

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:
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Assistant Organist:
Musician-in-Residence:

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Margaret D'Elia
John DiCecco
Hilda O'Connor
Dr. John Paul Farahat
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Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

WITNESSES OF THE SPIRIT

Today's Gospel invites us to continue our meditation on the baptism of Jesus and on the profession of faith of John the Baptist, who recognizes in Jesus the Father's Envoy. In the Gospel, John does not speak from a simple personal intuition, but from a foundational spiritual experience: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove and dwell on him". This witness reveals the profound identity of Jesus: he is the Lamb of God, the one who takes away the sin of the world, and the Son chosen by God.

This event does not only concern Jesus in isolation in the history of salvation; it also sheds light on our own Christian experience. Through baptism, we too have received the Holy Spirit, who descends on us and dwells in us. This presence of the Spirit is not a mere remembrance of the past, but a living reality that is renewed every day in our journey of faith. To be baptized is to be inhabited by God, carried by his grace and sent, in our turn, to bear witness.

Like John the Baptist, the Christian is called to show Christ, not to put ourselves at the centre, but to direct others to the One who saves. Here we find an example of missionary witness that is true for the mission of the Church in general and for that of each Christian in particular. Let us ask ourselves this question and meditate: as Christians, do my gestures, words and deeds serve to show who Christ is? Do they reflect the seal of the Spirit that I carry within me?

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.



Baptism therefore commits us to a transformed life: a life of listening, conversion and witness. To recognize Jesus as the Lamb of God is to accept the invitation to live under the guidance of the Spirit, so that our words and deeds may reveal to the world the presence of the living Christ.

~ Jean Pierre Paul Durand, SJ

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays, 3-6pm

Spend some time with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist during this time of silent prayer in the church each week.

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>.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**Mondays, 12:45 - 1:30pm, Ardèche Hall
Saturdays, 11am - 12 Noon, Decker Room**

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. All are welcome, no previous experience needed. Meditation is also offered virtually on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Contact our office for the details.

CHORAL CONCERT: LIKE A ROSE

Friday, January 30, 7:30pm

Join Toronto's newest professional choral ensemble, Silver Thread, for a concert of sacred music at St. Basil's entitled "Like a Rose". With music by Caroline Shaw, Benjamin Britten, William Byrd, Andrew Balfour, and Kai Leung, this program promises to explore creation and beauty as a form of worship and reverence. Admission is free, with a suggest donation of \$25.

SERRA CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Following the 12:10pm Mass

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club will take place on Wednesday, January 21 in the St. Basil's Parish Hall following the 12:10pm Mass. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Dominic Barber, Director of the Office of Clergy Personnel & Chaplaincy. Fr. Dominic will share more about this important ministry as well as his own personal vocation story, from elementary school teacher to priestly ordination in 2005. Guests interested in learning more about Serra International are welcome.

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.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AT U OF T

Friday, January 23, 6-8pm

Trinity College (6 Hoskin Avenue)

Come experience our next Taizé Prayer @ U of T at Trinity College Chapel on Friday, January 23. Join us for an evening of prayer, song, silence, and fellowship, including a reception after the prayer. Please register at <https://bit.ly/4b4RoTT>.

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 your listening and discernment. Coordinated by the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus / Loretto Sisters (CJ) and Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJ). To register email: womensdiscernmentgroup@gmail.com.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**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. Join Christian leaders and many choirs from various traditions for this ecumenical prayer service organized by the Archdiocesan Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

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>.

SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

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

USMC CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue from Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College is a 10-course program. 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

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 19 - 25



MONDAY

7:30am | Z.B. Kokecki (+)
12:10pm | Stanica Dojcinovic (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Holy Souls (+), Sandy Lynch (+),
Brett Garcia (+), Juana Arevalo (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Vocations

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Christina Kowalska (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am | J.J. Majewski (+)
12:10pm | Oscar Sousa (liv.)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Feliciano Macalino (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Danuta Majeski
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Sylvia Danter (+)
4:30pm | Margarita Ortega-Garciso (+)

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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