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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.

LIVING LOVE

"The greatest commandment and one like it." (cf. Matthew 22.34-40)

It sounds so simple, and intimidating. The first implies that there is always more of myself to give: No matter how much I commit to God, there is always some part of me that I am holding back. The second is just as daunting. It starts with: Who is my neighbour? (everyone—wow, that's a lot of people), and how much do I have to do to make a difference? And it only expands from there. I can already feel myself setting limits to protect myself from commitment. Sound familiar?

In Exodus, "my people" are the least fortunate among us: the poor, the aliens, the refugees, the migrants, the widows, the orphans. Look around, they're everywhere: in parks, on the street, in families, in friendships, in broken relationships, in difficult interchanges. It is so easy to get discouraged by seemingly endless need from folks who've been sideswiped by life, sometimes by their very own choices. "I can't do it all" can so easily lead to doing nothing at all. After all, what difference can I make? A decision to act is very personal and often very uncomfortable.

Let's skip it. Phew, that was easy.

Another perspective is that God is offering us a constant invitation to self-improve. It begins with the very personal decision to make a difference, however tiny. I'll take a first step, then a second, and before I know it, I'm doing more than I was last week. That's good. That's a start. What does this look like?

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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



Perhaps it starts with being kind to someone new. Maybe by being genuinely interested in what is going on in this person's life. To do more may mean helping someone get to church, or visiting someone whom I know is lonely. Thinking about someone I haven't spoken to in a long time. Picking up the phone, maybe meeting them to catch up. Wait, did I just think of someone?

Wait ... what should I say? What if I stumble? What if they don't want to talk to me?

It'll be alright. The words will come. I'll just reach out. It's a bit out of my comfort zone. It's just a call. And it'll get easier with practice. The Holy Spirit will be with me.

So, why do it?

Every time that I choose to do something for someone else, I am acting, I am living the second commandment. I am showing God that I am committed to the first by doing the second. To love my neighbour is the truest way to love God with all my might and with all my heart. It starts with a momentous personal decision and one small step. And it is timely. Jesus asks us: "Will you come and work in my vineyard?" It could be early, or it could be late. The wages will still be the same.

Do it. It's worth it.

~ Jay Nicholson

BUNDLE UP CLOTHING DRIVE

October 31–November 1

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, bedding, and footwear next weekend! 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!

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

October 31 & November 1, before and after all Masses

Outreach volunteers will be here next weekend 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.

During this season, we are especially grateful for hygiene essentials like antiperspirant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, lotion, razors & shaving cream. Patrons also appreciate adult incontinence underwear of all sizes, and winter gear like gloves and warm socks. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted and you can also donate online through our website.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 are here this weekend 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: sross4015@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 this weekend, or contact Rosemary (rboissonneau@archtoronto.org) for more information.

RENEW TORONTO 2026

Friday, November 20 – Saturday, November 21
1250 Markham Rd, Scarborough, ON M1H 2Y9St.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1



MONDAY

7:30 a.m.

12:10 p.m. | Dominic Farahat (liv.)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Jose Lamarca (+), Kim Rabot & Family (+, +)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Winnie Why (+)

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Lagdameo Family (+), Saavanah Smith (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. | Ruth Gannon (+)

12:10 p.m. | Rene & Carmel Roy (+, +)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Pat McPherson (+)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. | Pro Populo

12:00 p.m. | Laurent J. Breau (+)

4:30 p.m. | Char Nee Khong & Char Li Yun Chu (+, +)

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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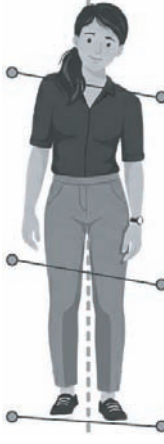
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