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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:

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Director of Music & Principal Organist:

Assistant Organist:

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FINDING HOPE

IN THE MYSTERY OF DEATH

Death, though often feared or misunderstood, is a profound mystery woven into the fabric of my Christian faith. In the light of Christ, it is not an end but a passage—a sacred moment when the temporal yields to the eternal. St. Augustine of Hippo teaches that creation was made subject to vanity, but in hope, because God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to permit no evil to exist (Enchiridion, ch. 11). Even death, the seeming triumph of loss and decay, becomes an instrument through which God reveals His power to bring life from death, hope from despair, and eternity from the dust of time.

Death, therefore, is not merely a tragedy; it is the threshold of transformation. It reminds me that my earthly journey is not my final dwelling. I am a pilgrim moving toward a home prepared for me by the Father. Each encounter with death, whether my own mortality or the loss of a loved one, whispers this eternal truth: I was not created for this world but for communion with God.

The Psalmist prays, "Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart" (Ps 90:12). To meditate on death is not to yield to fear, but to grow in wisdom—to see life as a fragile, sacred gift meant to be offered back to the Giver. Death, then, is a teacher. It instructs me to live more fully, love more deeply, and cling less tightly to what is passing.

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.



Yet death is not only a moment at life's end; it is a mystery I live with daily. Every act of letting go, every forgiveness offered or pride surrendered, is a small death that prepares me for the great passage. As Job proclaimed, "Naked I came forth from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return; the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). To die to self daily is to rise continually with Christ, to become more attuned to eternity while still walking through time.

Death purifies me of all that distracts me from God. It calls me to detach from what is fleeting so that my heart may rest in what is eternal. As the Book of Wisdom assures, "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God... as gold in the furnace, He proved them" (Wis 3:1,6). Death is not destruction but refinement, the moment when the soul, purified by love, is gathered into the hands of its Creator.

To contemplate death in faith is to deepen trust in God's mercy and remember that every moment of life prepares me for eternity. It may be helpful to ask: How does my faith in Christ's resurrection shape how I view death? In what ways am I invited to 'die daily' to some disordered attachments? When I experience loss, can I see it as sharing in Christ's Paschal mystery? Do I live each day as preparation for the joyful encounter with God?

~ Deacon Maximus Chongo, SJ

ADVENT RETREAT: A JOURNEY INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS

Mondays, November 17 & 24, December 1, 8 & 15
7-8:30pm

Rooted in the Ignatian tradition, this 5-week Advent retreat invites you to experience God's presence in everyday moments and discover how friendship with Jesus opens the door to something far greater than ourselves. Participants pray at home throughout the week and gather for spiritual conversation in small groups, facilitated by our parishioner leaders. Let this Advent be a season of connection, reflection and renewal. Please register by November 9 to help us with planning. For more details and to sign up, visit our website.

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. If you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position, please spread the word! Application Deadline Nov. 9. Find out more details through the Archdiocesan website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/careers>

EXPLORE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Wednesday, November 12
7-7:45pm

Join us as we learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church. This introductory session, which begins with a short explanatory talk, is followed by an opportunity to pray Evening Prayer (Vespers) together, and includes hymns, psalms, readings, and silence. All are welcome. For more information, contact johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca.

SUPPORTING FAITH JOURNEYS

St. Basil's is lucky to have about 40 people seeking to grow in relationship with Christ through preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation this year. Their desire for God is a great witness of hope in our community during this Jubilee Year! These spiritual seekers need our support in their faith journey. As part of a welcoming community of faith, please prayerfully consider if you are being called to support the RCIA cohort in one of these ways:

1. **Being a Mass partner** (during the weekend Mass time you already attend) – host a participant during the liturgy so they feel welcomed and more comfortable participating.
2. **Being a sponsor** (meeting weekly, scheduled one-on-one) – walk with someone as a conversation partner in faith. Sponsors must have already received the Catholic Sacrament of Confirmation.
3. **Praying for the participants** (on your own time) – pray for a particular participant by name each week, entrusting their needs to God.

Contact JoAnn Lopez (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca) for more information and to sign up!

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

November 1-2, before & after all Masses

This weekend is the John Ford First Sunday Food Drive, which supports our Outreach Ministry and the patrons we serve. In addition to unopened pantry items and rain and winter gear, cash donations are accepted at the table in the narthex. You can also donate online through our website.

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.

ONLINE SERIES: "THE FOUR CONSTITUTIONS OF VATICAN II"

**Tuesdays, November 11 & December 2,
7-9pm**

The Office of Formation for Discipleship at the Archdiocese invites you to participate in an online study of "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II." Each gathering will include presentation, reflection, and conversation.

The November 11 session is on *Gaudium et Spes* (on the Church in the Modern World). Register:

<https://bit.ly/FCV2-Register2025>

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF JUSTICE

**Thursday, November 13, 4-5:30pm
Regis College (100 Wellesley St W., Toronto, ON)**

Join Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) for an inspiring and timely event featuring Sister Laura Vicuña Pereira Manso, a Franciscan Catechist and Indigenous leader from Brazil's Kariri people. This event highlights the powerful role women play as changemakers in the global struggle for justice, equality, and sustainability. Sr. Laura has spent over 20 years advocating for human rights and environmental justice in the Brazilian Amazon. As vice president of the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon (CEAMA), she works alongside Indigenous communities resisting illegal logging, land theft, and extractive industries. Her voice is a vital one in the Catholic Church and beyond, championing the inclusion of women and the protection of vulnerable communities. Register at <https://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/fall-campaign-2025/>

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 8-9: 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 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 3 - 9



MONDAY

7:30am | Terence Coates (+)
12:10pm | Muriel Alvares (liv.)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Irene Isabel Ginther (+)
Maria Teresa Leung Man Wei Tin (+)
Joannes Leung Kwong (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Lindsay and Julia Nelson (+, +)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Corazon, Vicente, Dante (+, +, +)
Dr. Peter Moran (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Souls in Purgatory (+)
12:10pm | Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Beulah Almeida (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Chunmei Liu & Min (Jane) Huang (+, +)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30pm | Paul Kasta (+)

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, Dr. Peter Moran, 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, Donald Donnelly and Robert Sum.

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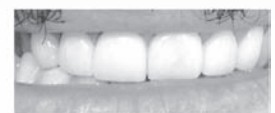
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