November 8, 2026 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Basil's Catholic Parish

at the University of St. Michael's College

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Coffee Hour follows the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday & Friday: 7:30 a.m.
Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Confessions

Monday to Friday: 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30–5:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Vespers)

Monday to Friday: 5:10 p.m.

Adoration

Tuesday: 3–6 p.m.
First Friday: After 12:10 p.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m.

Christian Meditation

Monday: 12:45 p.m. *Ardèche Hall* (*basement*)
Saturday: 11 a.m. *Decker Room* (*basement*)

Faith Sharing (Online)

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (*https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing*)

Outreach Ministries

Monday & Tuesday Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul can be reached for assistance at 416-926-2292

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

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.

Thirsting for God

"My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God." (Ps. 63:2)

Can you remember a time when you were thirsty? We've all been there. Remember being a kid at recess and running all hot and sweaty to the water fountain, and it seemed like the water could never come fast enough as you slurped and slurped (Save some for the fish!)?

My soul thirsts. Have you ever desired God in that way? With such a longing that you felt you can never be whole without Him? It puts me in mind of one of the most famous sentences in Christian literature outside the Bible: "Our heart is restless until it rests in you," which St. Augustine wrote at the beginning of his *Confessions* (which, as it happens, we'll be looking at in our St. Basil's Reading Group between Nov. 9 and Feb. 8).

But it also makes me think of all the things we seek that are not God: money, recognition, respect, authority, love, beauty, health, physical strength, knowledge, things. These are not bad in themselves, but we must ask ourselves: When in seeking these things have I been led to ignore God? Why do I strive so hard for these things that pass away but not for the One who lasts for all eternity? Do I seek them only as things that are necessary, or do I seek them with my heart?

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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.



Parish Staff

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
Lay Pastoral Associate:	JoAnn M. Lopez
Office Manager (on leave):	Margaret D'Elia
Director of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Music & Principal Organist:	Dr. John Paul Farahat
Associate Organist:	Adrian Ross
Musician-in-Residence:	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Coordinator of Community Engagement:	Rosemary Boissonneau

Administered by the Basilian Fathers

This is the time of year when the Church calls us to reflect both on the end of our life and the end of all time. How ready are we? If the Bridegroom were to call us tomorrow, would we say with the five wise virgins, "Here I am, Lord"? Or would we say to the Creator of the universe, "Hold on one moment, please; I'm not quite ready yet"? What is more important – this life or the next?

Each one of us has the power to choose for ourselves. And we make that choice in the way we live our lives, in what we choose to pursue and to hold at the centre of our hearts. Is it God? Or is it something else?

~ Kristina Glicksman

Sing to the Lord!

Monday, November 16, 7–8:30 p.m.

Join us for an immersive evening of learning about music and the liturgy led by St. Basil's Director of Music and Principal Organist, Dr. John Paul Farahat. We will consider how song is woven into Scripture and salvation history, why we sing, and the place of sung prayer in the Church's liturgy. The evening will conclude with the celebration of Compline (Night Prayer). All are welcome, no registration required.

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 December 9th. Proceeds will support St. Basil's Outreach and Out of the Cold programs. **Please deliver your treats to the parish office between Sunday, December 6th and Tuesday, December 8th**. The outreach volunteers will package them beautifully for sale. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Candles for COP

Thursday, November 12, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Mary Ward Centre (70 St. Mary Street) to Queen's Park

Join climate activists and people of faith for a candle-lit vigil to pray for all those gathered at COP31 in Turkey and for their deliberations. We call for an Economy of Life where all people and the natural world are flourishing.

Gather in front of the Mary Ward Centre and walk together to Queen's Park where we will hold a short program of prayer and responsive reading. For more information and to RSVP, visit: www.marywardcentre.ca/events

This event is organized by The Mary Ward Centre, The United Church of Canada, For the Love of Creation, Intercultural Dialogue Institute, Kairos Canada, Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, and The Elliott Allen Institute for Theology and Ecology.

Reading Group at St. Basil's

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7– 8:30p.m.

We are a welcoming community of book lovers who read together, ponder what we've read, and share our thoughts and ideas.

From November 9 to February 8, we will read St. Augustine's *Confessions*. Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com.

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.

Advent Retreat: A Journey Into Divine Love

Mondays, November 23 & 30, December 7, 14, & 21
7–8:30 p.m.

Rooted in the Ignatian tradition, this 5-week Advent retreat invites you to experience God's presence in everyday moments and discover the great gift of Divine Love. Participants pray at home throughout the week and gather for spiritual conversation in small groups. Let this Advent be a season of connection, reflection and renewal. Spaces are limited, so please register by November 16. This series is hosted by St. Basil's and the Congregation of Jesus (Loretto Sisters), and will take place at the Mary Ward Center (70 St. Mary's St.). For more details and to sign up, visit: www.stbasiltoronto.org.

Taizé at U of T

Friday, November 27, 6–8 p.m.
Knox College Chapel (59 St. George St.)

All are welcome to join the Taizé Prayer at U of T community for an evening of meditative prayer, stillness, and song in the style of Taizé.

Congratulations!

2026 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 **Chimbusomma Itanyi and Jamie Franco** who each received an Altar Server Award this weekend (Saturday, November 7) at a Mass at St. Bonaventure's Parish. We are grateful for their wonderful example of service at the liturgy!

Archdiocesan World Youth Day Mass 2026

Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 7 p.m.
St. Thomas More (2234 Ellesmere Rd, Scarborough)
Open to all young adults ages 19–39

Gather with young adults from across the archdiocese for a powerful evening of faith, prayer and community as we celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King at St. Thomas More Parish in Scarborough. The Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. Come and be encouraged in your faith, strengthened by Christ, and united with other young adults in this joyful celebration. Bring your friends and be part of this grace-filled evening.
For more information, visit: www.ocytoronto.org/wyd-mass

ShareLife

From November 2 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of $500,000. Make your gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact!

Your gift to ShareLife transforms the lives of tens of thousands of people who turn to over 40 ShareLife-funded agencies for help. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through your parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

RENEW Toronto 2026

Friday, November 20 – Saturday, November 21
1250 Markham Rd, Scarborough

Join us on November 20-21 (Christ the King weekend) for RENEW Toronto, our annual conference for all young adults aged 18 to 39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith with like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples, families, men and women! More information: https://renewtoronto.org/

Upcoming Second Collections

November 7–8: 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 14–15: Shepherds' Trust
The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions



November 9 - 15

Monday

7:30 a.m.	Encar Benemerito (liv.)
12:10 p.m.	Robert & Valerie Crilly (+, +)

Tuesday

12:10 p.m.	Staka Radovanovic (+), Leonard Stuart (+), Carl Burlock & Gene Lim (+, +)

Wednesday

12:10 p.m.	Lindsay & Julie Nelson (+, +)

Thursday

12:10 p.m.	Carl Burlock & Gene Lim (+, +) Kenny & Helena Stuart (+, +)

Friday

7:30 a.m.	Therese Braun (liv.)
12:10 p.m.	Luigi, Lina, Len & Michael Ciavarella (+, +, +, +)

Saturday

5:00 p.m.	Dennis Tulsie (+)

Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Giovanni, Lucia & Carla Pasini & Fulvio Paliotti (+)
10:30 a.m.	*Pro Populo*
12:00 p.m.	Maria Teresa Man Wei Tin & Joannes Leung Kwong (+)
4:30 p.m.	Emmanuel Dalgliesh (+)

Pray for the Sick, *especially, Sue Banfield, Marion Bayfield, Rebecca Beaton, Peter Bird, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandeller, Lynden Beiyang Chen, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Jaime Hernandez, Maryanne Hodges, Helen Keeley, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Beatriz Pasion, Leonor Riaño, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Francesca Young-Cvetkovich.*

Pray for the Deceased.

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