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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 *Ardeche 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:**

**Assistant Organist:**

**Musician-in-Residence:**

**Coordinator of Community Engagement:**

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## LIVING THE GREAT COMMISSION

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”**

When I first meditated on this Gospel, I found it somewhat daunting. I did not feel worthy, nor did I believe my faith was strong enough to accept such a mission to go out, make disciples of all nations, and baptize them.

Over time, through reflection and lived experience, my perspective began to shift. I came to realize that I could take part in this commission in simple, meaningful ways by visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, comfort the grieving and showing compassion in everyday moments.

At work, this calling is reflected in how I strive to be an agent of positive change: welcoming new team members, speaking up when I witness injustice or discrimination, and being an ally to those affected. I try to lead by example, grounding my actions in kindness and integrity.

With family and friends, my walk with Jesus calls me to be present — not only in moments of joy, but especially in times of difficulty. I aim to be a source of peace, a steady presence, and a peacemaker when conflict arises.

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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.*



During lockdown, this Gospel took on an even deeper meaning. In a time of isolation and uncertainty, I felt a renewed call to live my faith more intentionally, and to bring light, kindness, and compassion into even the smallest, everyday moments.

Now, this scripture is no longer daunting. Instead, it has become a source of comfort and strength, especially in its final promise: **“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

This assurance grounds me. It reminds me that I am never alone, especially in times of doubt and turmoil, and even when I disappoint him and learn that my faith does not have to be perfect — only present. I always have an opportunity to try again to live my faith.

Over time, I have come to understand that my testimony of faith is not found only in attending weekly Mass, but in how I live each day — through my actions, my words, and the way I serve others. As I leave Mass each week, I hear that commission echoed again in the dismissal — “Go!”

Knowing that Jesus walks with me, I move forward with quiet confidence — called not to be perfect, but to faithfully live the Gospel in every moment.

~ Mario Manza

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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On **Monday, May 18**, the parish office will be closed in observance of Victoria Day. **Mass will be celebrated at 9am only.** Regularly scheduled Confessions and Evening Prayer are cancelled. Christian Meditation will take place as usual.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS

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**Monday, May 25, 12:45 to 1:30pm**

**In-person at St. Basil's Catholic Parish (Ardèche Hall)**

Looking for prayer and stillness this summer? Join us for an introductory session on Christian Meditation on Monday, May 25, immediately following the 12:10pm Mass. This contemplative way of Christian prayer, practised by the 4th century Desert Fathers and Mothers. This easy-to-learn contemplative Christian prayer will bring stillness and peace to your life. All are welcome to join this free event, no previous experience needed, and no registration is required. Contact: Lorena at [spatakaly@yahoo.ca](mailto:spatakaly@yahoo.ca).

## ST. BASIL'S PARISH NATURE WALK

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**Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 – 8:30pm**

Explore the beauty of creation and enjoy time in community through our annual parish nature walk. Our starting point will be the Davisville TTC station. We will walk through Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and parts of the Central Ravines together, enjoying summer fun and friendship! Registration required by Friday, June 5. Register and find more information on our website.

## SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER EVENTS

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Our summer programs offer an opportunity to grow in faith and friendship with the parish community through special events hosted at the parish or outdoors. Please save the date:

- **Christian Meditation for Beginners**
  - Monday, May 25, midday
- **Reading Group**
  - Monday evenings, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13 & 27
- **Nature Walk**
  - Tuesday evening, June 9
- **Sunday Softball in the Park**
  - Sundays, June 14, July 19, August 16, September 6, midday
- **Parish Potluck Picnic**
  - Saturday, August 15, daytime

More details about summer programs will be featured on our website, e-bulletin, and print bulletin in the coming weeks.

## READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

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**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kristina.glicksman@gmail.com)

### Upcoming offerings:

- May 25: "Revelation" and "Good Country People"  
by Flannery O'Connor
- June 8: "The Displaced Person" and "The River"  
by Flannery O'Connor
- June 22 to July 27: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

## SERRA CLUB MEETING

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**Wednesday, May 20, following the 12:10pm Mass**

The next meeting of the Toronto Downtown Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, May 20, in Macrina Hall following the 12:10pm Mass at St. Basil's. Our guest speaker will be Francesco Rampino, a seminarian in formation for the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary. He will share his vocation story and insights regarding his formation journey. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are welcome.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP CLOTHING DRIVE

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**May 23 - 24, before and after all Masses**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting gently used clothing, bedding, and footwear during the weekend of May 23 to 24. A truck and volunteers will be present before and after the Saturday and Sunday 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 dedicated storage space in the church. Thank you for your generosity!

**Interested in supporting our neighbours in need?** Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to visit and help those living near our parish who are struggling. We provide food assistance, compassion, and a listening ear, bringing Jesus' mercy to the poor. This role involves going out "two by two" in a serious weekly commitment to deliver food vouchers to our neighbours at their homes. Some volunteers serve during the daytime, others in the evenings after work. In addition, Vincentian volunteers will take turns after Mass to help collect donations. For more information about volunteering, please contact Ross Saturno: [ross4015@gmail.com](mailto:ross4015@gmail.com).

## INTRODUCING MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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**Saturday, May 23 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm  
St. Basil's - Macrina Hall (basement) or offered online**

This open, inclusive introduction will focus on the role of contemplation in life as a young adult today. Jacob Lang, facilitator, will trace the origin of this method from the fourth century to its rediscovery in the 1970's by John Main OSB and his contemporaries and is now practiced worldwide. All young adults (aged 18-46) are invited to join, and this program is offered in person at St. Basil's or online. Registration required: <https://bit.ly/meditatio2>

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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**May 16 - 17: The Pope's Pastoral Works**

*These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Thank you for your generosity.*

**May 30 - 31: ShareLife**

*ShareLife supports agencies that carry out the mission work of the Church. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ShareLife. Our parish fundraising goal is \$109,000. This is the third ShareLife collection. To give, use a ShareLife envelope, give online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).*

## SAVE THE DATE: DONATION DRIVES

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**June 6 - 7: John Ford First Sunday Food Drive**

**June 13 - 14: Bundle Up Clothing Drive**

## MASS INTENTIONS

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**MAY 18 - 24**

**MONDAY**

9:00am | Angelika Stuart (liv.)

**TUESDAY**

12:10pm | Frances Goard (+), Souls in Purgatory (+)

**WEDNESDAY**

12:10pm | Vocations

**THURSDAY**

12:10pm | Anna Luzano (liv.), Adele O'Connell (+),  
Tomo, Teresa, Vidovic Family (+, +, liv),  
Angela Carbone (+)

**FRIDAY**

12:10pm |

**SATURDAY**

5:00pm | Tomo Vidovic & Family (+, liv.)

**SUNDAY**

9:00am | Nicoletta Venditti (+)  
10:30am | *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm | Rowena Jose-Rabacal & Rizalino Jose (+, +)  
4:30pm | Ross & Frank Caldarola (+, +)

**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.**



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