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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:**

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

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## DWELLING TOGETHER IN GOD'S HOUSE

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us He is preparing a place for us in His Father's house, a house with many rooms. For many of us, this image of heaven as a family home is a comforting one as home is a place where you can truly be yourself, a place of safety, and most importantly a place of love.

We must not, however, get too far ahead of ourselves. Although eternal life in our Father's house is our ultimate goal, for now, we must navigate our very human homes. And while the family home can be a place of safety and love, it is also often a place of petty squabbles, shifting alliances, and everyday annoyances. The same can be said of the Church.

God may be preparing a perfect home for us in the hereafter, but in the meantime, Jesus meets us and builds His Church in this world, with all of our brokenness and our imperfections.

Moreover, Jesus did not build a separate church for each of us, but one Church for all. Irish author James Joyce once used the phrase "Here comes everybody" to describe the Catholic Church. While Joyce may have meant this somewhat pejoratively, there is something important and quite beautiful to what he said.

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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.*



Like our Father's heavenly house, the Church is a house with many rooms, but in this house, the occupants of these rooms don't always see eye to eye. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us of this fact as it describes the tensions between the Hellenists and the Hebrews in the early church. In many ways, the Church in the first century is not that different from the Church today. We must avoid falling into the trap of thinking our preferred way of being in the Church is the only way. And perhaps this is why the image of the Church as a house with many rooms can serve as an important reminder. We are called to respond to God's call not in isolation, but in community with others. This means learning to worship with and to live among the many different members of God's family, despite our differences. And like with the family home, this diversity and occasional conflict is not a weakness, but a chance for us to grow in love together as true brothers and sisters in Christ.

~ Steve Nadon

## READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

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 onward: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

## JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

May 2 - 3, before and after all Masses

Outreach volunteers are at all Masses this weekend for the John Ford Food Drive. Meal-replacement drinks, canned stews, and canned meat and fish are particularly helpful. During this season we also welcome donations of new or gently used rain gear to assist our adult patrons. Items such as socks, umbrellas, and coats will truly make a difference in someone's life. Some patrons have also requested sleeping bags. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted by volunteers at the table, and you can donate online.

## BUNDLE UP SUNDAY: 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 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!

## ACCESSIBLE DOORS TO CHURCH

We are excited to share that we have installed a system to improve accessibility into the church by automating the three doors between the elevator and the church. You will see "wave to open" panels on the wall near each of these doors, with directional signs that indicate which door each panel opens. The accessible doors will be operational during the hours the church is open to improve access to the church for all. During weekend Masses these doors will remain propped open to accommodate the heavy traffic between the church and the elevator. If you typically use the elevators to access St. Basil's, please check out the new automatic door panels, and ask our staff for assistance if you have questions about how they operate.

As a reminder, the church is open on weekends from 8:30am on Saturdays and 8am on Sundays until shortly after the final Mass of the day, and on weekdays from 7am to 7:30pm.

## PARISH REGISTRATION & GIVING

**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.stbasiltoronto.org/im-new> or pick up a paper registration form at the entrances.

There are three tax-deductible ways to give to St. Basil's:

- Weekly Sunday Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – *automatic monthly debits from your bank account*
- Credit Card (*using the kiosk or online via CanadaHelps*).

Our parish now is able to accept **offertory donations by credit and debit card** using the newly-installed TipTap Pay kiosk, located near the baptismal font.

## LUMEN GENTIUM FORUM

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### Applications now open for the 2026-2027 cohort

Applications are now open for the 2026-2027 cohort of the Lumen Gentium Forum, a nine-month fellowship program for young Catholic professionals, offered by CAPP-Canada in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto. This program is designed to form Catholics aged 25-40 for their vocations as leaders who serve the common good, share the light of Christ with others, and bring Gospel values alive in their careers, communities, families, parishes, and civic engagement. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Candidates can learn more and apply at [www.LumenForum.ca](http://www.LumenForum.ca). Contact Program Coordinators: Brendan Steven ([brendan@lumenforum.ca](mailto:brendan@lumenforum.ca)) and Robin D'Souza ([robin@lumenforum.ca](mailto:robin@lumenforum.ca)) for more information.

## LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

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Friday, May 15 to Sunday, May 17

St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.)

*Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents* invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$325 per person (\$225 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: [bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2026](http://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2026).

## EVERY LIFE IS PRECIOUS: PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT BILL C-218

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The Archdiocese invites you to contact your federal Member of Parliament, urging them to support Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. Without this amendment, MAiD will be available for mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Our Catholic faith teaches that every human life is a sacred gift from God. Mental illness requires treatment, support and love — never abandonment or the offer of death. Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218. More information about this campaign has been posted on our bulletin boards.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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### May 9 - 10: Building Fund

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

### 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.*

## UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

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Next Sunday, May 10, is the Sporting Life 10K, which closes Yonge Street from Front St. to just south of Lawrence Ave. This might affect your travel to the 9am Mass next weekend.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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MAY 04 - 10



### MONDAY

7:30am | Caterina Ciavarella (+)

### TUESDAY

12:10pm | Jacinto Russo (+), Joaquim & Maria Russo (+),  
Terence Coates (+), Encar Benemerito (liv.),  
Corazon Bueno (liv.), John Glover

### WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Elena Laurente (+)

### THURSDAY

12:10pm | Kathleen Jez Valdivia (+),  
Steven Daniel Syring (liv.)

### FRIDAY

12:10pm | Stefan & Anna Papez (+, +)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm | Pope Leo XIV (liv.)

### SUNDAY

9:00am | Lina Ciavarella (+)  
10:30am | Pro Populo  
12:00pm | Maria Dalux (+)  
4:30pm | Helia Maria DaSilva (+)

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**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, Maryanne Hodges, Helen Keeley, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, 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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