Ordinary Time XXXI

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH





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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm Sunday: 8:15am - 1:15pm

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm (sat) 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm; 4:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:30am; 12:10pm

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 12:00pm Saturday: 4:30pm - 5:00pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:
Office Manager:
Director of Faith Formation
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist
Musician-in-Residence:
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Community Engagement:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
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Dr. John Paul Farahat
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WHOLEHEARTED LOVE

'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart [...] You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

I reflect on these words: Do I live this commandment out wholeheartedly? Have I been listening well? Am I open to God's presence in my life? Am I grateful to God? Have I prioritized something above God? How has my love of God been manifest in my attitudes, actions, words, and relationships? Do I recognize myself as God's beloved child? Do I consider my neighbour (friend and stranger) and act with love towards them?

When asked what is most important, Jesus weaves

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. We are blessed because you are all here!

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.







together two passages from different parts of the Hebrew scriptures to form a single commandment. He teaches us that loving our neighbor as ourselves is the embodiment of loving God wholeheartedly. Jesus himself embodied this interconnected love in his life, and calls and empowers us as disciples to do the same, wholeheartedly.

The first step, perhaps, is to encounter God's great love for us. We cannot give what we have not received. Every time we come to the table of the Eucharist we meet this Great Love, we are invited to be formed and transformed by our encounter with Christ, and we are sent on a mission to enflesh God's Love in our world. This November as we commemorate the faithful departed, we can be grateful to our ancestors in faith who are role models of this wholehearted love.

There is a prayer attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, which begins: "Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything." How has our love of God tangibly "affected everything" in our life?

-JoAnn Melina Lopez

Join the Parish Choir!

From September to June, Saint Basil's Parish Choir sings at the Sunday morning 10:30am Mass. The Parish Choir nurtures a love of music, strengthens singing abilities, and offers a close-knit community through which to serve the liturgy.

Choir members commit to regular rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00pm and meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. As part of their enrolment, choir members have the option of receiving voice lessons with our Musician-in-Residence, Dr. Lindsay McIntyre.

Interested in joining? Contact our Director of Music and Principal Organist, Dr. John Paul Farahat, at johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca.

SAVE THE DATE!

ARCHBISHOP LEO WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 10:30AM MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

CHORAL CONCERT: FALL MYSTICISM

Join the Elmer Iseler Singers and the Elora Singers, with conductor Lydia Adams, on Friday, November 8, at 7:30pm at St. Basil's, for the world premiere of Peter-Anthony Togni's new composition, *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*. The acclaimed Canadian composer Peter-Anthony Togni, son of former St. Basil's organist Victor Togni, offers his transcendent and mystical work in a performance by two of Canada's finest choral ensembles. Tickets can be purchased for this concert online at www.elmeriselersingers.com, \$45 (regular) / \$40 (senior) / \$25 (under 30). For more information, email info@elmeriselersingers.com.

FAITH IN FOCUS

In this series we reflect on excerpts of Church documents that invites us to deepen our life of faith. For the next few weeks, we will be reading sections on The Eucharist featured in "Teach Us to Pray" (2024) published for the Year of Prayer, to prepares us for the 2025 Jubilee Year.

"Thanksgiving: Before leaving the church, it is good to pause (at least for five minutes) to give thanks for the gift received in Holy Communion, aware that the Lord has come to visit us. In this way, we can more carefully cherish the grace within us and be able to face the world with His help." (Teach Us to Pray, p. 25)

Reflect: Gratitude is a way of praying here at Mass and throughout our lives. Consider incorporating a practice of gratitude into each day. One way to do this is to reflect on the day and share something you are thankful for at the family dinner table each week.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Interested in serving our community at weekend Masses as a Lector, Communion Minister, Altar Server, or Minister of Hospitality? We would love to have you share your gifts to enrich our worship and draw our community closer to Christ.

All new volunteers are required to complete the Volunteer Application Form (found on our website) and attend our upcoming training and formation in order to serve in these roles. Our training is scheduled for Monday, November 4 at 6:30p.m. You can RSVP to JoAnn Lopez (joann.lopez@ utoronto.ca). For a list of liturgical ministries and their duties, check out our website.

SACRED BEGINNINGS COLLECTIVE

Are you and your spouse expecting, expecting to be expecting, or knee-deep in diapers? We're excited to invite married couples to join the Sacred Beginnings Collective at St. Basil's! We're building a community of couples supporting one another as we seek to love God, our spouses, and our kids more deeply. Families meet once a month, in St. Basil's Macrina Hall, and you can choose between a morning or evening session (9-10:15 am, or 5-6:15 pm). Our first gathering is on Sunday, November 10. Email Catherine and Brendan at cath.s.steven@ gmail.com or check out our website to register.

CONGRATULATIONS!

2024 Altar Server Awards, Serra Club of Toronto Downtown in the Archdiocese of Toronto

Each year, the GTA Serra Clubs recognize altar servers throughout the Archdiocese for their service and achievements. Congratulations to Ebubechukwu Anthony Itanyi and Chukwuebuka Michael Itanyi, who received an Altar Server Award on Saturday, October 26 at a Mass at St. Paul's Basilica. Anthony and Michael are brothers who have been serving faithfully at our parish since their family moved to Toronto two years ago. We are grateful for their wonderful example of service at the liturgy!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 9/10: Building Fund November 16/17: Shepherds' Trust

Mass Intentions

NOVEMBER 3-9



SUNDAY

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9:00am Luis, Eva, Max, Shirley (*,*,*,*)

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Vivian Kwok (liv)

4:30pm Mateo Selleri (♣)

<u>Monday</u>

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

7:30am Souls in purgatory

12:10pm Erika Schweigerlehner (*)

TUESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Maria Wong Sau Wan and Carlo Man

Pong Fai (♣,♣), Lionel Lafreniere (♣)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Peter Moran (liv)

12:10pm John Papez (♣)

<u>Thursday</u>

12:10pm Yeung Ng So and Yeung Sui Wan (*.*).

Jovita Padel (♣), Lolita Eusebio (♣)

FRIDAY

7:30pm Corazon, Viente and Dante (*,*,*)

12:10pm Meg Sheehan (♣)

<u>Saturday</u>

5:00pm Austin and Hilda Lehman (♣,♣)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Elaine Landrie, Margaret LaRose, Cheekon Leong, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Dr. Peter Moran, Januz Niemczyk, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Carmelita Salazar, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Rosalie Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

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