

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 *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:
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Office Administrator:
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Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist:
Musician-in-Residence:
Coordinator of Community Engagement:

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John DiCecco
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Dr. John Paul Farahat
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BE STILL AND KNOW THAT GOD IS LOVE

Children aged three to six in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd encounter Christian joy through the parables of the Kingdom of heaven, listening in reverent stillness as Scripture unfolds:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." (Matthew 13.45-46)

"The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how." (Mark 4.26-29)

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in a field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." (Matthew 13.31-32)

Jesus' parables give us a glimpse into the work of God in our world and our lives.

Pope Francis reminded us that catechesis is not a task but Christian vocation — not merely working as a catechist but being one. To be a Christian is to be a catechist. To be a catechist, he taught us, is to witness through one's life, grounded in an ever-deepening love for Christ and for God's people.

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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.



Jesus affirms this conviction to love when he declares that he has come not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. Rooted in the Law, the *Shema*, and the command to love, Christian freedom finds its true boundaries in covenant relationship — a love that excludes no one from Christian joy. As Pope Francis reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “No one can be deprived of the dignity bestowed by God’s boundless and unfailing love.”

For some, our education in faith begins with the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults; for others, it begins even before birth, nurtured in the prayers of faithful parents who begin the education to love in the home, which is the smallest church. We each have known someone who has been a witness of love to us, and we are each called to be a witness of love and God's work within us. As we approach the Lenten season this week, let us be still and know anew the gift of inalienable dignity given to us by God’s boundless and unfailing love.

~ Jung-Un Christina Lee

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

On **Monday, February 16**, the parish office will be closed in observance of Family Day. **Mass will be celebrated at 9am only**, after which the church will close. Regularly scheduled Confessions, Christian Meditation, and Evening Prayer are also cancelled.

LENTEN MEDITATION RETREAT

Saturday, February 21
10am - 4pm

The World Community for Christian Meditation - Toronto (WCCM-Toronto) invites you to a Lenten retreat day at St. Basil’s Parish on Saturday, February 21. This retreat will also be live-streamed.

Repent and Believe: Entering into the Mystery of Spiritual Transformation.

The first words of Christ Jesus recorded in Mark’s gospel proclaim the essence of his call to the world: “The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.” These words set the stage perfectly for the season of Lent in which his followers are summoned to a deeper repentance or transformation in the Spirit.

We explore this process of transformation as a spiritual community through meditation, silent reflection, and group sharing.

The retreat will be led by Michael Hryniuk, PhD, a theologian, educator, psychotherapist and a spiritual director. He served as the Executive Director of the Henri Nouwen Society and the Associate Director of the John Main Centre for Meditation & Inter-religious Dialogue at Georgetown University, and more recently the Supervisor of Spiritual Care at the Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton. Register to attend in person or online: www.bit.ly/2026-Lenten, or call Lise Babin: (416) 522-8488.

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.

Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence and fasting (required for those aged 18 to 59). All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat, and invite us to penance, prayer, and charity. Check out our website and bulletin board for more Lent resources and upcoming events.

SERRA CLUB OF DOWNTOWN TORONTO MEETING

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)
After the 12:10pm Mass

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 in Macrina Hall at St. Basil's Parish, following the 12:10pm Mass. Our guest speaker will be Fr. John O’Brien, SJ, Director of the Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland. Fr. O’Brien will speak about his own vocation journey and also reflect on the vocations of the Canadian Martyrs. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent, starting February 20
5:30pm

In addition to our usual weekly prayer offerings, we will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 5:30pm, immediately following Evening Prayer.

ENCOUNTER: 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Friday, March 6 - Saturday, March 7

Join St. Basil's and USMC Campus Ministry for a special time of prayer, service, and community to Encounter God this Lent. Beginning on Friday evening with Evening Prayer (Vespers), and ending with Saturday evening Mass, we will devote ourselves to encountering Christ's merciful love. Featuring Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Scripture, Praise and Worship, activities for families, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will be keeping the church open overnight for Eucharistic Adoration and prayer as a community. All are welcome! Please sign up to hear more details and to help us plan. Visit: www.stbasiltoronto.org/24hours

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 - 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/comesee

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 21 - 22: St. Vincent de Paul

This collection supports the work of our parish's chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as they support our neighbours who are struggling through food assistance, compassion, and a listening ear.

WITH ONE ACCORD: SACRAMENTS

The Winter Issue of *WITH ONE ACCORD: Learning and Living the Feminine Dimension as Church* on the subject of **Sacraments** has been published by the Magdala Colloquy! The journal's purpose is to make broadly available the richness of feminine wisdom embedded in our Catholic tradition and to bring it alive through dialogue. Initially founded as a group within St. Basil's, the Magdala Colloquy is now an international community. Visit: <https://magdalacolloquy.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 15 - 22



MONDAY

9:00am | Mary Davis (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Francis, Mary & Monica Gannon (+,+,+),
Joseph Sorbara (+), Wlodek Czarnecki (+)
Holy Souls in Purgatory (+)

WEDNESDAY

All Masses | *Pro Populo*

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Philip Malolos (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Rosie Tim (+), Goplam Chong (+)
12:10pm | Emery Comeau (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Kevin Foley (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am |
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Margaret Stefani (+)
4:30pm |

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, especially Dick Schell.

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