

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

www.stbasiltoronto.org

50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, ON

416-926-7110

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.

BOUND TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

A young adult who had participated in the RCIA program a few years ago recently visited the parish after moving away. I was eager to catch up with him, and he was delighted to be back at St. Basil's. He told me that after his first Mass back, he bumped into a few people who were new to the parish and invited them downstairs to coffee hour. He said: "It reminded me how, at the Easter Vigil when I was Confirmed, we all passed the light to each other in the congregation. Just like I had been welcomed here, I had the chance to welcome someone new. I had a light to share."

In that moment, I had an image of light passing, candle to candle, in the darkened church, filling the space with light. I could also see in my mind people being welcomed, offered a seat at an ever-expanding table, invited into friendship with community and with God. This, for me, is the beauty and wonder of being part of the Body of Christ. We are called to be and share the light. We are called into a family circle that is always capable of growing wider. We are called into communion with those who are different from us, so that the Spirit can draw us into a new harmony.

By our baptism, we are interconnected across every barrier and boundary that might divide us. Connected to the person in the pew next to us, the Christians down the street, and the baptized that we have never seen in every part of the world. We belong to each other, and our lives are wrapped up together.

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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.

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:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

JoAnn M. Lopez

Margaret D'Elia

John DiCecco

Hilda O'Connor

Dr. John Paul Farahat

Adrian Ross

Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

Rosemary Boissonneau



Now, I don't know about you...but I know I cannot love my neighbour without the grace of the Holy Spirit. It is only with God's help that we can be made into one, walking together with hearts transformed to love and forgive. It is the Holy Spirit who forms us into the Body of Christ. Through the Spirit we are a people united in love and called to invite everyone into this wonderful web of belonging to God and one another. This is our identity and our mission as the Church, guided by the Spirit – this is what we remember and celebrate at Pentecost.

You might have heard Pentecost described as the Church's birthday. When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they were empowered to go out to proclaim the Gospel in ways that all whom they met might understand. They became the Body of Christ, sent out to draw more people of every background into the Body of Christ.

Today we celebrate Pentecost as not just as a moment in history, but an ever-present reality: The Spirit is being poured out into our world, our church, into our lives, desiring to communicate God's love and care to all creation – in and through us. The Spirit needs us to have hearts open to receive this gift and lives ready to partner in God's mission of renewing the face of the earth. As St. Paul says, "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Perhaps the questions we must ask on this birthday of the Church are:

- What particular gifts or charisms have I received from the Spirit?
- What part do I have to play in the mission of God?
- Whom should we invite into belonging in the Body of Christ?
- How are we being called to communicate God's love, mercy, and transforming power in ways that touch people's hearts?

I trust the Spirit will show us the way, together. Perhaps we will not feel the drama of the strong rushing wind and the tongues of fire, but guided by the Spirit, I know we will know love, belonging, an expanding table, and light shared, one life to another.

This Pentecost, let us pray: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth

~ JoAnn Melina Lopez

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS

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, is easy-to-learn and will bring stillness and peace to your life. All are welcome, no previous experience needed, and registration is not required. Contact: Lorena at spatakaly@yahoo.ca.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER EVENTS

Please save the date for these opportunities to grow in faith and friendship with the community through special events hosted at the parish or outdoors:

- **Sunday Softball in the Park**
 - Sundays, June 14, July 19, August 16, September 6, midday
- **Parish Potluck Picnic**
 - Saturday, August 15, daytime

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th 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

Upcoming offerings:

- May 25: "Revelation" and "Good Country People"
by Flannery O'Connor

ST. BASIL'S PARISH NATURE WALK

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 or by using the QR code on the posted flyers.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP CLOTHING DRIVE

May 23 - 24, before and after all Masses

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting gently used clothing, bedding, and footwear this weekend. 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! The next drive is on June 13 & 14.

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.

SHARELIFE

Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond — funding more than 40 agencies which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations. The third ShareLife Sunday is coming up on May 30 - 31, and we will have a ShareLife Speaker here to help us learn more about the mission. So far, our parish has raised just over 20% of our fundraising goal of \$109,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Not yet registered at the parish? Registration is an official way of becoming a member of a parish community. It allows us to know who is present in our community, to take your identity and needs into consideration as we plan, and to ensure you are heard in our parish. It also gives us the opportunity to communicate with you, especially at critical moments. To register, please visit our website: <https://www.stbasilortoronto.org/im-new> or pick up a paper registration form at the entrances.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 30 - 31: ShareLife

ShareLife supports agencies that carry out the mission work of the Church. This year is the 50th Anniversary of ShareLife. Our parish fundraising goal is \$109,000. To give, use a ShareLife envelope, give online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

June 6 - 7: Building Fund

This fund is set aside for future building repairs and renovation projects. It ensures our parish's long-term financial stability.

SAVE THE DATE: DONATION DRIVES

June 6 - 7: John Ford First Sunday Food Drive

June 13 - 14: Bundle Up Clothing Drive

MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 25 - 31



MONDAY

12:10pm | Lindsay & Julie Nelson (+, +)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Rebecca Felipe (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | John Papez (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Juan Gutierrez (+), Gianna Harris Lewis (+)

FRIDAY

12:10pm | Leonor Macalino (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Cui Suxian (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | John and Mary Teresa Popinko (+, +)

10:30am | *Pro Populo*

12:00pm | Giuseppe Ruggeri (+)

4:30pm | Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB (liv.)

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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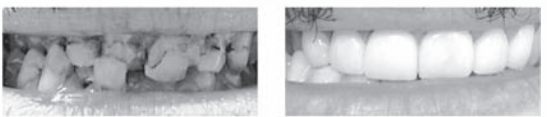
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