

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.

FOLLOWING THE CALL DAILY

“Come, follow me!” These simple words from Jesus lead Peter, Andrew, James, and John to **immediately** drop their nets and follow him.

Imagine with me the moment they saw Jesus walking by the Sea of Galilee. Perhaps they had already heard about his ministry throughout the region – or maybe this was their first glimpse of him. Maybe they were people who knew the power of darkness in their world and were yearning for the light. I wonder how they felt, as they saw him and heard his voice. Something in his invitation gave them the freedom and courage to leave behind their nets, their boats, and their family to follow. They did not know where following would lead, but they knew that they would be going with the one who called them.

My own life of discipleship is not that dramatic. Yet, I find that I am being constantly called to follow Jesus in my daily life. To act immediately. To turn towards a person in need, rather than to avert my eyes. To move with generosity instead of scarcity and fear. To choose patience, tenderness, compassion, joy, and hope rather than the competitive ways of the world that prioritize power and undermine dignity. **Do you also hear Jesus' call to discipleship in your life?**

Each day, I am being called to allow the light of Christ to shine through me into our world. “Come, follow me,” Jesus says. Some days I am better at responding than others.

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.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor:
Lay Pastoral Associate:
Office Manager (on leave):
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Director of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist:
Musician-in-Residence:
Coordinator of Community Engagement:

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John DiCecco
Hilda O'Connor
Dr. John Paul Farahat
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Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Rosemary Boissonneau



Like the first disciples, I do not fully know where following will lead. But I do know that the journey will bring me nearer to the reign of God and that I will never be alone on the path of discipleship.

Here at St. Basil's, we are lucky to have over 40 people who have heard and responded to Jesus' call. Their "yes" will lead them towards the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter. This Sunday morning, these members of the RCIA cohort will participate in a special Rite that marks a critical threshold in their faith journey. They will be marked with the sign of the cross and they will commit to walking in the light of Christ. May they be strengthened by the power of Christ's cross, and may their witness bring us joy and encourage us all to say yes to following Jesus as we support them on their faith journey.

This weekend we also celebrate The Sunday of the Word of God, established by Pope Francis in 2019 to encourage Catholics to celebrate the great gift of the Living Word. In the document instituting this commemoration, Pope Francis writes: "Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us." The Word has been a great gift to help me know, love, and follow Jesus. I encourage you to spend time this week with the Word, and invite you to join our Tuesday evening online faith sharing group, Breaking Open the Word, where we pray with the scriptures. I also hope you will pray for all our St. Basil's RCIA participants, that they may continue to have the courage to respond to Jesus' call as they prepare for Easter.

~ JoAnn Melina Lopez

WELCOME, ROSEMARY!

Please join the parish staff in extending a warm welcome to Rosemary Boissonneau, who is joining our team as the parish's Coordinator of Community Engagement.

Rosemary's first engagement with St. Basil's began in her undergraduate years as a student at St. Michael's College and a frequent attendee at St. Basil's liturgies. After graduating with a BA in French, she enjoyed a long career as an elementary school French teacher. Understanding teaching as her way of living out her Christian vocation, Rosemary always sought to create a supportive and welcoming classroom environment where her students could flourish spiritually and academically. She is currently a PhD candidate at Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, specializing in ecotheology and Hebrew Bible. A familiar face on campus, Rosemary volunteers with St. Mike's Laudato Si' Circle and Regis St. Michael's Student Council. She is also a teaching assistant in St. Mike's Christianity and Culture program and a Continuing Education instructor in eco-spirituality. In her spare time, she enjoys nature hikes and permaculture gardening. Rosemary is delighted to take on this new role at St. Basil's Parish and contribute to the community's rich culture of Christian hospitality, accompaniment and service.

In her role as Coordinator of Community Engagement, Rosemary will support our parish's efforts to cultivate belonging, engagement, and empowerment for our parishioners. She will be present before and after all our weekend Masses, so please be sure to introduce yourself.

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.

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.

INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

World Interfaith Harmony Week, an annual United Nations commemoration, is celebrated during the first week of February (February 1-7). The initiative invites people of all faiths and those of goodwill to engage in dialogue grounded in two moral principles: love of God and love of neighbour, without compromising individual religious convictions. The Archdiocese encourages Catholics to participate in opportunities that foster dialogue, understanding, harmony, and collaboration.

In addition to the International Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony listed below, you might also be interested in visiting the Aga Khan Museum (77 Wynford Drive), which offers free admission and self-guided tour on Wednesday, February 4, from 4-8pm. For more information, visit bit.ly/3NhksO7.

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>.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS FOR MARRIAGE SUNDAY

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, 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. For registration & information visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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 (416-926-7122) to verify the legitimacy of any request you receive from the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 01



MONDAY

7:30am | Monica Alfonso (liv.)
12:10pm | Ivan Timco (liv.)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | M.T. Klotz (liv.), Arthur Dickson (liv.)
Holy Souls (+), Unborn babies (+, liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Rene Bercasio (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Rose Marie & Joe Cira (liv., liv.)
Kevin Willis (liv.), Stefan & Anna Papez (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Hugh O'Reilly (+)
12:10pm | Edward Bueno (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Cyril Davis (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | D. Rubio (liv.)
10:30am | Pro Populo
12:00pm | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30pm | Hans Polloso (+)

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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