

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, ON

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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

Pastor:**Lay Pastoral Associate:****Office Manager (on leave):****Director of Outreach & Hospitality:****Director of Music & Principal Organist:****Assistant Organist:****Musician-in-Residence:**

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

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THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

Widows, in Jesus' time, were people on the margins of society. Without a male relative, these women were often destitute and reliant on the support of others. As I encounter the central character in this parable, I imagine the weight of poverty bearing down upon her, and the injustice she is facing that has brought her before a judge who has no concern for anyone but himself. His court is ruled by corruption and bribery, rather than justice and fairness. The court was a space for men, so the widow's presence there as a woman in the public sphere would have been disruptive to the status quo. Somehow, despite all these systems of oppression, she has the energy to keep crying out for justice, and her persistence (even in her powerlessness) wins her justice in her case.

I wonder what gave her the strength day after day to show up for her just cause, despite the overwhelming obstacles? Perhaps, like Moses in today's reading, she had a circle of friends to encourage her when she was weary. Perhaps it was the words of scripture that rang in her ears to train her in righteousness and equip her for her work, so she trusted that the Lord heard her cry and would be at her side.

In my own life, I am grateful for all those who have shared faith with me, and who have strengthened me to be persistent in prayer and action. These mentors and friends have helped me to keep my arms raised in prayer when I was weary and discouraged. They have helped me to keep living the Gospel in the face of obstacles and oppression. I know that I am called to do the same for others, offering them nourishment and support for their faith journey.

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.



Being grounded in the scriptures certainly has drawn me closer to Christ as well, helping me know, love, and follow Jesus. I pray that every person in our parish will encounter the Word and be “equipped for every good work.”

Engaging the readings today, I feel challenged to listen and respond to the needs of those who are marginalized, like the parable’s widow. Around the world and in our city, so many are crying out to the Lord for justice! Will we hear their cry? Can we be as persistent as the widow in our work for justice, joining our prayers, our hands, our feet, and our voices to accompany, serve, and advocate with and for the most poor and vulnerable?

Late last week, Pope Leo XIV released an Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexit Te*, on love for the poor. I have just begun reading it, and am moved by the reminder to keep God’s love of the poor at the heart of our life and practice of our faith, for this is the good news that Christ came to proclaim. Especially on this World Mission Sunday, let us commit anew to being pilgrims of hope in our prayer and action, together bearing good news in our world, particularly for those most in need of experiencing Christ’s liberating mission.

~ JoAnn Lopez

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, November 1, 9am

Join us for a Mass to commemorate All Saints Day, which falls on a Saturday this year.

ADVENT RETREAT: A JOURNEY INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS

**Mondays, November 17 & 24, December 1, 8 & 15
7-8:30pm**

Rooted in the Ignatian tradition, this 5-week Advent retreat invites you to experience God’s presence in everyday moments and discover how friendship with Jesus opens the door to something far greater than ourselves. 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 9. For more details and to sign up, visit our website.

BUNDLE-UP DRIVE

October 25-26, before & after all Masses

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting gently used clothing, bedding, and footwear next weekend. A truck and volunteers will be present before and after all weekend Masses. Please ensure that your donations are clean and in good condition, and consult the list of items that are accepted. We thank you for bringing your items on the designated weekend only, as there is no storage space in the church. Thank you for your generosity! Find out more: <https://ssvptoronto.ca/bundle-up-events/>

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL’S

**2nd and 4th Monday of each month, from October 27
7-8:30pm**

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

Upcoming texts:

- Oct. 27 & Nov. 10: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- Nov. 24 & Dec. 8: *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather
- Dec. 22: “The Three Low Masses” by Alphonse Daudet

Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ROSARY FOR PEACE

Fridays in October, after the 12:10pm Mass

Join us to pray for peace every Friday of October after the 12:10pm Mass. Please consider praying individually or as a family for this urgent intention throughout the month.

MUSICAL PRAYER: TAIZÉ

**Wednesday, October 22
7-8pm at St. Basil’s Catholic Parish**

Join Christian Communities at the University of Toronto on Wednesday, October 22, from 7-8pm for an evening of prayer and song led by Brother Emile from the Taizé community during his visit to Canada. This ecumenical and meditative prayer form includes music, scripture, prayers, candlelight, and silence. All are welcome!

This program is made possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS FORMATION AND TRAINING

**Six consecutive Thursdays, beginning October 23,
7-8:30pm, online**

This virtual 6-week program offered by the Archdiocese of Toronto prepares you to visit the sick, elderly, and homebound on behalf of your parish. Register by Oct. 22: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-Register2025>.
(contact: formation@archtoronto.org)

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

ONLINE SERIES: "THE FOUR CONSTITUTIONS OF VATICAN II"

**Tuesdays, October 28, November 11, December 2,
7-9pm**

The Office of Formation for Discipleship at the Archdiocese invites you to participate in an online study of "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II." Each gathering will include presentation, reflection, and conversation. **The October 28 session is on *Dei Verbum* (on Divine Revelation).** Register: <https://bit.ly/FCV2-Register2025>

COME & SEE VOCATION RETREAT

**Friday, October 31 – Sunday, November 2
St. Augustine's Seminary**

Join this retreat for men 18 years and older discerning a possible call to priesthood at the seminary. Details & Register: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee

THE BELOVED SON

Multiple performances: 7:30pm

A remarkable new solo piece play inspired by the life of Henri Nouwen (1932 – 1996), a Dutch Catholic priest, psychologist, and professor who reached the heights of academic success at Yale and Harvard, before abandoning everything to join the community of L'Arche Daybreak in Toronto. He became part of a life-sharing movement, seeking to make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, exploring their unique talents and creating a welcoming home of friendship and belonging. There are four upcoming performances:

- Tues., October 21: Waterloo CRC
- Wed., October 22: Knox Presbyterian (630 Spadina Ave)
- Fri., October 24: L'Arche Daybreak (Richmond Hill)
- Sat., October 25: Meadowlands Fellowship (Ancaster)

Info: <https://henrinouwensociety.ticketspice.com/beloved-son>

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 18-19: World Mission Sunday

This worldwide collection for the missionary church is our opportunity to assist Catholic communities in need around the globe. We are called to share from our abundance to support those in missions and dioceses who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for sharing hope through your support of this fund!

MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 20 - 26



MONDAY

7:30am | Margo Rivera (liv.)
12:10pm | Lindsay and Julia Nelson (+,+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Ginger Shuk Fong Chung (+), Roman Zubek (+),
Chan Shee & Joseph Ayow (+, +), Vida &
Raymond Ferland (liv., +), Josi & Kevin
MacCarthy (liv., liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | James Robert & Valerie Crilly (+, +)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Suzanne Noonan (+), Quantrill Rodrigues (+),
Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Robert Steer (liv.)
12:10pm | Margaret and Dominic (liv., liv.)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Dorothy Joan Bezan (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Finian D'Souza (liv.)
10:30am | *Pro Populo*
12:00pm | Włodaek Czarnecki (+)
4:30pm | Arlene Robidoux (+)

Pray for the Sick, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Steve Chandeller, 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, Dr. Peter Moran, 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, especially Rosalie Wimbs

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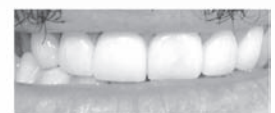

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