

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
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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ENCOUNTER LIVING WATERS

The story of the Samaritan woman at the well has always been, for me, a passage that invites me to reflection and soul searching. It reminds me that even in our brokenness, God desires for us eternal life.

By all accounts, the Samaritan woman is an outcast. She goes to draw water not in the cool hours of the morning, but when temperatures are high and when she is unlikely to run into anyone she knows. I imagine that she expected to make her trip to the well alone, struggling under the high sun, but at least free from judgement of fellow water-bearers.

When Jesus asks her for a drink, he crosses all conceivable boundaries between self and Other, man and woman, Jew and Samaritan, "us" and "them". She herself is taken aback, and when she challenges his ask, Jesus tells her of the living water which will forever quench her thirst. This living water is available to all who ask for it.

Though the Samaritan woman is a marked figure, she is the one to whom Jesus reveals his messiahship. Her story might invite us to consider those parts within us that carry shame – the places where we have hurt, or been hurt, or faltered in our faith, or feel we don't belong. She might also invite us to consider how we extend loving compassion to those around us. We might let those parts in need drink of the living water, as she does, as God desires for us.

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 this encounter, the history of the Samaritan woman serves to let us know that Jesus Christ, Wellspring Eternal, Living Waters, wants to give of himself to us exactly as we are. He desires that we ask – to all who ask, it is given. He desires that we drink, and drink deeply. As the source and summit of all our desires, He alone quenches what is parched. He beckons us, the broken, the flawed, the rejected, the fallen, both among us and within us, to bring our full selves to him to be restored: all we need to do is ask, and to respond in joy!

As we walk together in the way of Lent, in the wilderness where water might seem scarce, and as we celebrate Encounter: 24 Hours for the Lord this weekend, may this passage reawaken in us that gushing spring of eternal life which we have received at Baptism. May we bring our fears and inadequacies and broken parts to Him for restoration. May our faith be renewed by the cool, clear, life-giving waters of the One we love, and who loves us. May we model the courage and sheer faith of the Samaritan woman to receive and proclaim God's self-giving love in spirit and truth, to reach out to touch the Other in compassion, to leave our own water jars at the well as we respond with great joy to the healing and renewal promised in Christ.

~ Sarah Redikopp

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.

TENEBRÆ PRAYER

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.

PRAY FOR THE RCIA

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent we celebrate the Scrutiny Rites with those preparing for baptism this Easter (the Elect). The Scrutinies are rites for reflection and repentance, inviting them to search their hearts, and see clearly their need for Christ. At each Scrutiny, we pray for them to be liberated from the power of sin, and to be encouraged and strengthened in Christ, so that they may be prepared to receive the grace of God through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist this Easter. We have more than 40 participants in the RCIA program this year. More than half are the unbaptized Elect, and the rest are baptized Christians and Catholics preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist. We ask that the whole parish pray for those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation, and for our parish as a whole, that we may be able to accompany and support them in their faith journey.

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 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).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, April 1, Tenebrae Prayer Service: 8pm

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

- No 12:10pm Mass, confessions 11:15am to 1pm.

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

- Church open 10am to 6pm. No confessions, office closed.

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

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

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

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

Easter Monday, April 6, Mass at 7:30am and Noon

- No confessions, office closed.

INTRODUCING TIPTAP PAY

We are excited to share that our parish is now able to accept donations by credit card onsite using the newly-installed TipTap Pay kiosk, located near the baptismal font. The kiosk is equipped with three devices, each representing a fixed amount: \$10, \$20, or \$50.

Tiptap pay donations will support our general offertory collection and cannot be designated for specific purposes (e.g. Outreach ministry, Mass intentions, Music, St. Vincent de Paul, candles, music ministry, etc.)

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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.

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.

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 50th 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 9 - 15



MONDAY

7:30am
12:10pm | Lina Ciavarella (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Julie Khayatt (+), Joseph & Chanshee Ayow (+,+)
Joaquim, Maria & Jacinto Russo (+, +, +),
Holy Souls (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | John Papez (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Madeleine Smith

FRIDAY

7:30am
12:10pm | Stefan & Anna Papez (+, +)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Lubo Novotny (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Len Ciavarella (+)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Angela Carbone (+)
4:30pm

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, especially Mary Jane Martin.

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