

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
Coffee Hour follows the 10:30am Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

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 *Ardeche 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:
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Office Administrator:
Director of Outreach & Hospitality:
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HUMBLY LIVING LIKE JESUS

Today's readings are simple yet powerful and complex. We are invited to reflect deeply on where our values stand with the theme of humility front and center. The scriptures say that peace of heart and true happiness are found when we fully trust in the Lord. In contrast to our urge to be in control in order to achieve success and happiness, our dependence in Him is the true blessing.

God's love is so wonderful that even in our weakness and suffering, he grants us great joy and redemption through His mercy. In the second reading we are asked to let go of our pride and boastfulness and consider our call to sanctification and eternal life as we hear "God is the source of our life in Christ Jesus".

Today's Gospel literally gives us the formula to happiness through the Beatitudes. And through them, we are commissioned to move from compassion into action, to live like Jesus with skin on! Do we use our gifts and talents to support the poor in spirit, comfort those who mourn, lift up the meek, stand with those who hunger and thirst for righteousness? Do we show mercy to those in need, do we live our daily lives with a clean heart, are we the peacemakers where there is strife and do we stand firm for the sake of righteousness, even at the risk of being persecuted?

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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.



St. Basil's Parish is an alive and vibrant community, and I am blessed for the opportunity to volunteer with the Outreach ministry, but I often wonder if I've done enough. When I go home at the end of our meal service, I feel complete and my heart is full, but this gives me cause to question...did I receive more than I gave? Did I share my gifts of compassion, welcome and friendship openly and sincerely? Was I kind and did I listen attentively to our patrons who want to share with raw vulnerability a glimpse of who they really are inside, rather than what I might see on the outside? Was I too quick to judge? Lord continue to humble me, so I may be humble, Amen.

~ Mary Tuccitto

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

January 31 - February 1, before & after all Masses

Outreach volunteers are here to collect donated unopened pantry items, which will be used for our meal service or distributed directly to our patrons. Cash or online donations are also gratefully accepted.

Occasionally, our patrons seek particular items. This month, we are seeking a walker. We also welcome donations of winter gear, such as winter socks, gloves, scarves, toques, and warm winter coats, which will truly make a difference in someone's life this winter.

SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Do you know your neighbours in need? Join 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" weekly 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

SCAM ALERT!

Cybercrime is impacting faith communities globally. If you receive a message from Father Morgan (or other parish staff) asking for help or requesting you to purchase a gift card, please delete it. It is a scam! When in doubt, contact the parish office (416-926-7110) to verify the legitimacy of any request you receive from the parish.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 18

7:30am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm

The season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Mass, including the Imposition of Ashes, will be celebrated at 7:30am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm, 5:10pm and 7:00pm. Join us to begin the season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a faith community.

As a reminder, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Fasting is required for those aged 18 to 60. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat, and invite us to penance, prayer, and charity. Check our website for more Lent resources and upcoming events.

LENTEN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Mondays, February 16 & 23, March 2, 9 & 16

7-8:30pm

Join a 5-week Lenten retreat made in daily life hosted by St. Basil's parishioners. This retreat helps you notice the desires God has placed in your heart, discern how those desires can become acts of loving service, and discover the joy that comes from working with Christ.

Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), this retreat uses Michael Hansen's *The First Spiritual Exercises* and offers an accessible introduction to Ignatian spirituality. No prior retreat experience is needed. Participants commit to 40 minutes of personal prayer at home (4-5 times per week) and gather weekly for small-group conversation. Register by Wednesday, February 11. For more information and to register, please see our website or the QR code on the flyer.

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

With Lent around the corner, save the date for our special prayer offerings. We will have **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays at 5:30pm (starting February 20), along with our regular weekly prayer offerings. In addition to the Ignatian 5-week **retreat in daily life** (above), we will host a **Lenten retreat day** offered by the World Community for Christian Meditation on Saturday, February 21, from 9am to 4pm, featuring meditation, silence, and group sharing. We will also partner with St. Mike's Campus Ministry again this Lent for **Encounter: 24 Hours for the Lord** on Friday, March 6 to Saturday, March 7, which will be a time dedicated to prayer, service and community. More details about Lent coming soon!

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

Sunday, February 8, 2:30pm

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.)

Marriage Sunday, celebrated on the second Sunday of February each year, highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage and affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness.

Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2026. All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The Mass will be livestreamed. Visit : www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

WALKING WITH THE POOR

Tuesday, February 17, 6:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes (520 Sherbourne St.)

Join Pax Christi Toronto and Development and Peace (Caritas Canada) for a synodal experience with Sr. Susan Wood, professor of systematic theology and Regis College. Discover the treasures of the church buried in Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te*.

WINDOWS ON THEOLOGY

Wednesdays, 11:00am to 12:45pm, starts February 25

Love was His Meaning: A Lenten Journey into Divine Love with Julian of Norwich, by Dr. Christina Labriola, Director of Music in the Office of Campus Ministry at the University of St. Michael's College

This Lent, explore Julian of Norwich's theology of divine love through reflection on its key themes: Christ's Passion and the mystical dimension of suffering, the redemptive work of the Trinity, the problem of sin and God's promise of true comfort, and Jesus as Mother. This is offered as a hybrid course. Participants may attend in-person at Regis College or via Zoom. Cost \$160. Register online at: <https://regiscollege.ca/academics/windows-on-theology/>.

COME & SEE

February 27 - March 1

St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.)

The Office of Vocations is offering a weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary for single men who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. Visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeesee

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 8-9: 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.

Please note: Tax receipts for 2025 will be mailed this month.

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 02 - 08



MONDAY

7:30am | Mario Cruz (liv.)
12:10pm | Antonietta Ciavarella (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | William Lang Cameron(+), Mary Murphy (+),
Christina Kowalska (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Russell Coleman (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Luke Czarnecki (+), Ruby Thompson (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Terence Coates (+)
12:10pm | Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Dorothy Elieen Heslop (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am |
10:30am | Pro Populo
12:00pm | Dr. Reynaldo Echavez (+)
4:30pm | Donald Donnelly(+)

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

Pray for the Deceased.

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