

MAY 18, 2025

EASTER V

# 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

## KNOWN FOR LIVING OUR LOVE

Throughout my school years we sung the hymn, "They'll know we are Christians by our love". It was catchy and repetitive and clearly comes from the Gospel reading today where Jesus says, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples".

Soon after I finished humming the refrain of the song (easily remembered), I had another thought from the film, *Gandhi*, where Gandhi comments to a Christian that "I love your Christ, I just haven't met many Christians like him".

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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Pope Francis was a Christian who loved like Christ. The images and stories shared after his death told the story powerfully - Pope Francis eating lunch at a table with people experiencing homelessness and unemployment, smiling and joyful to be with them; washing the feet of women, migrants and prisoners on Holy Thursdays; travelling to far away places to be close to those excluded and suffering; offering support and recognition to transgender sex workers in Rome and pastoral care of the LGBTQ community. His witness challenged us to remember the excluded and work for justice. And to love like Christ.

These are powerful examples of love. I am struck by the way that Francis, like his namesake once said, “preached the gospel at all times and if necessary used words”. His actions force us to think about how we are to live the gospel message and to be known as Christians in part by who we stand with.

Perhaps in this Easter season we can ask ourselves who or what group of people who experience exclusion or discrimination or marginalization can we get to know better so that we can stand in solidarity with them like Pope Francis did. Or maybe there is someone we find difficult to love - here I am comforted by the explicit command to “have” love for each other; to be *willing* to love or *try to love* like Jesus in the everyday moments of our lives. Perhaps all we can do sometimes is to pray to have love in our hearts for those we may find it too difficult or uncertain to love freely.

And maybe that is how they will know we are Christians - by a love that is humble, cares, leans in, listens, upholds dignity, withholds judgement, stands with, and ultimately holds love in one's heart and is willing to share it.

—Monica Godin

## 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.

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## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Join us for an hour of reflection and faith sharing on Zoom every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. We pray with the Sunday scriptures as we grow in relationship with the Word and community. Come to one, some, or all sessions: no preparation required other than a willingness to reflect and share. All are welcome!

Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez: [joann.lopez@utoronto.ca](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca) To receive the Zoom link, please register: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

## VICTORIA DAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am, after which the church will close. Regularly scheduled Confessions are canceled.

*Blessings for a safe and  
restful long weekend!*

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## VOLUNTEER AT ST. BASIL'S

If you are wondering how to share your presence and God-given gifts this summer, consider volunteering to serve our community and our neighbourhood.

Check out the full list of our ministries on our website, and complete our Volunteer Application to get engaged with our community! Ministry List: <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/ministries>.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 24/25: Pope's Pastoral Works

## MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 18-24



### SUNDAY EASTER V

9:00am Blackwell Family (liv)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm John and Kathleen Angus (\*,\*)  
4:30pm Zofia and Marian Kupfer (\*,\*)

### MONDAY

9:00am *Pro Populo*

### TUESDAY

7:30am Agripino Ordiales (\*)  
12:10pm Rodolfo Zulla (\*), Catalina Blackwell (liv), John Glover

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adele O'Connel (\*)  
12:10pm *Vocations*

### THURSDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Catalina Blackwell (liv)

### FRIDAY

7:30am *Holy Souls in Purgatory*  
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (\*,\*)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Catalina Blackwell (liv)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandler, 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 Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.

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