from us, but strikingly close.

The Holy Family invites us to entrust our own journey to God. To care for what lies within our responsibility, and to place the rest in God's providence.

~ John Paul Farahat

## TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2025 donations will be issued in the new year. If you have moved this year, please contact us to update our records: [office@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:office@stbasiltoronto.org).

**Thank you for all the ways you generously support our parish throughout the year through your giving!**

## JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

### January 3-4, 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. We also welcome donations of winter gear for adults such as socks, gloves, scarves, toques, and warm winter coats. Cash or online donations are also gratefully accepted.

As we end the year, we are grateful for your continued support of our Outreach ministry. Thanks to your support, we serve 11,500 meals a year to our neighbours. Our ministry is a nourishing place for encounter, and compassionate care, bridging the gap between isolation and community. **Your support makes this impact possible. Thank you!**

## CHORAL CONCERT: LIKE A ROSE

**Friday, January 30, 7:30pm**

Join Toronto's newest choral octet, Silver Thread, for a concert of sacred music at St. Basil's entitled "Like a Rose". With music by Caroline Shaw, Benjamin Britten, Kerensa Briggs, Herbert Howells, and Kai Leung, this program promises to explore creation and beauty as a form of worship and reverence. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$25.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation. Masses for this feast are on Wednesday, December 31 at 5pm, and on Thursday, January 1 at 9am or 12 Noon.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**Mondays, 12:45 - 1:30pm, Ardèche Hall**

**Saturdays, 11am - 12 Noon, Decker Room**

What better way to start a new year than introducing Christian Meditation into your life? Our group resumes Saturday, January 10 and Monday, January 12. Join together and learn this contemplative way of Christian prayer, practiced by the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the 4th Century. It is very easy to learn and will bring stillness and quietude to your life. Join on Mondays, Saturdays, or both. All are welcome, no previous experience needed. No registration required, but would be appreciated at: [patakalv@yahoo.ca](mailto:patakalv@yahoo.ca)

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

**Tuesdays (online) resuming January 6, 7:30pm (new time in 2026!)**

Join us for an hour of scripture reflection and faith sharing online. Each week we pray with the upcoming Sunday's readings as we grow in relationship with the Word and community. All are welcome, no preparation required, and you may join as you are able! Register to receive the Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>.

## EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)

**Monday to Friday, 5:10pm**

All are welcome to join in sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Basil's from Monday through Friday at 5:10pm. Evening Prayer includes hymns, psalms, and readings, and offers an opportunity for prayer and reflection at the end of each day. All materials are provided in the church.

## READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

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

**Starting Jan. 12: *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes**

We are a welcoming community of book lovers who read together, ponder what we've read, and share our thoughts and ideas. Register through our website, or contact Kristina: [kristina.glicksman@gmail.com](mailto:kristina.glicksman@gmail.com)

## CHANGES TO REGULAR SCHEDULE

- Please note that there will be **no Confessions and our offices are closed** on January 1.
- **7:30am Mass will not take place** for the term break from December 22 to January 2 (inclusive).
- **Tuesday Adoration** will not be offered on December 30.
- **Evening Prayer (Vespers)** will not take place on December 31 or January 1.
- **12:10pm Weekday Mass, Weekend Mass, Confessions, and Evening Prayer** are as usual on all other days in the season.
- **Coffee hour** will resume on January 11 after the 10:30am Mass.

## WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

Bi-weekly on Sunday evenings, starting January 18  
7:30pm-9pm (online)

This group is open to women discerning a vocation to single, married, or consecrated life, or a big life decision. Through prayer, reflection, and conversation, you will be supported in their listening and discernment by a small team of religious sisters and lay persons reflecting a variety of vocational calls. We will use the book *Pray, Decide, and Don't Worry* by Bobby & Jackie Angel and Fr. Mike Schmitz. Coordinated by the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus / Loretto Sisters (CJ) and Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJ). For information and to register, please email: [womensdiscernmentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:womensdiscernmentgroup@gmail.com).

## SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Do you know your neighbours in need? Join a team with the Society of St . Vincent de Paul to visit and help those living near our parish who are struggling. We provide food assistance, compassion, and a listening ear, bringing Jesus' mercy to the poor. This role involves going out "two by two" in a serious weekly commitment to deliver food vouchers to our neighbours at their homes. Some volunteers serve during the daytime, others in the evenings after work. In addition, Vincentian volunteers will take turns after Mass to help collect donations. For more information about volunteering, please contact Ross Saturno: [sross4015@gmail.com](mailto:sross4015@gmail.com)

If you want to give financially to support our mission, you can mail or drop off cheques made out to the "St. Vincent de Paul Society" to the parish. All gifts are tax deductible. 98.6 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to our neighbours in need. Thank you for your generosity.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

### January 10-11: 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.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 4



### MONDAY

12:10pm | Lolita Ona (+)

### TUESDAY

12:10pm | Marjorie Chan (+)  
Eugene Koh (+)  
Antonio Benicio Olivera (+)

### WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Lynda Anne Longstreet (+)  
5:00pm | Elaine Landrie & Doris Marcon (liv., liv.)

### THURSDAY

9:00am | *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm | Victims of war and violence (liv., +)

### FRIDAY

12:10pm | Vocations

### SATURDAY

5:00pm | Franca Amato (+)

### SUNDAY

9:00am | Terence Coates (+)  
10:30am | *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm | Susan & Tim Reffle (Liv.)  
4:30pm | Theresa & Mike Chochla (+,+)

**Pray for the Sick**, especially, Sue Banfield, Marion Bayfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandler, 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 Sorianoos Jr, John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, and Alexander Wu.

**Pray for the Deceased.**



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