St. Basil's Catholic Parish

at the University of St. Michael's College

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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.

Children of Light

On Sunday mornings the children in Catechesis of the Good Sheperd (CGS) love singing "This Little Light of Mine". We hold up our index fingers close to our heart – representing the Light of Christ we receive at Baptism – and then we extend our arms out, stretching together to the ceiling, singing exuberantly "I'm going to let it shine!"

When asked how we let our light shine, these wise and wonderful children of the light say: "sharing!" "listening!" "being kind!" "loving!"

They know that they have a precious gift to share with all. Do we?

In today's Gospel it's easy for us to hear the word "talent" and think about our modern understanding of aptitudes and skills. In Jesus' time, a talent was a solid metal block (gold or silver) used as a unit of measurement. The value of a talent was about 15–20 years of wages for the average worker. So, each person in our parable is being entrusted with an unfathomably lavish treasure. Beyond our particular strengths, the first extravagant treasure we have all been entrusted with is God's abundant, live-giving love and mercy.

Sometimes we live in fear of losing this treasure. I know for a long time in my life I was afraid of God's judgement. Of disappointing God. That fear kept me frozen and stuck, unable to fully receive and unwrap the gift I have been given. I've found instead that (like any good gift) the treasure of God's love must be used and shared. It is not easily lost, but so abundant and easily multiplied. God desires freedom and flourishing, not fear. The "fear of the Lord" mentioned in our scriptures is not about being afraid but is a phrase to capture the feeling of awe we feel before the Lord – similar to how I feel when looking at Niagara Falls, wonder-struck by majesty, beauty, and power.

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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:	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
Lay Pastoral Associate:	JoAnn M. Lopez
Office Manager (on leave):	Margaret D'Elia
Director of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Music & Principal Organist:	Dr. John Paul Farahat
Associate Organist:	Adrian Ross
Musician-in-Residence:	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Coordinator of Community Engagement:	Rosemary Boissonneau

Administered by the Basilian Fathers

We should be in awe of the God who loves us. This awe reminds us that we must remain attentive to opportunities to keep receiving and sharing the gift of God's love. This Monday, November 16, we celebrate the 170th anniversary of St. Basil's consecration, the day when the church was blessed and dedicated to the worship and service of God. How might we, as a parish community, dedicate ourselves today to living as a beacon of light in our neighbourhood? Perhaps we could start by embodying the qualities of the woman in Proverbs 31: "*She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*"

Or, as the children of our parish would say, in simple words: "sharing!" "listening!" "being kind!" "loving!"

~ JoAnn Lopez

Sing to the Lord!

Monday, November 16, 7–8:30 p.m.
Beginning in Macrina Hall (St. Basil's basement)

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. We will gather in Macrina Hall (basement) and the evening will conclude with the celebration of Compline (Night Prayer) in the church. All are welcome, no registration required.

Organ Concert

Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.

Join us at St. Basil's for an organ concert by Associate Organist Adrian Ross. This concert is the first of three recitals towards the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Performance. The concert will feature Thierry Escaich's monumental "Le cri des abîmes" as well as music by French composers César Franck, Louis Vierne, and Maurice Duruflé. Admission is free; donations towards the continued care of St. Basil's organ will be gratefully accepted.

Serra Club of Toronto Downtown Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, after 12:10 p.m. Mass

The next meeting of the Serra Club of Toronto Downtown, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 in the St. Basil's Parish Hall following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

Our guest speaker will be Deacon Paul Bar, president of Friends of Dismas. This lay movement, named after the good "thief" crucified beside Jesus, supports individuals touched by the criminal justice system, ex-prisoners, and their families. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are most welcome.

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.

Calling All Bakers!

We need your delicious, homemade, and decorated Christmas cookies to sell at the University of St. Michael's College (USMC) Christmas Market on December 9. Proceeds will support St. Basil's Outreach and Out of the Cold programs. **Please deliver your treats to the parish office between Sunday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 8**. The outreach volunteers will package them beautifully for sale. Thank you for your generous support!

WCCM-Toronto Advent Retreat

Saturday November 28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
St. Basil's Church (Macrina Hall) & Live Streamed

The World Community for Christian Meditation – Toronto (WCCM-Toronto) invites you to an Advent retreat with the theme: **Living into the light of Salvation: Finding hope in an age of uncertainty.**

The season of Advent invites us to place our faith and hope in the saving power of Christ Jesus. What is the spiritual meaning of the darkness that seems to threaten our world and how do we live into the Light of Christ that is our ultimate source of hope? Join us for a retreat day of prayer, meditation, reflection, and sharing as we explore these questions together. In-person participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

Featuring Michael Hryniuk, Ph.D., a theologian, educator, psychotherapist & spiritual director who served as the Executive Director of the Henri Nouwen Society and the Associate Director of the John Main Centre for Meditation & Inter-religious Dialogue at Georgetown University.
Register: https://bit.ly/Advent-2026.
Questions? Contact wccmtoronto2@gmail.com

Ministry Highlight

Here at St. Basil's, we prioritize Community and Belonging, Lay Leadership, Prayerful Encounter, and Compassionate Service. We ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider how you might be called to share your gifts through involvement in parish ministries. Learn more at: https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/ministries.

Volunteers representing the parish's liturgical ministries will be here after all Masses next weekend (November 21-22) to share about their ministries, which enrich our parish's life of prayer:

Altar Servers

Altar Servers offer reverent assistance and attention to detail at Mass. Adults or children who have received First Communion are welcome to serve!

Communion Minister

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion share Christ with the congregation with joy and reverence. Volunteers must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Hospitality Minister (Usher)

Ushers offer a welcoming smile, answer questions, assist with the weekly collection, and help cultivate a hospitable and caring community of belonging at St. Basil's.

Lector

Lectors prayerfully proclaim the scriptures at Mass, allowing listening hearts to burn with love for the Living Word.

Commitment: *The ministries listed above serve our weekend liturgies and can accommodate a flexible schedule. These volunteers must be registered parishioners. Consider serving the Lord and the parish community as a liturgical minister!*

Parish Choir

St. Basil's Parish Choir is a 45-member ensemble which serves from September to June at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Open to singers from the parish and wider community, the Parish Choir rehearses, sings, and prays in service of the liturgical life of St. Basil's.

Commitment: *From September to June, weekly on Sundays from 10:00-11:30 a.m., as well as for Christmas liturgies and the Easter Triduum. Regular rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m.*

Speak to the volunteers next weekend, or contact Rosemary (rboissonneau@archtoronto.org) for more information.

Taizé at U of T

Friday, November 27, 6–8 p.m.
Knox College Chapel (59 St. George St.)

All are welcome to join the Taizé Prayer at U of T community for an evening of meditative prayer, stillness, and song in the style of Taizé.

Upcoming Second Collections

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.

Upcoming Road Closures

November 22: *The annual Santa Claus Parade and Holly Jolly Fun Run will take place next Sunday, impacting Bloor St W (Christi to Yonge) & Yonge St (Bloor to Richmond). The route is different from previous years, so please plan accordingly.*

Mass Intentions



November 16 - 22

Monday

7:30 a.m.	Ester Afante (liv.)
12:10 p.m.	John Papez (+)

Tuesday

12:10 p.m.	Alexander & Olga Barna, Rizalino Jose (+), Rowena Jose-Rabacal (+), Francis, Mary, and Monica Gannon (+), Winnie Why (+), Carl Burlock & Gene Lim (+), Majer, Oehlert, Vidovic, and Anderson Families (+, liv.), Priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto (+, liv.)

Wednesday

12:10 p.m.	Vocations

Thursday

12:10 p.m.	Kevin & Aidan MacCarthy (liv.), Terence Coates (+), Carl Burlock & Gene Lim (+, +), Jean Anna Shantz (+), Souls in Purgatory (+)

Friday

7:30 a.m.	Edward Rzadki (+)
12:10 p.m.	Lily Khayatt (liv.)

Saturday

5:00 p.m.	Ana Librada Ramos (+)

Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Shirley Campbell (+)
10:30 a.m.	*Pro Populo*
12:00 p.m.	Maria Lo & Joseph Wong Man Hoi (+, +)
4:30 p.m.	Zofia & Marian Kupfer (+, +)

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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