

# 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.

## 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>)  
(paused for the month of October)

## 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.

## TOGETHER AT GOD'S BANQUET

**"Come to the wedding banquet."** These words from today's Gospel passage (Matthew 22.1-14) remind us that God's invitation is open to everyone, not only to the powerful, successful, or comfortable. When the King's invited guests refuse to come to the wedding banquet, the servants are told, **"Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet"** (22.9). This message compels us to think about those who are often excluded, such as marginalized individuals. In today's society, a kind act of offering food and clothing through a shelter or outreach program welcomes all as people loved by God and helps make our communities more charitable and inclusive.

I am heartened by the love and generosity of our parishioners and my fellow volunteers who support those who are less fortunate. The weekly luncheons, hosted by the parish's Social Justice Outreach Ministry, provide more than just food and clothing; they provide a special gathering place for our guests to enjoy a sense of community, dignity, and belonging in a safe, friendly, and caring environment. It is also a place where we can open our hearts to listen to those who are lonely, in need, or facing difficulties, give a friendly smile, or provide words of encouragement — reaching beyond the aspect of physical nourishment found in a meal.

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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:**

**Lay Pastoral Associate:**

**Office Manager (on leave):**

**Director of Outreach & Hospitality:**

**Director of Music & Principal Organist:**

**Associate Organist:**

**Musician-in-Residence:**

**Coordinator of Community Engagement:**

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

JoAnn M. Lopez

Margaret D'Elia

Hilda O'Connor

Dr. John Paul Farahat

Adrian Ross

Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

Rosemary Boissonneau



I am encouraged that through this ministry, created in response to a divine invitation, we can continue to support their physical and emotional needs. This labour of love enriches the lives and experiences of the patrons and volunteers alike. I am truly privileged and humbled to serve our vulnerable community.

When we make the time to welcome, feed, and share in friendship, we help make present God's banquet. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us be forever grateful and embrace all of the rewarding ways in which we can serve God and extend a compassionate hand to those in need.

~ Cathy Carnevali

## GRATITUDE FROM FR. MORGAN

Preparing for my thyroid surgery could have been full of anxiety; however, the abundant prayers and encouraging words that you, the parishioners of St. Basil's, offered for me helped me to enter the surgery peacefully. For that, I am profoundly grateful! The surgery went well, and my recovery continues to progress smoothly. I look forward to seeing you soon!

## ORGAN CONCERT: THIBAULT FAJOLES IN RECITAL

**Friday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.**

The Toronto Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists is pleased to present Thibault Fajoles in recital at St. Basil's. Thibault Fajoles currently serves as organiste titulaire adjoint at Notre-Dame de Paris. This recital marks his Canadian debut and features music of Duruflé, Guilmant, and Saint-Saëns. All are invited and admission is by free-will offering (suggested donation of \$25).

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WEEK

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering virtual formation for liturgical ministers. This is a great opportunity for new or returning liturgical ministers to grow in understanding their ministry. Sessions are from 7-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20: Communion Ministers:

- Register: <https://bit.ly/EMHCW-Register2026>

Wednesday, October 21: Lectors

- Register: <https://bit.ly/L-Register2026>

Thursday, October 22: Hospitality Ministers (Ushers)

- Register: <https://bit.ly/HOSPW-Register2026>

Want to serve as a liturgical minister at St. Basil's? Contact Rosemary: [rboissonneau@archtoronto.org](mailto:rboissonneau@archtoronto.org).

## EVENING PRAYER: ALL SOULS DAY

**Monday, November 2, 5:10 p.m.**

Join us for Evening Prayer (Vespers) for The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). Part of the Liturgy of the Hours, this 30-minute service includes hymns, psalms, and readings, and offers an opportunity to pray together through word and music at the close of the day.

## CELEBRATING FR. MAXIMUS

**October 11, 11:30 a.m.**

Jesuit Maximus Chongo, who has served our parish as a volunteer and a Deacon was ordained to the priesthood on July 31 in South Africa. All are welcome to join us at the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on for a celebration in thanksgiving for his ministry!

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Monday, October 12**

The office will be closed in observation of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. only. Regularly scheduled Confessions and Evening Prayer are cancelled. We wish you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving!

## SPIRIT & LIFE: A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO MEDICAL TREATMENT DECISIONS AT THE END OF LIFE

**Saturday, October 17, 9-11 a.m.**

**St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.)**

This talk by Fr. Kevin Belgrave will introduce the foundational Catholic approach to making medical treatment decisions toward the end of life. Refined over centuries, these deeply reasonable principles can guide us to a faithful, compassionate, and realistic living of the often challenging moments of suffering and illness that accompany the end of life. In-person attendance only: \$10 admission (includes light refreshments). Register: [staugustines.on.ca/events-listing](https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing)

## 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 Night Prayer (Compline). All are welcome, no registration required. Questions? Email [johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca](mailto:johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca).

## BUNDLE UP CLOTHING DRIVE

October 31-November 1

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, bedding, and footwear. Volunteers will be at the truck parked outside the church before and after all Masses. Please consult the the list of accepted items and bring your items only on the designated weekend, as there is no storage space in the church. Thank you for your generosity!

## LAY PASTORAL VISITORS FORMATION AND TRAINING

Six consecutive Thursdays, beginning October 22,  
7-8:30 p.m., online

This virtual 6-week program prepares you to visits the sick, elderly, and homebound on behalf of your parish, bringing Holy Communion and compassionate care to our neighbours. Register: <https://www.archtoronto.org/pl/our-community/programs-workshops/>

Interested in serving in this ministry at St. Basil's?  
Contact JoAnn ([joann.lopez@utoronto.ca](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca))

## USMC CONTINUING EDUCATION

Consider these upcoming courses offered by Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College.

### Faith & Food

Four weeks, starting October 21

Explore the rich connections between spirituality, culture, hospitality, and community through a unique, immersive experience across Toronto's diverse faith traditions. Visit Jewish, Catholic, Muslim and Mennonite places of worship, prepare and share meals with host communities, and discover how food expresses identity, belonging, and belief. St. Basil's will be one of the host institutions for this program. Register at [uoft.me/faithandfood](http://uoft.me/faithandfood).

### Faith and Fantasy: Christian Mythopoeia in J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis Begins October 17

Since their composition, the works of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis have enchanted the hearts and imaginations of millions of readers of all ages and shaped the fantasy genre in immeasurable ways. This course, which begins Wednesday, October 17, engages with the Christian orientation of both authors, exploring how a faith-based perspective illuminates the themes, characters, plots, and deep substructures of their work. Through lecture, discussion, and creative reflection, students will investigate the theologically rich worlds of Middle Earth and Narnia, uncovering their spiritually formative power. Find out more and register at: [uoft.me/faithandfantasy](http://uoft.me/faithandfantasy).

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

### October 10-11: 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.*

### October 17-18: World Mission Sunday

*This worldwide collection supports the missionary church and at-need Catholic communities globally. Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the work of the missions throughout the world. Thank you for your support of this important work. For more information: [www.missionsocieties.ca](http://www.missionsocieties.ca)*

## UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18

Next weekend is the Toronto Waterfront Marathon. Road closures will impact Bay Street, Yonge Street, Bloor Street, and Bathurst Street. Spadina Ave. will remain open between Bloor St. and Queens Quay. Please plan accordingly. Check the routes: [www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com](http://www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 12 - 18

### MONDAY

9:00 a.m. | Chiara (liv.)

### TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Shweta Badarinath (liv.), Eveline Lim (liv.),  
Mr. & Mrs. Sue Ting Len (+, +)

### WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Leonor Macalino (+)

### THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Vera Darragh (+), Margarita Ortega-Garciso (+),  
Giustina Cimetta (+)

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Francis, Mary & Monica Gannon (+, +, +)

### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)  
10:30 a.m. | Pro Populo  
12:00 p.m. | Children with disabilities (liv.)  
4:30 p.m. | Manuel Brasil (+)

**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**, especially Ruth Gannon.



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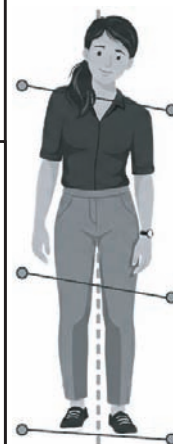
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