

JUNE 07, 2026

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, ON

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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 (*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:

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RECEIVING AND BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

Corpus Christi Sunday directs our attention in a special way to that sacrament which is the 'source and summit' of Christian life for Catholics – the Eucharist. Some of our children will also be receiving this sacrament for the first time this weekend, crossing a threshold to become full participants in the celebration of the Mass.

As people living in the modern era, we tend to fixate on our sensory experience of the world; we perceive a limited reality and nothing beyond simple bread and wine. But whatever our struggles to believe may be, these simple elements of bread and wine, along with the words of consecration, are a powerful sign that makes present to us that One Sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Himself. What He offers us is not a scientific formula for belief so much as an invitation to partake in the heavenly banquet with all our spiritual brothers and sisters and to be transformed by what we eat. Christ himself is the head of one body therefore, 'Be what you see; receive what you are' (St Augustine, Sermon 272). And again in our readings for today, 'we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf (1 Cor 10.17)'.

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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.



How do we respond to this radical call to communion and how can we get better at it? At St Basil's we are blessed with a great diversity of people of different ethnicities and ages, with different interests, aspirations, and gifts. We probably find it easier to get along with some people over others as we share more in common with them based on our own circumstances. Being able to form strong friendships is a great thing, and hopefully our parish can facilitate this, but our Christian calling does require us to go a little further. This is because the sacrament of the Eucharist calls us to strive to be that one, undivided Body of Christ, transcending our own particularities. While it's not tenable to be best friends with everyone, we can strive to love those in our midst who can't really reciprocate in a like manner. This could involve visiting an elderly parishioner if the opportunity arises or sitting with the lonely person at the parish coffee hour on Sunday.

Our book club is currently reading some of Flannery O'Connor's short stories and there was one particularly striking scene that has relevance to today's readings. One of the characters, who harbors certain prejudices, sees a vision of all kinds of people being drawn up to heaven, their vices being burned away in the process of being transformed into the likeness of the Son. The first step to seeking deeper communion with others is the acknowledgement of our own need for ongoing conversion, responding to the invitation of the Eucharist each time. May we approach the table with hearts open to receive and be transformed.

~ Ashan Dias

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

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

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

Upcoming offerings:

- June 8: "The Displaced Person" and "The River" by Flannery O'Connor
- June 22 to July 27: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

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.

SUMMER PAUSE

This weekend is our final coffee hour until we resume in September. After this weekend, the Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum will go on break from serving at weekend Masses until September. We thank our music ministry team for sharing their gifts to enhance our celebration of the liturgy, and are grateful to the Coffee Hour Team for their hospitality and service throughout the year. Please note that Tuesday evening online faith sharing group is on break until September, and our weekly Adoration on Tuesdays from 3pm - 6pm will also pause in July and August.

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

This weekend, June 6 - 7, before & after all Masses

Outreach volunteers are here this weekend to collect donated unopened pantry items, which will be used for our meal service or distributed directly to our patrons.

During the summer months, we are especially grateful for donations of summer essentials like sunscreen, summer hats, mosquito repellent, and toiletries such as antiperspirant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap. These items would make a difference in the lives of our patrons.

Cash donations are also gratefully accepted, and you can donate online through our website.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

Weekend of June 13 - 14, before and after all Masses

Our next Bundle Up Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) will take place on June 13 - 14, before and after all Masses. Please consult the bulletin board or our website for the list of accepted items. Please bring your items only on the designated weekend, as there is no storage space in the church. Thank you for your generosity! For information about volunteering with SSVP to support our neighbours, please contact Ross: ross4015@gmail.com.

MASS FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

Thursday, July 11, 12:10pm

The University of St. Michael's College Baccalaureate Mass will take place on Thursday, June 11 at our 12:10 pm Mass, as part of this year's Convocation proceedings. All are welcome to attend this special celebration of thanksgiving. Please pray for all graduating students!

CORPUS CHRISTI LITURGIES

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi Sunday, you will notice some unique elements in the liturgies.

Like we did on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, we are distributing both the consecrated bread and wine at the Masses this weekend. As Catholics, we believe Christ is truly, really, and substantially present both in the form of bread and in the form of wine. Each time we receive either the Body or the Blood of Christ, we receive him fully.

While it is our custom here at St. Basil's to distribute only the Body of Christ to the congregation, on special occasions we also distribute the Blood of Christ. All are welcome to receive from the cup during Mass this weekend, but you may, for a variety of reasons, prefer not to do so. If you choose not to receive from the cup, please offer a bow of the head as a sign of reverence as you pass the cup. "Communion from the cup helps us to have a fuller experience of the joyful banquet to which Jesus is inviting all his brothers and sisters." (CCCB, *Communion from the Cup*, 2006).

Four times in the liturgical year, we are invited to sing at Mass special hymns of praise called Sequences. These Sequences are sung after the Second Reading on Easter, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and Our Lady of Sorrows. Today's Sequence is known by its name *Ecce panis angelorum* (Hail, the food of Angels given). Written by St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century, the text of this hymn articulates a profound theology of the Eucharist.

We will also have twelve children receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend at the 10:30am Mass. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

May our liturgical celebration fill us with reverence for the great gift of the Eucharist and form us into one body as we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 6 - 7: Building Fund

This fund is set aside for future building repairs and renovation projects. It ensures our parish's long-term financial stability.

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 08 - 14



MONDAY

12:10pm | Lindsay & Julie Nelson (+,+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB (liv.), Holy Souls (+),
Julie Khayatt (+), Kamal Dawood (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Maria Isaura Henriques (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Graduating Students (liv.), M. Klotz (liv.),
Fr. Juan Angel Vivas Garcia, CSB (liv.)

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:00pm | April Kennoway (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Fr. David Basil, CSB (liv.)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Vivian Kwot & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30pm | Kamal Dawood (+)

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, especially Kamal Dawood.

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