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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

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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Office Administrator:

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Assistant Organist:

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LISTENING TO THE BELOVED

This weekend's gospel presents us with the glorious vision of the transfigured Lord, and the Father's command: "Listen to him!" In the midst of our Lenten pilgrimage, the transfiguration comes as a great moment of grace and clarity in which, says John Paul II, "we contemplate the mysterious encounter between history. . . and the blessed inheritance that awaits us in heaven". (*Address for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, 6 August 1999*) It is as if we glimpse the radiant joy promised us, beyond yet through the great drama of the cross and of the unfolding of time itself, made present now to console, encourage, and sustain.

Yet vision is not the only sense engaged in this dramatic moment. The Father's voice from the bright cloud confirms that this is indeed the Beloved Son, his very Word and exact image, the full self-expression of God, in whom we hear all that the Father desires to tell us. As we are urged by the Father, let us activate the obedient ears of the heart to listen and attend to the words, actions, and person of Jesus in this encounter. Notice how he responds to his disciples, who have collapsed in fear, overcome: he draws near to them, tenderly touches them, and says to them, "Get up and do not be afraid." We see here something quite characteristic of the Lord's dealings with us. Contemplative listening leads to encounter, encounter to relationship, and through this we are empowered to act and to go forward fearlessly in love.

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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.



As we accompany Jesus on his journey to the cross, may we learn to recognize his voice, as Pope Leo has encouraged us, in “the word of God, as well as [in] the cry of the poor and of the earth.” (*Message for Lent 2026, February 6, 2026*) May we seek to cultivate this listening that is the foundation of all relationship, so that it may lead to true encounter with the living Lord and thus to transformation, for ourselves and for others, in charity, mercy, and justice.

To help our community engage in listening to the Beloved this Lent, I invite you to consider how you might participate in our 24 Hours for the Lord event on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7. Through shared liturgy, prayer, song, activities, and fellowship, we will encounter the Beloved’s mercy and dwell lovingly and attentively in the beauty of his transforming presence. May our Lenten observances help us foster an attentive, listening disposition that hopes, like the psalmist, in the steadfast love of the Lord, and responds readily, like Abram, to his promptings.

~ Christina Labriola

ENCOUNTER: 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Friday, March 6 – Saturday, March 7

Join St. Basil’s and USMC Campus Ministry for a special time of prayer, service, and community to Encounter God this Lent. Beginning on Friday evening with Evening Prayer (Vespers), and ending with Saturday evening Mass, we will devote ourselves to encountering Christ’s merciful love. Featuring Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Scripture, Praise and Worship, activities for families, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will be keeping the church open overnight for Eucharistic Adoration and prayer as a community.

Some schedule highlights:

- 5:10pm: Evening Prayer & Stations of the Cross
- 6pm: Supper & Introduction to the Encounter
- 7:30pm: Reconciliation Service. Confessions offered. Opening of overnight Eucharistic Adoration.
- 9pm: Praise & Worship
- 11pm, 4am, and 8:30am: Liturgy of the Hours
- 9am (Saturday): Mass and closing of Adoration
- 10am: Activities for families with children
- 11am: Christian Meditation
- 5pm: Mass including RCIA Scrutiny Rite

All are welcome! Please sign up to hear more details and to help us plan. Visit: www.stbasiltoronto.org/24hours

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent, 5:30pm

In addition to our usual weekly prayer offerings (listed on our bulletin front page), we will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent, immediately following Evening Prayer.

LAMENT AND LOVE: LENTEN MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Friday, March 27, 2026, 7:30pm

Join us at St. Basil’s for an evening of sacred music as we stand on the threshold of Holy Week. Music by contemporary composers John Tavener, Olivier Messiaen, and Arvo Pärt, traces a path from lament to love at the foot of the Cross. From the cry of *Threnos* to the stillness of *Spiegel im Spiegel* and the profound meditation of *Stabat Mater*, this programme invites us into the gravity and hope of the Passion.

Performed by an ensemble of voices, strings, and piano, including Musician-in-Residence Lindsay McIntyre, Schola Cantorum countertenor Peter Koniers, and Director of Music John Paul Farahat.

Free admission. Donations in support of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health are gratefully received (suggested \$25).

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

February 28 – March 1, before & after all Masses

Outreach volunteers are collecting donations before and after every Mass this weekend.

This Lent, our parish is raising funds to help stock our new permanent space, the St. Basil’s Community Care Closet, with toiletries, clothing, and other non-perishable necessities. Your generous financial support will support our patrons’ needs year-round.

In addition to the pantry item and rain/winter gear we requested for this month, cash donations are also gratefully accepted, and you can donate online through our website.

A BAROQUE PASSION MEDITATION: ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOLA CANTORUM CONCERT

March 16, 7:30pm, St. Basil's Church

Join the St. Michael's *Schola Cantorum*, directed by Dr. Christina Labriola, with consort led by Valerie Gordon, and soloists from Mia Bach's Faculty of Music 3rd year Oratorio class, for this reflective Lenten concert. The performance will feature two affecting and dramatic musical meditations on Christ's Passion: Schütz's Seven Last Words, a remarkable devotional work setting the last words of Jesus on the cross, and excerpts from an oratorio-style setting of the St. Mark Passion, attributed to Reinhard Keiser. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted.

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 10am

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto)

All are welcome to attend the annual Mass of St. Patrick. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. View online at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

MULTIFAITH IFTAR DINNER

Friday, March 13, 2026, 6pm

Mary Ward Centre (70 St. Mary Street Toronto)

Join us for the Interfaith Ramadan Iftar Dinner — a special gathering co-hosted by the Intercultural Dialogue Institute (IDI) GTA, The Mary Ward Centre, and the Archdiocese of Toronto – Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. We will break bread together, share stories, and reflect on the meaning of fasting, friendship, and belonging. Register: bit.ly/4qRoGu6.

INTERFAITH TEACHING SEDER

Monday, March 23, 2026, 7pm

Holy Blossom Temple (1950 Bathurst St., Toronto)

A Teaching Seder is being organized for Christians to experience this Jewish ceremonial meal firsthand. This post-biblical tradition of a structured ritual meal tells the story of the Exodus through prayers, sacred readings, and ceremonial foods. The themes of freedom, redemption, and God's saving grace create a profound experience for dialogue and fellowship between our faith communities. This event is organized by the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto (CJDT), of which the Archdiocese of Toronto is a member. Register before Monday, March 9: bit.ly/3NIAscn. For more information, contact: ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org 437-529-1765.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 14–15: Easter Flowers

Your generous contribution will ensure our church is able to offer a welcoming and beautiful environment during the Easter season.

SHARELIFE

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone. The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Our parish goal this year is \$109,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

MASS INTENTIONS

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MONDAY

7:30am | Domenic Lall (liv.)
12:10pm | Robert & Valerie Crilly (+, +)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Jerry Flaisher (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

12:10pm |

FRIDAY

7:30am | Terence Coates (+)
12:10pm | Victoriano Cruz (+), Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Calogero Zicari (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am |
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Maria Wong Sau Wan & Carlo Man Pong Fai (+,+)
4:30pm | Julio Miguel Domingos (+)

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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