

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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:
Office Manager (on leave):
Office Administrator:
Director of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist:
Musician-in-Residence:

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JoAnn M. Lopez
Margaret D'Elia
John DiCecco
Hilda O'Connor
Dr. John Paul Farahat
Adrian Ross
Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

THE KING OF LOVE

When I think of Christ the King, I do not think of royalty on a throne, but rather Jesus on the cross. He was wounded, vulnerable, and full of love. Today's Gospel allows us to reflect on that exact moment, where Jesus is hung between two criminals. He is mocked and questioned as the Son of God, and yet in this horrible moment, Christ shines as king.

One of the criminals asks Christ to remember him. In that moment of fear and death, that individual turned to Christ. Whenever I feel worried or scared, I tend to do the same. Prayer helps me get through the most difficult challenges in my life. It allows me to take a moment to tune out all distractions and have a conversation with God.

Jesus' power as king is not in domination, but in compassion. His crown is not jewelled, but thorned. Through everything, His love reigns supreme. Christ the King reminds me that I do not have to have life all figured out, but to model my life after His leadership. As long as I keep God as a pillar in my life, this provides the much needed foundation to guide me each day. This is evident in both my personal and professional life. As an educator at St. Michael's College School, Christ's character helps me live a life of faith, character, and service both inside and outside of the classroom.

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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.



This feast day invites us to ask who and what reigns in our hearts. Do we have an open heart for Christ, who offers peace, love, compassion, and eternal life? Or do we find that we put the blame on God when things do not go our way?

As we near the end of this liturgical year, it is a moment for us to reflect on our relationship with Christ and His limitless mercy. The criminal on the cross demonstrated that it is never too late to turn to Christ. As long as we ask Christ to remember us, He will, because His love will be present always. Our hope is that one day, we will join Christ the King in paradise.

~ Andrew Kiel

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!

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!

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Wednesday, December 17, 7-8pm

Join us for Advent Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 17, at 7pm at St. Basil's. This prayer service, featuring sacred scripture, hymns, and choral music, will prepare us to encounter Christ as we journey through the last seven days of the Advent season towards the Nativity of the Lord. For more information, contact johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca.

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

SHARELIFE: HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

Our parish is just \$35,000 away from our suggested goal for this year's ShareLife campaign, which supports agencies that carry out the mission work of the Church. Until the end of the year, contributions will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Your support for ShareLife becomes a saving grace for at-risk children and youth, refugees in crisis, and survivors of domestic violence, ensuring they receive the care and resources they need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or you may donate online at sharelife.org/donate, and select St. Basil's as your parish.

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>

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 for an evening of meditative prayer and song in the style of the Taizé on Friday, November 28 at 6pm at Knox college. A reception with a catered dinner will follow (registration required for the dinner, please sign up through the QR code on the flyer). Please sign up for the mailing list at: <http://eepurl.com/jq5U66>.

WCCM-TORONTO ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday November 29, 2025, 10am – 4pm
St. Paul's Anglican Church (227 Bloor Street East)
please note new location
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 chaos and uncertainty? How do we welcome Christ amid the world's 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. Register: <https://bit.ly/Advent-Nov29>
Contact wccmtoronto2@gmail.com

ST. MIKE'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday, December 4, 3–6pm, Elmsley Place (campus)

Come and share in a beloved tradition, our annual St. Michael's Christmas Market. You'll find handcrafted gifts and unique treasures for everyone on your Christmas list! Partial event proceeds and all monetary donations will support the St. Basil's Out of the Cold Program.

ADVENT USMC SCHOLA CONCERT

Monday, December 8, 7:30pm, St. Basil's Parish

All are invited to the St. Michael's Schola Cantorum's Advent Concert on Monday, December 8, 7:30 pm at St. Basil's Church. The Schola will sing a program of chants and carols ancient and new, in keeping with the Advent spirit of longing, hope, reverence, and joy. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted in support of St. Mike's Campus Ministry's outreach to the St. Basil's Out of the Cold Program.

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

Saturday, November 29, 2025, 9am, Online

The Archdiocese of Toronto & Catholic Cemeteries Estate Planning Team invite you to a free online webinar, where you can learn about proper Estate Trustee selection and Catholic traditions about cremation, burials & funerals. Register: qrco.de/WebNov29 or use QR Code on flyer.

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 24 - 30



MONDAY

7:30am | Souls in Purgatory (+)
12:10pm | Bernadette Lopez (liv.) & deceased family members (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Wadad Caummy (+), Paul Khoury (+),
Joe Haddock (+), Catherine Motha (+),
Sr. Agnes Teresa Shean (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Dr. Peter Moran (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Vincent and Pamela Buklis (+, +),
Diana Tam (+), Angela Wang (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Rita Katrina & Sundae Mark (liv., liv.)
12:10pm | Stefan and Anna Papez (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Toufic, Nadia, Grace & Paul Seenawe and
Peter Codsí (+, +, +, +)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Dr. Peter Moran (+)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Maria Wong Sau Wan & Carlo Man Pong Fai (+, +)
4:30pm | Lorenzo D'Andrea (liv.), Mario Ferreira (+),
Jose Carrillo (+) & Bruno D'Andrea (+)

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, 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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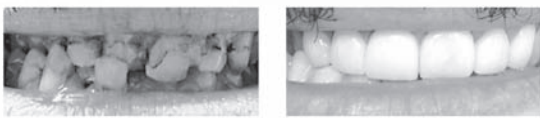
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