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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Coffee Hour follows the 10:30 a.m. Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 4:30-5:00 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)

Monday to Friday: 5:10 p.m.

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3-6 p.m.

First Friday: After 12:10 p.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Monday: 12:45 p.m. *Ardèche Hall (basement)*

Saturday: 11 a.m. *Decker Room (basement)*

FAITH SHARING (ONLINE)

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (<https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Monday & Tuesday Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul can be reached for assistance at 416-926-2292

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

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.

AMONG THE GREAT MULTITUDE

On today's feast of All Saints and tomorrow, All Souls, I cannot help but think of all those who have gone before us, such as friends, family, and, of course, the saints. There seems to be a saint's feast day for every day of the year, and a saint to whom we can turn for intercession in almost every situation. And these are only the saints we know about! There is also the "great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Revelation 7.9), described in the first reading.

Two of these saints are St. Augustine and St. Monica. We know a great deal about St. Augustine as he was a bishop, a prolific writer, and lived much of his life publicly. He wrote openly about his conversion and faith, and his autobiography, *Confessions*, has remained influential from his time to our own. In fact, the St. Basil's reading group will begin reading it this month.

By contrast, St. Monica, while also a famous saint, is only known largely because she was his mother. She was devoted to God and persisted in praying for her son's conversion. Augustine himself attributed much of his conversion to her prayers and honoured her life as an example of faith in *Confessions*. But if her son had not become such a famous saint and prolific writer, would we have heard of St. Monica? She did not write anything down or become famous during her lifetime. She lived quietly as a wife and mother. She prayed, wept, and persevered.

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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:

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Musician-in-Residence:

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Without St. Augustine, she might have been one of those countless saints we know are among that great multitude but whose names and stories we will never know. Perhaps this is part of what Jesus was describing in the Beatitudes (cf. Matthew 5.1-12). We do what we can in our small corner of the world and try to live our lives faithfully.

Last year, I prayed at St. Monica's tomb on a pilgrimage to Rome. I wondered how many other pilgrims that prayed there were living with the same devotion to God and family that she did. One fellow pilgrim was the mother of the priest accompanying us. She was there to scold him, feed him, and shop for him—much like St. Monica who followed St. Augustine to Milan, whether he liked it or not. The people in our own lives—family, friends, coworkers, and parishioners—may also be living quietly but with great devotion. Perhaps one day they will be saints too. Shouldn't we aspire to join them? We may never have our own feast day, but by living the Beatitudes and following the example of the saints, perhaps we too can become part of that great multitude.

~ Melody Tan

BUNDLE UP CLOTHING DRIVE

October 31 & November 1, before and after all Masses

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul are collecting gently used clothing, bedding, and footwear this weekend! Volunteers are at the truck parked outside the church before and after all Masses. Please consult the the list of accepted items. Thank you for your generosity!

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

October 31 & November 1, before and after all Masses

Outreach volunteers are here to collect donated unopened pantry items, which will be used for our meal service or distributed directly to our patrons. Meal-replacement drinks, canned stews, and canned meat and fish are particularly helpful to our patrons. During this season, we are especially grateful for hygiene essentials like antiperspirant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, lotion, razors & shaving cream. Patrons also appreciate adult incontinence underwear of all sizes, and winter gear like gloves and warm socks. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted and you can also donate online through our website.

ADVENT RETREAT: A JOURNEY INTO DIVINE LOVE

**Mondays, November 23 & 30, December 7, 14, & 21
7-8:30 p.m.**

Rooted in the Ignatian tradition, this 5-week Advent retreat invites you to experience God's presence in everyday moments and discover the great gift of Divine Love. Participants pray at home throughout the week and gather for spiritual conversation in small groups. Let this Advent be a season of connection, reflection and renewal. Please register by November 16. This series is hosted by St. Basil's and the Congregation of Jesus (Loretto Sisters), and will take place at the Mary Ward Center (70 St. Mary's St.). For more details and to sign up, visit: www.stbasiltoronto.org.

EVENING PRAYER: ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, November 2, 5:10 p.m.

Join us for Evening Prayer (Vespers) for The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). Part of the Liturgy of the Hours, this 30-minute service includes hymns, psalms, and readings, and offers an opportunity to pray together through word and music at the close of the day.

SING TO THE LORD!

Monday, November 16, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join us for an immersive evening of learning about music and the liturgy led by St. Basil's Director of Music and Principal Organist, Dr. John Paul Farahat. We will consider how song is woven into Scripture and salvation history, why we sing, and the place of sung prayer in the Church's liturgy. The evening will conclude with the celebration of Compline (Night Prayer). All are welcome, no registration required.

MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

In commemoration of All Souls' Day, and as a special way to honour our deceased loved ones at this time, our parish's Book of Remembrance will be on display in the church throughout the month of November. Please add the names of the faithful departed and pray for those listed.

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7- 8:30p.m.

We are a welcoming community of book lovers who read together, ponder what we've read, and share our thoughts and ideas. **From November 9 to February 8, we will read St. Augustine's *Confessions*.** Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for an hour of reflection and faith sharing on Zoom every Tuesday evening from 7:30-8:30 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! Register to receive the Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>.

SYNERGY 2026 CONFERENCE

November 3-5

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to Synergy Toronto 2026, which will bring together more than 400 participants and leaders from Catholic Social Services, Catholic Health, and Catholic Education for a three-day conference focused on strengthening collaboration in response to issues affecting individuals and communities in our shared context, including poverty, food insecurity, housing instability, and mental health. Grounded in Catholic Social Teaching, the conference reflects our belief that we can accomplish more together by building stronger relationships, advancing collaborative initiatives, and creating synergies that deepen our collective impact without compromising the quality or compassion at the heart of our mission. Register here: <https://catholicpraxis.ca/>.

COME & SEE VOCATIONS RETREAT

Friday, November 6 - Sunday, November 8
St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.)

The Office of Vocations at the Archdiocese of Toronto is offering a weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary for single men (aged 18+) who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Register: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeesee.

RENEW TORONTO 2026

Friday, November 20 - Saturday, November 21
1250 Markham Rd, Scarborough, ON M1H 2Y9St.

Join us on November 20-21 (Christ the King weekend) for RENEW Toronto, our annual conference for all young adults aged 18 to 39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith with like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples, families, men and women! More information: <https://renewtoronto.org/>.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 7-8: Building Fund

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

November 14-15: Shepherds' Trust

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 2 - 8



MONDAY

7:30 a.m. | Rolando Mercado (+)
12:10 p.m. | Stefan & Anna Papez (+, +)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Carl Burlock & Gene Lim (+, +), Margaret Hynes (+),
Oswald Fernandes (liv.), Muriel Alvares (liv.),

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Margaret Elizabeth Hynes (+)

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Carl Burlock & Gene Lim (+, +)

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. | Rolando Mercado (+)
12:10 p.m. | Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Maurice Rabot & Ken Chatfield (+, +)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Francesco & Rina Ornella, Fabrixio & Anna Marastroni (+)
10:30 a.m. | Pro Populo
12:00 p.m. | Maria Wong Sau Wan & Carlo Man Pong Fai (+)
4:30 p.m. | Margarita Ortega-Garciso (+) & Edward Ortega (liv.)

Pray for the Sick, especially, Sue Banfield, Marion Bayfield, Rebecca Beaton, Peter Bird, 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, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Beatriz Pasion, Leonor Riaño, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Francesca Young-Cvetkovich.

Pray for the Deceased.

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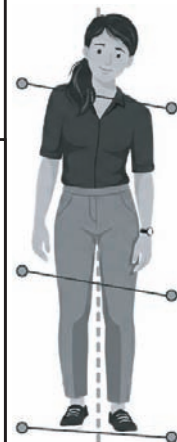
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