

MAY 11, 2025

EASTER IV

# ST. BASIL'S



# CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Sunday: 8:15am - 1:15pm

## SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm (sat)  
9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm; 4:30pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:30am; 12:10pm

## VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

## ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

## CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 12:00pm  
Saturday: 4:30pm - 5:00pm

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Lay Pastoral Associate	JoAnn M. Lopez
Director of Music & Principal Organist:	Dr. John Paul Farahat
Assistant Organist	Adrian Ross
Musician-in-Residence:	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri

## WONDER IN THE SHEPHERD'S HAND

I am grateful to serve as a catechist in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for children aged 3-6 at St. Basil's. The heart of the catechesis is the Parable of the Good Shepherd, part of which we hear today. Jesus announces himself as the Good Shepherd, calling each one by name. The sheep listen to his voice and follow him. In CGS we announce the parable, meditate with the children, show them materials that illustrate the parable, and wonder about the words of Jesus.

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. We are blessed because you are all here!

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.



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Encountering the parable with children strengthens my faith, as I reflect on the face of God that is being revealed to them and to me. The children experience wonder and joy in the most essential elements of our faith, especially God's love experienced through Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

When I pray with this parable, I stay close to God and deepen our relationship so that I can listen to his voice. This is a precious time when I can experience a loving intimacy that God longs to give me. It's a gift that continues to guard and guide me. I listen to God's gentle voice speak to my heart whenever I can. How can we hear God's voice in times of upset, disappointment, frustration, failure, loss, pain, or abandonment? In modernity, the voice of God can be shut off from our hearts and replaced with various distractions, leading to confusion and wandering. There have been times when I've struggled to hear God's voice when I've been abandoned, disappointed, overworked, upset, or in pain. In those moments, I've had to work hard to believe that the Good Shepherd will find me, come to me, and that I can hear his voice in this complicated world. When I allow myself to hear the Good Shepherd, I realize that he's been there

all along, waiting for me to hear and follow.

As followers of Christ, we must choose the posture of hearing, listening, and following His voice as sheep follow their Shepherd. When I can hear Christ's voice again, I see more clearly and can better understand the people of God around me and in my life. This enables me to deal with life more effectively. I know when I need help and, even better, I know whom I can help.

By listening and trusting the Good Shepherd, we understand the concept of salvation and the unshakable nature of God's love and care for us (His children of any age). Jesus promises that no one will snatch us out of his hand. This offers us hope, assurance, and unwavering commitment from the Good Shepherd and the unbreakable bond of love. So, let us hear Jesus' voice and, as we build our capacity to listen, let us strive to be like the Good Shepherd—loving, kind, patient, strong, humble, forgiving, compassionate, and merciful. To love as He loves.

*- Doris Marcon*

## PARTNERS IN MISSION: READING AND REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesday evenings, May 28 to June 18

Would you like a more caring, compassionate, and friendly Church? One where Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour, is our mentor and the gospels are our roadmap along our pilgrim way leading to God's heavenly kingdom? If these ideas excite you, join us to build a mission-driven community at St. Basil's, where we support and accompany one another as we live the Gospel.

We invite you to participate in a 5-week series that involves reading the book *Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission* (Mallon, 2014) and reflecting on how the invitations from the book might lead to a renewal of mission at our parish. Each session will include prayer, small groups in the style of "Conversation in the Spirit" (synodal process), and large group discussion. Sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings: May 28 from 6-8:30pm; June 4, June 11, June 18 from 7-8:30pm; and June 25 from 6-8:30pm. Please sign up by May 16. More details and registration is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Yf5ovC1kbn>. Questions? Contact: Marion Bayfield at [marionbayfield@yahoo.ca](mailto:marionbayfield@yahoo.ca)

## SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADES

The sound system will be undergoing substantial upgrades over the course of this week. From Wednesday, May 14 to Friday, May 16, speakers will be unusable as a result of this work. Temporary microphones and speakers will be used at both the 7:30am and 12:10pm Masses on these days; the hearing assisted devices will not be functional during this time

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

## WITH ONE ACCORD

A new edition of *With One Accord: Learning and Living the Feminine Dimension as Church* on the subject of Ecumenism has been published.

Visit <https://magdalacolloquy.org/en/home> to read it and all past issues.

## SHARELIFE

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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 10/11: Building Fund  
May 24/25: Pope's Pastoral Works

## MASS INTENTIONS



MAY 11-17

### SUNDAY

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9:00am Lina Ciavarella (✱)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Feliciano Macalino (✱)  
4:30pm Carmelita Salazal (✱)

### MONDAY

7:30am Frankie Leung (✱)  
12:10pm Lindsay and Julia Nelson (✱,✱)

### TUESDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Joseph C.M. James (✱), *Souls in Purgatory*, Kari Avila (✱), Joaquim,

### WEDNESDAY

Maria, and Jacinto Russo (✱,✱,✱)  
7:30am  
12:10pm James Robert and Valerie Crilly (✱,✱)

### THURSDAY

7:30am William MacLean (✱)  
12:10pm Blackwell Family, *All Sinners*

### FRIDAY

7:30am Ninette Caspersz (✱)  
12:10pm Caterina Ciavarella (✱)

### SATURDAY


5:00pm Francis, Mary, and Monica Gannon (✱,✱,✱)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandeller, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Dr. Peter Moran, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Rosalie Wimps, and Alexander Wu.

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