

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 (*paused until September*)
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>)
(*paused until September*)

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:
Coordinator of Community Engagement:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
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Margaret D'Elia
John DiCecco
Hilda O'Connor
Dr. John Paul Farahat
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Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Rosemary Boissonneau



MOVING WITH COMPASSION

This Sunday's readings focus on our human vulnerability and how God extends compassion to us in our weakness. The first reading describes the Israelites wandering in the desert shortly after escaping slavery in Egypt, yet it is in this harsh and precarious circumstance that God reaffirms their beloved status as a "treasured possession," "a priestly kingdom and a holy nation." The message of God's attentive love is reiterated in the imagery of Psalm 100, where we are envisioned as the sheep of God's pasture. Additionally, in the second reading, Paul reminds us that Christ died for us "while we were still weak."

It is in the Gospel, however, that this message of human vulnerability and divine compassion strikes its clearest chord. Matthew explains that Jesus had compassion on the crowds that followed him because he saw that they were "harassed and helpless." What an apt expression! Although these adjectives were first applied to oppressed and often impoverished people living under Roman imperialism, they remain very fitting descriptors for us today as we face the struggles of the contemporary world. Both as individuals and collectively as a society, do we not often find ourselves in situations where we feel "harassed and helpless"? But we can take heart, knowing that at these most vulnerable times, Christ is filled with compassion for us. Even though this gospel passage occurs several chapters after the Beatitudes, I like to think that it could be refashioned into an extra beatitude: "Blessed are the harassed and helpless, for theirs is the compassion of God."

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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.*

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The gospel also adds to the readings a consideration of another dimension of God's compassion. When Jesus sees the "harassed and helpless" crowds and recognizes them as "sheep without a shepherd," his compassionate response is to call upon the twelve apostles and send them out to minister to the people, giving them the authority to heal others and proclaim the good news. Christ enacts his compassion through his followers, those who know firsthand what it is to be "harassed and helpless." And so we too are called today to go out and minister to the world despite, or perhaps because of, our own vulnerability.

We are blessed to be members of the vibrant and caring community of St. Basil's Parish, which offers many diverse opportunities to answer Christ's call to be channels of his compassionate love. If you are not already a volunteer at St. Basil's, perhaps consider becoming one. There are numerous ways that you can put your time and unique talent to work as a follower of Christ, whether it is serving in one of the parish's liturgical ministries, social justice ministries, prayer ministries, choir, or one of the many other communities of service at St. Basil's.

~ Rosemary Boissonneau

SUNDAY SPORTS IN THE PARK

Sundays, June 14, July 19, August 16, 12 Noon - 2pm

Enjoy a friendly game of kickball in the park on campus on Sunday afternoons this summer. Games will be for adult players, but children aged 10+ can participate with a parent present. All are welcome to come watch! Players, please register through our website to help us plan.

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7 - 8:30pm
Next meeting: June 22

We are a welcoming community of book lovers who read together, ponder what we've read, and share our thoughts and ideas. We aim to read a wide variety of literature through the year.

Our next read is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro, on June 22, July 13 & July 27.

Register through our website, or contact Kristina via email: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

SUMMER SCHEDULE UPDATES

Our weekly Adoration on Tuesdays from 3pm - 6pm will pause in July and August. Our last regular offering before the pause will be on June 30. We will resume on September 1.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC

Please save the date for our **Parish Potluck Picnic**, which will take place on **Saturday, August 15**. More details coming soon!

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

This weekend, before and after all Masses

This weekend is the Bundle Up Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP). The truck is here before and after all Masses. Please consult the bulletin board or our website for the list of accepted items. Thank you for your generosity! If you missed this opportunity, the next Bundle Up Sunday will be the weekend of October 31 - November 1.

Interested in volunteering to support our 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" 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.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Summer camps are being offered for children at 59 parishes inside the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer, with over 86 weeks of dates and locations to choose from. Parents who may be interested in having their kids attend a parish day camp can access the complete list of parishes, locations and dates here: ocytoronto.org/parish-camps and are encouraged to contact the parish of interest directly to register or get more information.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Do you love to iron? Would you like to serve the church? St. Basil's is in need of a volunteer to help us with laundering and ironing the linens used in the Mass. This ministry typically involves a weekly commitment of two hours. If you are interested or have questions, please contact JoAnn: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca (416-926-7122).

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION CONFERENCE

Friday, July 24 - Saturday, July 26
Victoria College Chapel (91 Charles St. West)
Online participation is also available

The Canadian Christian Meditation Community invites you to attend its biennial National Conference Retreat. Our theme — *Transforming Together in Peace: Reconnecting Humanity and the Living Earth* — invites us to live together by widening the circle of relationship. To live together in peace is to live with the living world, not apart from it. Featuring 3 presenters, our conference invites participants to rediscover that common ground — within ourselves, with one another, and with the Earth. Details including cost, speakers, and schedule can be found at: wccm-canada.ca. Registration deadline for in-person participants is June 24.

INTERFAITH WALK FOR HOUSING JUSTICE

Friday, July 24, 10:30am
Nathan Phillips Square (100 Queen St W.)

As we prepare to host the FIFA World Cup, hundreds of Torontonians have nowhere safe to sleep. The Mary Ward Centre invites you to join us on Friday, June 24 for the Interfaith Walk for Housing Justice, a peaceful, community-led demonstration in downtown Toronto calling for urgent action to address homelessness. This event is a partnership between Crisis in Our City and the Mary Ward Centre. This interfaith walk will bring together students, community members, advocates, and leaders to raise awareness, stand in solidarity, and advocate for the right to safe, warm shelter for all. Beginning at the northwest corner of Nathan Phillips Square at 10:30am, the event will include short reflection stops and community voices. The Walk will conclude at 12:30pm back at Nathan Phillips Square, in front of City Hall, with a closing rally with speakers, music, and the presentation of a public petition to Mayor Olivia Chow. Learn more, register, and sign the petition through our website: <https://www.marywardcentre.ca/events>

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 13 - 14: Marygrove Camp

Marygrove Camp, run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay in Ontario. Marygrove provides a camping experience for eligible girls aged 5-13, who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a joyful camping experience. Your generous support truly makes a difference.

UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

Sunday, June 21: Bloor Street West will be closed from Avenue Road to Yonge Street for the Yorkville Exotic Car Show.

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 15 - 21



MONDAY

12:10pm | John Papez (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Francis, Monica & Mary Gannon (+, +, +),
Holy Souls (+) Denis Tetu (+)
Dadd & Elena Sahagun (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Vocations

THURSDAY

12:10pm | William Robert Maclean (+), Holy Souls (+)

FRIDAY

12:10pm | Joel & Renita (liv.)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | John Sa (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Luigi Ciavarella (+)
10:30am | Pro Populo
12:00pm | Tony & Lily Gamana (+,+)
4:30pm | Arnulfo Santos (+)

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, Jaime Hernandez, Maryanne Hodges, Helen Keeley, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Leonor Riaño, 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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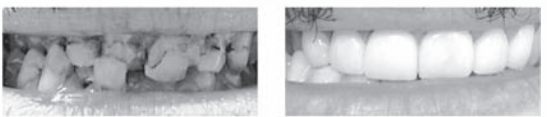
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