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

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.

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.

We respect your decision to remain masked or unmasked.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:
Associate Pastor:
Office Manager:
Director of Faith Formation
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist
Musician-in-Residence:
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Community Engagement:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB Margaret D'Elia JoAnn M. Lopez Dr. John Paul Farahat Adrian Ross Dr. Lindsay McIntyre Hilda O'Connor Michael Pirri

Fifty days since the resurrection – these weeks where we have heard witness accounts of Jesus proving to be who he says he is: the Son of God who overcame death; the Good Shepherd who has not lost anyone whom the Father has given to him; the Consoler to Mary Magdelene and the other apostles who were unsure of how accurate this truth can be. Today, fifty days later we receive another promise from the Lord: the Holy Spirit, the *other Paraclete*.

I say the other Paraclete because Jesus himself has this role and he promises more. The Paraclete is promised to all of us as a comforter, an advocate, an inspirer to give us the courage and grace necessary to listen, to trust, to be an active partner in our relationship with God. Participation in Church is an avenue for this in a variety of ways. It is in fact in participating that we become Church as Church is more than simply walls and structure. All of us are given







gifts, talents, and abilities that are unique and necessary in being and becoming Church.

This is where another dimension of the *other Paraclete* comes forth – the Holy Spirit as an encourager, a cheerleader. I am inspired by a sermon by Gerard Manley Hopkins in this regard:

"A Paraclete is one who comforts, who cheers, who encourages, who persuades, who exhorts, who stirs up, who urges forward, who calls on; what the spur and word of command is to a horse, what clapping of hands is to a speaker, what a trumpet is to the soldier, that a Paraclete is to the soul: *one who calls us on*, that is what it means, a Paraclete is one who calls us on to good."

As Church today in all its various hues, we need greater encouragement to dare hope that there is place for all of us. Perhaps we can take some time this week to reflect on how this Paraclete is working in our lives, cheering us on and inspiring us to not only find our place but also to create space for others.

- Sonal Castelino, xmcj

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The Final ShareLife Sunday is June 2nd. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

VICTORIA DAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, May 20th. 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!

NEW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Young Catholic professionals ages 25-40 are invited to apply to the Lumen Gentium Forum, a new fellowship program in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto. Lumen Gentium Fellows will together undergo serious intellectual and spiritual formation in Catholic social doctrine, through the study of key papal encyclicals and monthly meetings featuring Eucharistic adoration, dinner and wine, small group discussions, and talks by Catholic leaders. The program is now accepting applications. Learn more and apply at www.LumenForum.ca.

ALUMNI REUNION

Alumni Reunion 2024 - Registration now open May 30 - June 2

Join us at St. Mike's May 30 - June 2 to "Renew Friendships, Celebrate Memories, and Create Community." We are particularly excited to welcome back all alumni who graduated in a year ending in 4 or 9. Event details and registration are available on the St. Mike's Alumni Reunion webpage: https://stmikes.utoronto.ca/reunion

NEW DATE: POWER OUTAGE

Please note there will be electrical maintenance taking place which results in Odette Hall's electrical system, being taken offline on Thursday, May 23rd from 9:00am-5:00pm. As a result of this power outage, the parish office will be closed on Thursday, May 23rd. Regularly scheduled Masses and confession will still take place, however there will be no lighting or speakers, and the washrooms will be unavailable.

SUMMER READING AT ST. BASIL'S: THE LORD OF THE RINGS

Alternate Wednesdays (June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21) 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Join fellow parishioners this summer in reading J.R.R. Tolkien's classic fantasy epic! Did you know that Tolkien was a devout Catholic, and that many of the book's themes were influenced by his faith? In this summer reading group, we'll be reading The Lord of the Rings with a special (though not exclusive!) focus on what makes the work "Catholic" and how being Catholic affects the way we understand it. Whether you're reading it for the first time or the fiftieth, all are welcome!

Begins Wednesday, June 12 at 7pm (and continuing every other Wednesday), meeting in the Decker Room. Please bring a copy of The Fellowship of the Ring (the first volume of The Lord of the Rings) – We will discuss the first section (Book One) at our first meeting. Registration is optional but helps us plan for the meetings.

Questions? Contact Kristina Glicksman: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

Register:

https://forms.office.com/r/ApW7R8QyDV

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Register: https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 1/2 ShareLife

Mass Intentions

MAY 19 - 25



Sunday

PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00am Leo O'Donnell (*)

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)4:30pm Tomo, Tereza, and Family (♣)

MONDAY

The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Souls in purgatory

TUESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Armando Terry (*), John Papez (*)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Rita Opaczewski (liv)

THURSDAY

7:30am John I. Glover (♣)

12:10pm Rowena Jose-Rabacal (*)

FRIDAY

7:30pm Amado J. Pasion (*)

12:10pm Fr. Norm Tanck (liv)

<u>Saturday</u>

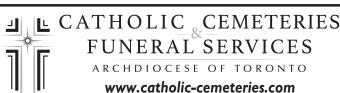
5:00pm Maria Portoraro (liv)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Dora Carbone, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Elaine Landrie, Margaret LaRose, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Dr. Peter Moran, Januz Niemczyk, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Girolamo Scoppio, Todd Snow, John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, and Alexander Wu.

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