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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.

YOU SHINE

This weekend, the Church observes World Mission Sunday. Within the ecclesial context, the concept of mission invariably directs our attention back to Baptism—the sacred moment when our names are called and our baptismal candles are illuminated by the Paschal candle. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, Baptism is “the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments” (1213). It stands as one of the three sacraments of Christian initiation that lay the foundation of the Christian life, marking the beginning of our journey undertaken in response to God's unmerited gift, which is faith.

It is through Baptism that we became Christian, and we hope to pass on this tradition to our children. Children aged 7 to 13 in sacramental preparation classes around the world are beginning to intellectually grapple with the nature of God who is Love. They rightly ponder how their Christian faith, “the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11.1), is manifested in their daily lives and why the sacrament of Reconciliation is a prerequisite to receiving their First Communion.

Scripture affirms that St. Paul, the author of today's second reading, also received baptism (cf. Acts 9.18). Though born of Jewish parents and formed in the Jewish tradition, his baptism transformed him into a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Filled with the Holy Spirit and moved with absolute conviction, St. Paul began to love others before, during, and after embarking on extensive missionary journeys to establish the early churches.

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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

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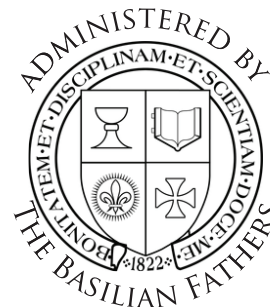
Hilda O'Connor

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Adrian Ross

Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

Rosemary Boissonneau



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Drawing from his pastoral experience as a former missionary to Peru, Pope Leo XIV invites us to engage in contemporary missionary work and continue Christ's mandate to love. In his encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* (sometimes referred to as the AI encyclical, which the St. Basil's reading group is currently discussing), Pope Leo highlights the importance of solidarity by citing Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* affirming that "no one is saved alone" (MH 73). He goes on to acknowledge the close link between solidarity and subsidiarity and our participation in the life of community through the use of talents entrusted to us to achieve the common good (cf. Matthew 25.14-30), such as peace. Ultimately, it is our Baptism that calls us to be the salt of the earth and light of the world (cf. Matthew 5.13-16), to witness and encourage one another's "work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1.1-5).

~ Jung-Un Christina Lee

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.

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. We aim to read a wide variety of literature through the year. Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com.

From **November 9 to February 8, we will read St. Augustine's *Confessions***

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. 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.

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.

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.

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 visit 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)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Here at St. Basil's, we prioritize Community and Belonging, Lay Leadership, Prayerful Encounter, and Compassionate Service. We ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider how you might be called to share your gifts through involvement in parish ministries. Learn more at: <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/ministries>.

Volunteers from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound will be here next weekend, October 24-25 after all Masses to share about their ministries, which allow our parish to extend compassionate service to our neighbourhood:

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Join 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 about volunteering, please contact Ross Saturno: ross4015@gmail.com.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Jesus sends his disciples out to cure the sick and to assure them that the Kingdom of God is near to them. Members of the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound are dedicated to visiting those who are unable to come to Mass because of age, infirmity, or mobility issues. They pray with them and bring them Holy Communion which unites them with our parish community, and assures them of God's compassionate love for them. Visitors typically go out in pairs on Sundays after the morning Masses. For information, contact JoAnn: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

Speak to the volunteers next weekend, or contact Rosemary (rboissonneau@archtoronto.org) for more information.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 17-18: World Mission Sunday

This worldwide collection supports the missionary church and at-need Catholic communities globally. This is the 100th year of celebrating World Mission Sunday as a global church. Together, we fulfill our baptismal call to share the Gospel and become one Church bringing hope to all peoples. Thank you for your support! Learn more: www.missionsocieties.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!

MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 19 - 25

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. | Francis Dvorak (+)
12:10 p.m. | Lindsay & Julie Nelson (+, +)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Sylvia Danter (+), Roland Bertin (+),
Joseph & Chan Shee Ayow (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Vocations

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Adam & Maria Wekerle (+, +), Terence Coates (+),
Ken Attridge (+), Corradina Nucifora (+),
Amormio Esperanza (+)

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. | Edith (liv.)
12:10 p.m. | John Papez (+)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Gar Sherwood (+)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Stella Domenichini (liv.)
10:30 a.m. | Pro Populo
12:00 p.m. | Petra Laguantan (+)
4:30 p.m. | Patricia Thompson (+)



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.

COME & SEE VOCATIONS RETREAT

Friday, November 6 – Sunday, November 8
St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.)

The Office of Vocations at the Archdiocese of Toronto is offering a weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary for single men (aged 18+) who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Register: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

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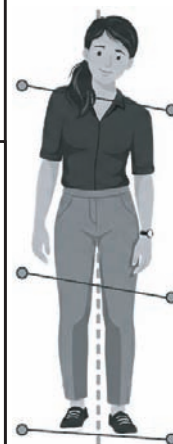
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