

MAY 25, 2025

EASTER VI

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

LOVING IN WIDENING CIRCLES

In the first reading the early Christian community is facing a crisis as it spreads the message of Christ throughout the world: what does it mean to be a follower of Christ? The Christian faith began within the Jewish community. All the early Christians were faithful Jewish people, proclaiming good news to other Jewish people. Yet, as they spread this message beyond their borders, Gentiles too were coming to faith in profound and powerful ways. The question became: did these new followers have to become Jews to follow Jesus? This is the question that brings about the first council of the Church, where, through prayer,

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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discernment, and discussion, the leaders of the community determine that the Holy Spirit was calling them to expand their imagination about what makes a follower of Jesus. Jewish identity and religious practice were determined to no longer be necessary for relationship with Christ. Our Psalm and Second Reading today resounded with the joy of the message of Christ being extended to all nations, without any barriers.

I imagine that it was difficult for these early Christians to leave behind what they had known, to embrace something new – a vision of God’s expansive welcome, beyond the familiar ways. There are many moments in the Church where we have been asked, through prayer and discernment, to embrace something new as we encounter new people, experiences, and questions. We are called in every generation to discern how to proclaim the good news in authentic ways. How might the Spirit be calling us today to expand our circle of love and inclusion in the Church, that all may encounter Christ’s love?

Participating in the Synod on Synodality renewed my understanding of how to truly listen to the Spirit at work in the Church, speaking throughout our lives. Like at the Council of Jerusalem, the whole Body of Christ was invited into the discernment and encouraged to continue to walk together in the Spirit. I am consoled by Jesus’ promise in the Gospel: “the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.” Since the very beginning, the Holy Spirit has been guiding the Church through moments of encounter and change, while keeping us rooted in Christ. As we await Pentecost, let us ask for the Spirit to renew us in love of Christ, that we might always know how to extend that love to every person and circumstance we encounter.

– JoAnn Melina Lopez

SHARELIFE

Your love can help others thrive

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you’re personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Brenda was weighed down by shame, having battled anxiety and depression for decades. Through your support, she found a new perspective at a Catholic Family Services agency funded by ShareLife, where counselling lifted her up and allowed her to see her own worth. Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees them: loving, important, and enough. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SOUND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Over the course of last week, changes were made to the sound system: New speakers were placed in the chancel around the Altar and underneath the organ loft. Additionally, a new sound amplification system was implemented to take advantage of new digital signals, replacing the radio signal devices used previously.

Over the coming weeks, an additional hearing assistance system will also be set up which brings connectivity to the sound system via Bluetooth through a smartphone app.

We happily welcome any feedback about the new sound system - some adjustments to the settings will be made to make sure we’re getting the most out of our new system. Please email Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca if you have any comments or concerns.

EX NIHILO PRESENTS O SACRUM

Saturday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.
Ensemble *ex nihilo*

Join ensemble *Ex nihilo* for a concert of Eucharistic choral music including Byrd, Josquin, Tallis, Bairstow, Messiaen, and 19th century Canadian plainchant. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted (suggested amount, \$20).

ST. BASIL'S PARISH NATURE WALK

Monday, June 9, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Explore the beauty of creation through a Toronto Ravine Hike, as we walk together in community, enjoying summer fun and friendship! Our starting point will be the Davisville TTC station, and we will walk through Mt Pleasant Cemetery and parts of the Central Ravines together. Registration required by Friday, June 6. After our walk concludes near Rosedale Station there will be an opportunity for those who are interested in a short social to purchase refreshments. Find out more and sign up at stbasiltoronto.org or contact JoAnn Lopez (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca) - 416-926-7122.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Mondays in Ardèche Hall (12:45pm-1:30pm) and Saturdays in the Decker Room (11am-Noon)

Seeking a space of peace and encounter with the sacred? Join us for a contemplative way of Christian prayer. It is very easy to learn and will bring stillness to your life. Offered in-person at St. Basil's (basement) on Mondays in Ardèche Hall (12:45pm-1:30pm) and Saturdays in the Decker Room (11am-Noon). Each session includes opening and closing prayer, a short instruction on Meditation, and a period of silent meditation (up to 20 minutes). All are welcome, no previous experience needed. No registration required but would be appreciated at: patakalv@yahoo.ca. For more information: or WCCM.org

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 24/25: Pope's Pastoral Works

MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 25-31



SUNDAY EASTER VI

9:00am Blackwell Family (liv)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Montse (liv)
4:30pm Ashfaq Shaikh (✱)

MONDAY ST. PHILIP NERI

7:30am Giuseppe Pallotta (✱)
12:10pm Gemma Ciavarella (liv)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Edna Agulto Santos (✱)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm John Papez (✱)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Leonor Macalino (✱)

FRIDAY

7:30am *Souls in Purgatory*
12:10pm Eileen McGloin (✱)

SATURDAY


5:00pm Gina and George Copeland (liv)

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, 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.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Maisie Henry.

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