

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm (Saturday)
9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 4:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Friday: 7:30am
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 *Ardèche Hall (basement)*
Saturday: 11:00am *Decker Room (basement)*

FAITH SHARING (ONLINE)

Tuesday: 7pm (<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:
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Office Administrator:
Director of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist:
Musician-in-Residence:

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

RADICAL TRUST

How do we live, knowing that we and everyone we love will die?

Today's challenging scriptures do not immediately comfort us or answer this question. We know we are living in a time of challenging circumstances, facing war, false prophets, catastrophes, just like the scripture writers. As in every age, the human struggle is vast and inevitable. How we lovingly, intentionally, and faithfully face these struggles and our own inevitable death can lead us towards living "radical discipleship", according to Fr. Ron Rolheiser.

Most of us want to cling to a sense of certainty when we are afraid and struggling. If the Temple in the gospel represents certainty, well, we know that it crumbles! Reaching for certainty to alleviate our fears is futile given that life comes with heavy doses of unpredictability and vulnerability. Ask anyone who has faced a serious illness, or an accident, or had a loved one die unexpectedly. It is natural to look for signs that God is with us in the midst of struggles. The gospel today calls us to trust in God's unwavering care ("not a hair on your head will perish") especially when we feel the moving ground of uncertainty below us.

How do we stand in uncertainty? How do we testify with how we live that we trust in God's care? The gospel gives us some direction here as to how to live in this radical discipleship. First, "do not prepare your defence in advance". While words and stories can bring comfort and explanations, what we need in these moments cannot be pre-planned.

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.



Real listening to God's voice in the "sacred core of our being" is what is called for. This is where prayer and meditation invite us to sink deeply into this sacred place where we can listen to God's guidance in our lives. We are not asked to find the answers but to trust we are being led and cared for and perhaps, we will "live along some distant day into the answer", as the poet Rilke wrote.

I am also struck by the call to remain faithful and not give in to fear. When I'm afraid, I immediately want assurances that everything is going to be okay. But I think the gospel is leading me instead to go into silence and let go of certainty and open to radically trusting in God's care.

I recently retired and have less life ahead of me than I do behind me. I think more about how I will live into accepting my mortality as the years go on. While I will have some control over keeping fit and healthy, I also know that living is a vulnerable experience and every day is a gift. I am embracing more that it is a privilege to get older, not something to complain about. I hope that I will have the courage to live this season of my life trusting in God's great love and care, knowing that eternity is the final home for us all

May we be open to the opportunities to testify to God's profound love with how we live every day, especially when in uncertainty, remembering that God's words and wisdom are always available to us.

~ Monica Godin

DOWNTOWN TORONTO SERRA CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
After the 12:10pm Mass

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 in the St. Basil's Parish Hall following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Our guest speaker will be **Cheryl Ann Smith** who will speak about her faith journey and relationship with Madonna House, an ecclesial community founded in 1947 comprised of lay men, women and priests. Cheryl has been a member of Madonna House for 45 years, serving as Director in several houses, and as novice mistress, and schola director. Currently, she is director of the Madonna House in Toronto. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are most welcome.

WELCOME, JOHN!

Please join the parish staff in extending a warm welcome to John DiCecco, who is joining the parish team as our temporary full time Office Administrator.

John is dedicated to supporting the mission and ministry of St. Basil's by ensuring the smooth and welcoming operation of the parish office. John brings extensive experience in administration, finance, and organizational leadership, having worked for more than twenty years in the financial services sector. He is also an alumnus of St. Michael's College. John looks forward to serving the parishioners of St. Basil's with dedication and hospitality and to helping foster an atmosphere that reflects care, respect, and the love of Christ. Please introduce yourself to John during our parish weekday office hours.

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 Thursday, December 4, from 3-6pm. Proceeds will support St. Basil's outreach initiatives. **Please deliver your treats to the parish office between Sunday, November 30 to Tuesday, December 2.** The outreach volunteers will package the cookies beautifully for sale. Thank you for your generosity and support!

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm
Upcoming text on Nov. 24 & Dec. 8:
Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather

We are a welcoming community of book lovers who read together, ponder what we've read, and share our thoughts and ideas. Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

TAIZÉ PRAYER AT U OF T

Friday, November 28, 6pm
Knox College Chapel (59 St George St.)

All are welcome to join the Taizé Prayer at U of T meditative prayer and song in the style of the Taizé on Friday, November 28 at 6 pm at Knox college. A reception with a catered dinner will follow (registration required). Please sign up for the mailing list at: <http://eepurl.com/jq5U66>.

ST. BASIL'S IS HIRING

St. Basil's is seeking a dynamic, collaborative, and compassionate Coordinator of Community Engagement to foster a culture of hospitality, encounter, servant leadership, and engagement at the parish by ensuring parishioners of all ages feel welcomed, known, and valued as part of our faith community. This part-time (15 hours/week) role would primarily involve being present at the parish on weekends and one weekday. Please spread the word! **Application deadline is December 1.** Find out more details through the Archdiocesan website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/careers>

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

Saturday, November 29, 2025, 9am
Online Webinar, free

The Archdiocese of Toronto & Catholic Cemeteries Estate Planning Team invite you to a free online webinar, where you can learn:

- How to avoid problems in your Will & in the Powers of Attorney through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- Catholic traditions about cremation, burials & funerals

Register: grco.de/WebNov29 or use QR Code on flyer.

WCCM-TORONTO ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday November 29, 2025, 10am – 4pm
St. Andrew's United Church (117 Bloor Street East)
In Person & Live Streamed

The World Community for Christian Meditation – Toronto (WCCM-Toronto) invites you to **Thy Kingdom Come: Preparing For the Advent of Christ in an Anxious World.**

How are we called to prepare for the advent of God's kingdom in a time of such chaos and uncertainty in our world? How do we welcome Christ amid great turmoil and anxiety? We will explore these questions as a spiritual community through meditation, silent reflection and sharing. 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-Nov29>
Questions? Contact wccmtoronto2@gmail.com

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 15–16: The Shepherds' Trust

This fund ensures that elderly and disabled priests have sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 17 - 23



MONDAY

7:30am | Souls in Purgatory (+)
12:10pm | Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Jose Amor Flores (+)
Souls in purgatory & their families (+, liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Vocations

THURSDAY

12:10pm | George Wickes (+),
Christina Kowalska (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Ginger Shu Fong Chung (+)
12:10pm | John Papez (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Shirley Campbell (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Erik Klotz (liv.)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Annunziata Morelli (+)
4:30pm | Dr. Reynaldo Echavez (+)

Pray for the Sick, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandeller, Lynden Beiyang Chen, 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, 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, especially, Fr. Doug Hilmer, CSB, and Fr. Joe Walsh, CSB

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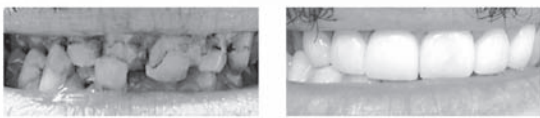


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