

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

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:
Office Manager (on leave):
Office Administrator:
Director of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist:
Musician-in-Residence:

THE BELOVED BAPTIZED BODY OF CHRIST

Christmas might feel far behind us – our decorations at home long packed away and our daily routine back to normal. You'll see that at St. Basil's most of our Christmas decorations are still up. This is not because our staff forgot to put them away, but because the Church's liturgical season of Christmas does not end until today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas is not simply about celebrating Jesus' birthday. Certainly, we celebrate his birth, but throughout the season we rejoice in the great mystery of the Incarnation: that God has come to dwell among us in the flesh, in the fullness and frailty of humanity. Emmanuel comes not only to be with us, but to lead all of creation towards restored relationship in the promised reign of God that we hear proclaimed in our readings today: the reign of justice and peace, healing and hope, liberation and transformation. The one who leads us to this reign is Jesus, our King, who leads not with worldly ways of "might makes right", but with tenderness, mercy and compassion. This is why he is the Light of the World.

At his baptism, the voice of God speaks definitively about Jesus: **"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."** Rooted in this identity as the Beloved, Jesus begins his public ministry and lives his mission by prophetically proclaiming and embodying the reign of God breaking into our world. In his life, death, and resurrection, Christ invites all people to enter God's kingdom and to embrace our identity as God's beloved children.

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



At our baptism, each of us was similarly plunged into life with God and drenched in God's love. We each received the light of Christ and were asked to bear it in our world. We are called to hear the voice of God say to each of us **"You are my child, the beloved, with you I am well pleased"**, and we are invited to respond to this love as Jesus did, empowered by the Spirit that was poured out upon us at our baptism.

As we enter Ordinary Time, let us consider how we will live as disciples of the Beloved, co-missioned to be partners in the in-breaking of the reign of God in our world. How will we, as the beloved baptized Body of Christ, enflesh mercy, compassion, liberation, healing, and hope in our world, so all may know God's love, justice and peace?

I invite you to spend some time this weekend remembering your own baptism and your identity as God's beloved. Consider dipping your hands in the holy water and making the sign of the Cross over your body to recall who you are, and whose you are. How do you want to live your baptismal call in prayer and action this year?

~ JoAnn Melina Lopez

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

St. Basil's Parish will be starting Reconciliation and First Communion preparation in January for all children who are age 7 and above, to prepare for the celebration of First Communion this June. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings. If you are interested in enrolling your child in this program, please sign up through the form on our website by January 11. Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez at: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca.

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

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2025 donations will be issued in February. If you have moved this year, please contact our parish office before January 20 to update our records.

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th 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

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.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2025

Thanks to your generosity, our parish was able to meet and exceed our 2025 ShareLife campaign fundraising goal of \$105,000! ShareLife supports agencies that serve those who are poor, vulnerable and marginalized throughout the GTA through over 40 agencies. Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact. Thank you for living the Gospel by bringing the hands of Christ to people in need.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 4 pm

Runnymede United Church (432 Runnymede Road)
or Online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2snekbyx>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) is an annual international commemoration for Christians to pray together for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ willed for His Church. Next Sunday's ecumenical prayer service is organized by the Archdiocesan Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches, and will include Christian leaders and many choirs from various traditions.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AT U OF T

Friday, January 23, 6-8pm
Trinity College (6 Hoskin Avenue)

Looking for a peaceful way to connect and reflect? Come experience our next Taizé Prayer @ U of T at Trinity College Chapel on Friday, January 23. It's a contemplative, reflective space filled with beautiful music, calming chants, moments of silence, and communal harmony. Join us for an evening of prayer, song, silence, and fellowship. There will be a reception following the prayer. Please register at <https://bit.ly/4b4RoTT>.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tuesday, January 27, 7:30-9pm
Darchei Noam Congregation (864 Sheppard Ave. W.)

The Archdiocese of Toronto is a founding member of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto (CJDT). CJDT's annual service is meant to honour the victims, survivors, and liberators of the Holocaust, expressing our ongoing commitment to promoting Shoah education in our city. The solemn ceremony will include moments of prayer, testimonials, as well as song and music. Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/y8m22muk>.

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.

USMC CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue from Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College is a 10-course program designed to help answer the question "what could be possible if we understood each other better?". Virtual courses for the Winter term include *Foundations of Interfaith Communication & Dialogue*, *Eco-Spiritualities* and *"Called to be Peacemakers": Peace, Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation*. Every course costs \$150. For information & registration visit: uoft.me/interfaithdiploma

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

JANUARY 12 - 18



MONDAY

7:30am | Monica Alfonso (liv.)
12:10pm | Michael Sakalinis (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Josephine Distefano (+), Deacon Cal Cathers (+),
Rafael Barone (+), Souls in Purgatory (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Yolanda Aida Browne (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Isabella Alfonso (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am |
12:10pm | Luigi, Lina, Len & Michael Ciavarella (+, +, +, +)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Francis, Mary & Monica Gannon (+, +, +)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Janusz Majewski (+)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30pm | Edward Ortega (liv.)

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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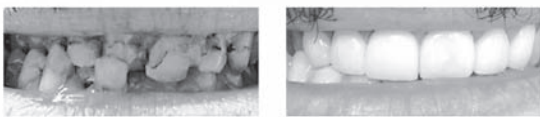


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