

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

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REASONS TO HOPE

Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ, who is the light of the world. The colour purple serves as a visual reminder of the need for reconciliation as a means of preparation for this season. Spiritually, it is a time of interior attentiveness and restoration, which can mirror a pilgrimage and hope. Symbolically, lighting four candles on the wreath represents the four Sundays preceding Christmas Eve. Liturgically, the first Sunday of Advent signposts the beginning of a new church year.

St. Paul urges us, 'now is the time to wake up because salvation is closer now than when we became believers.' This is true: we became believers. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:5) So we might ask: when was the time that we first realized that each of us is a beloved child of God, individually known by God and personally loved in the eyes of God?

Notably, this year's Advent season falls during the Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" (December 24, 2025, to January 6, 2026). Pope Leo XIV prays that the grace of the Jubilee will make us want to experience divine revelation again. The question, therefore, is how? If we experience chronological time once, how can we re-experience that encounter again?

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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.



Fortunately, each Mass revives the cyclical time, calling us to remember and re-experience our faith. The 3-6 year olds in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program can teach us. As they light the four candles on the Advent wreath — hope, peace, joy, and love — the children's cheerfulness and wonder confirm that the purpose is celebration. Some cannot read yet; but they sing reverently, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20).

It is a mystery that, via sensory experiences and reasoning, children grasp the heart of the Christian message in parables, history, and geography. Gracefully, children connect the Incarnation of Jesus with Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14), the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), the Light of the World (John 8:12), the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), and more: Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition are one Dei Verbum (the Word of God).

Hence, in this season of new beginnings, let us encourage one another to participate in 1. being friends with time and remembering our respective faith journeys; 2. re-awakening in us the seed of the Gospel we heard; and 3. pronouncing our faith with our own lives. For hope does not disappoint us (Romans 5:5).

~ Jung-Un Christina Lee

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 by Tuesday, December 2.** The outreach volunteers will package the cookies beautifully for sale. Thank you for your generosity and support!

AN ADVENT INVITATION

During Advent (from the Latin: "to come to" or "arrival"), we prepare to celebrate the three "Comings of Christ" – in the flesh (historical), in glory (future), and in our hearts (present) – as we approach the celebration of Christmas. This season of longing, preparation, and attentiveness is an opportunity to encounter Christ as a community of faith, especially as we conclude the Jubilee Year of Hope. Consider: How can we promote hope, peace, joy, and reconciliation by our faith lives? Is there a spiritual practice that will deepen your preparation this Advent? We invite you to participate in our **Advent Lessons and Carols on December 17**, or our **weekly prayer opportunities**:

- **Christian Silent Meditation:** Mondays from 12:45-1:30pm & Saturdays 11am-Noon (*meets in basement rooms*).
- **Adoration:** Tuesdays from 3-6pm.
- **Breaking Open the Word:** Tuesdays from 7-8pm (*virtual*).
- **Evening Prayer (Vespers):** Weekdays at 5:10pm.

We have posted an Advent message from Cardinal Leo on the bulletin board and on our website, where you'll also find other Advent resources. Let us journey together as Pilgrims of Hope this Advent season, attentive to Christ.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Wednesday, December 17, 7-8pm

Join St. Basil's 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.

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

December 6-7, before & after all Masses

Outreach volunteers will be here to collect donated unopened pantry items, which will be used for our meal service or distributed directly to our patrons. Meal-replacement drinks, canned stews, and canned meat and fish are particularly helpful to our patrons. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted, and you can donate online.

We also welcome donations of winter gear to assist our adult patrons. Items such as winter socks, gloves, scarves, toques, and especially warm winter coats will truly make a difference in someone's life this winter.

Occasionally, our patrons seek particular items. This month, we've been asked for a rechargeable lantern and a pair of hearing aids.

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm

Dec. 8: *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather

Dec. 22: "The Three Low Masses" by Alphonse Daudet

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

SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Do you know your neighbours in need? Join a team with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to visit and help those living near our parish who are struggling. We provide food assistance, compassion, and a listening ear, bringing Jesus' mercy to the poor. This role involves going out "two by two" in a serious weekly commitment to deliver food vouchers to our neighbours at their homes. Some volunteers serve during the daytime, others in the evenings after work. In addition, Vincentian volunteers will take turns after Mass to help collect donations. For more information, please contact Ross Saturno: cross4015@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.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOOL FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Thursday, December 4, 7pm, St. Basil's Parish

St. Joseph's College School Arts Department invites you to their Second Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. The St. Joseph's College School Choir and Chamber Orchestra will narrate the birth of Jesus Christ through readings from the Bible alternating with angelic Christmas carols and congregational hymns. Please join us at St. Basil's Church on Thursday, December 4 beginning at 7pm, in a heartwarming evening filled with tradition uniting the past, present, and future of St. Joseph's College School.

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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 6–7 : Christmas Flowers

Your generous contribution will support the welcome and beauty of our church environment during the Christmas season.

Note: Envelopes for 2026 will be available next week.

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 1 - 7



MONDAY

7:30am | Fernandes' Family (+) & D'souza Family (+)
12:10pm | Ruth Gannon (liv)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Ginger Shuk Fong Chung (+), David Gu (+),
Kwok Family & Holy Souls (liv, +)
Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv, liv)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | John Papez (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Christina Kowalska (liv),
Anne Dowling (+), Sheila Dowling (+),
Barbara & Kumar Cherubim (liv., liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Terence Coates (+)
12:10pm | Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Daphne Saunders (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Robert Sum (+)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Luke Czarnecki (+)
4:30pm | Joseph and Angela Laforgia(+,+)

Pray for the Sick, especially, Sue Banfield, Marion Bayfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandelier, 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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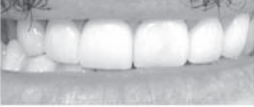
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