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

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB  
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Dr. Lindsay McIntyre  
Rosemary Boissonneau



## RESURRECTION HOPE: NEW LIFE IN LOVE

This Sunday's readings, especially the bookends of the first reading and the Gospel, present us with perhaps the most dramatic example of God's love and power: His reversal of death itself. In Ezekiel's prophetic vision, we hear that the graves of the whole people of God will be opened. In the Gospel, Jesus raises a particular person, His own dear friend Lazarus, from the grave. The awesome, large-scale might we see in Ezekiel is balanced by the profoundly personal nature of Jesus' miracle, including His own heartfelt tears near the tomb. God not only knows but intimately feels and indeed shares our human pain and grief. The bones which God raises up are not nameless—he created and loves each of us just as He did Lazarus, Martha, and Mary.

Importantly, neither God's love nor compassion, nor in fact his promise to raise us up from sin and death by the Spirit, is predicated on our being blameless. For none of us is! We acknowledge this as we, in a prefiguring of Jesus' humbling and mic (or rather, stone)-dropping words, sing in today's psalm: *"If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You... For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem."* God's love—all love, really—is never about 'deserving,' but rather about striving: striving to live in the Spirit, striving to live for God and for others. Abiding in and responding to the steadfast love that brings life.

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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.*

In my time these last couple of years working with the Ministry for the Sick and Homebound here at St. Basil's, I am blessed to personally experience this "resurrection hope" so vividly apparent in today's readings. Every Sunday, not only at Mass, but also in my subsequent visits to those parishioners unable to come to the church. The humility, gratitude, acceptance, and unyielding hope I see in the face of suffering and death is always truly remarkable and inspiring. Fortunately, this Christian hope — rooted in a God who Himself suffered and died, like us and for us — is kept alive, and in part fulfilled (just as with Lazarus), every Sunday when we hear the Word of God and partake of the Eucharist, giving us a foretaste of eternity and nourishing us as we, "more than the watchmen for the morning," wait for the Son and hope in His word.

~ Thomas Kalil

## LAMENT AND LOVE: LENTEN MEDITATION IN MUSIC

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**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 depth 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).

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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**Fridays in Lent, 5:30pm**

In addition to our regular weekly prayer, on Fridays in Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross as a community immediately following Evening Prayer at 5:10pm.

## SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

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Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) to visit and help our neighbours who are struggling. We go out "two by two" in a serious weekly commitment to deliver food vouchers to our neighbours at their homes, bringing compassion, a listening ear, and Jesus' mercy to those we visit. Volunteers serve during the daytime or in the evenings after work. In addition, Vincentian volunteers help collect donations after weekend Masses. Interested in volunteering? Contact Ross at: [sross4015@gmail.com](mailto:sross4015@gmail.com).

We periodically share requests from our neighbours in need. One neighbour has requested an air purifier. If you have one to spare, please contact SSVP at: 416-926-2292.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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Holy Week begins on the weekend of March 27-28 with our regular liturgy schedule on Palm Sunday.

**Wednesday, April 1, Tenebræ Prayer: 8pm**

**Holy Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm**

- No 12:10pm Mass. Confessions 11:15am to 1pm. Adoration at the Altar of Repose ends at 11pm.

**Good Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Passion: 3pm**

- No Masses. No confessions. Office closed. Church open from 10am to 6pm.

**Holy Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil: 8:15pm**

- No 5pm Mass. No confessions. Church opens at 4pm.

**Easter Sunday, April 5, Mass: 9am, 10:30am & Noon**

- No 4:30pm Mass. Church closes at 2pm.

**Easter Monday, April 6, Mass: 7:30am & Noon**

- No confessions. Office closed.

## TENEBRÆ PRAYER

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**Wednesday, April 1, 8pm**

All are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 1, at 8pm in the church for our annual Tenebræ service. Latin for "shadows", this contemplative service of readings, choral music, and congregational chants uses light and darkness to draw us into the sense of grief and loss of Holy Week, as we await the hope of Resurrection.

## GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

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**Good Friday, April 3, 10am to 12:30pm**

Communion and Liberation Toronto invites you join their annual Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3, beginning at the Newman Centre (89 St. George St.) and ending at St. Basil's. For more information, contact them at: [info@clonline.ca](mailto:info@clonline.ca) or [ca-en.clonline.ca](http://ca-en.clonline.ca).

## EVERY LIFE IS PRECIOUS: PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT BILL C-218

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The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) to quickly and respectfully contact your federal Member of Parliament, urging them to support Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. Without this amendment, MAiD will be available for mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. A vote is expected to take place mid-April 2026.

Our Catholic faith teaches that every human life is a sacred gift from God. We are called to accompany those who suffer, to uphold their dignity, and to ensure they receive authentic care, compassion, and hope. Mental illness requires treatment, support and love — never abandonment or the offer of death. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a family member, friend, neighbour, or colleague. At this critical moment, let us raise our voices in faithful witness to the Gospel of life. Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-21. More information about this campaign has been posted on our bulletin boards.

## GIVING TO ST. BASIL'S: INTRODUCING TIPTAP PAY

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There are three tax-deductible ways to give to St. Basil's:

- Weekly Sunday Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – *automatic monthly debits from your bank account*
- Credit Card (*using the kiosk or online via CanadaHelps*).

Our parish now is able to accept **donations by credit and debit card** using the newly-installed TipTap Pay kiosk, located near the baptismal font.

TipTap pay donations will support our general offertory collection and cannot be designated for specific purposes, including payments for candles, Mass intentions, or missalettes through TipTap.

**To receive a tax receipt at the end of the year:** You will need to register each physical card used. Please note that mobile wallet donations are not eligible for a tax receipt. You may register your card via the posted QR Code, or at <http://tinyurl.com/TipTapStBasil>.

**Please note:** we are charged a processing fee for each credit/debit card payment, which is deducted from your donation.

## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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### March 21 – 22: ShareLife

*ShareLife supports agencies that carry out the mission work of the Church. Their efforts to serve the marginalized in our communities and around the world are made possible thanks to our donors' generosity. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ShareLife. Our parish fundraising goal is \$109,000. To give, use a ShareLife envelope, online through our website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).*

**Please note:** Since the first Sunday of April is Easter Sunday, the John Ford Food Drive will take place the weekend of April 11-12. That weekend (April 11-12) there will also be a second collection for the parish Building Fund, which is used for future building repairs and renovation projects. The Building Fund ensures our parish's long-term financial stability.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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MARCH 23 - 29

### MONDAY

7:30am | Anne Angus & family (liv.)  
12:10pm | Robert & Valerie Crilly (+)

### TUESDAY

12:10pm | John Vellingo (+)

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

12:10pm | Dolores Ciuro (+), Geraldine Rice (liv.)

### FRIDAY

7:30am |  
12:10pm | Teresa Henriques (liv)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm |

### SUNDAY

9:00am |  
10:30am | *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm | Yoseph Dyanto Wijaya (+)  
4:30pm | Rosa Moniz (+)

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**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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