

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

www.stbasiltoronto.org

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

JoAnn M. Lopez

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Dr. John Paul Farahat

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HAVE HOPE: THE LORD HEARS!

The scriptures today dwell on the themes of prayer, humility and social justice.

The book of Sirach, part of the Bible's Wisdom literature, includes instructions on moral and religious life for the Jewish society of the 2nd century before Christ. Our first reading begins by proclaiming the impartiality of God. I think this means we are all invited to prayer and, in prayer, all stand equal before God.

Indeed, the reading asserts that it is the prayers of the least of us that will be heard and receive a response. God will respond to the prayers of the humble, of widows, orphans and others who plead for justice. The theme is continued in today's psalm, which proclaims: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit." In that time, widows and orphans were the most vulnerable in society because they lacked the family ties and supports that others had. We might well ask who are the people in similar situations in our own society – the homeless, the single parents with insufficient incomes, the users of food banks et cetera?

We are called to be hopeful and persistent in our prayer. We might not get an immediate response, but neither necessarily will we have to wait. God might surprise us and "not delay".

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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.



The theme of hope and persistence in prayer in spite of adversity connects us to the second reading. St Paul is looking back on his life, having completed his mission and having “finished the race”. He recalls how at times he had felt defeated and lonely, wondering if God had abandoned him. Yet, with prayer and the help of God, St Paul had persisted and had been “rescued from the lion’s mouth”. He could finally look back on his life triumphantly, having brought the message of the Gospel to the Gentiles. He was ready to pass on the responsibility to other disciples. From thereon, the torch was passed from generation to generation, and ultimately to us today, to spread the message.

Many of us have felt the despondency that comes with failing to achieve the things we are committed to and believe in. These readings encourage us to persevere and remain hopeful and prayerful.

~ Francis Parfitt

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 this weekend. Thank you for your generosity! Find out more about Bundle Up: <https://ssvptoronto.ca/bundle-up-events/>

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.

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

November 1–2, before & after all Masses

The John Ford First Sunday Food Drive supports our Outreach Ministry through donated unopened pantry items that can be used for our meal service or distributed directly to our patrons. Cash donations to support the bulk purchasing of these items are accepted at the table in the narthex. You can also donate online through our website.

As we prepare for the winter months, we especially appreciate donations of rain and winter gear such as adult winter socks, gloves, scarves, toques, raincoats and umbrellas to support our patrons.

ST. BASIL’S IS HIRING!

St. Basil’s is seeking a dynamic, collaborative, and compassionate Coordinator of Community Engagement to foster a culture of hospitality, encounter, servant leadership, and engagement at the parish by ensuring parishioners of all ages feel welcomed, known, and valued as part of our faith community. This part-time (15 hours/week) role would primarily involve being present at the parish on weekends and one weekday. If you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position, please spread the word! Application Deadline Nov. 9. Find out more details through the Archdiocesan website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/careers>

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL’S

2nd and 4th Monday of each month

7–8:30pm

Oct. 27 & Nov. 10: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

We are a welcoming community of book lovers who read together, ponder what we’ve read, and share our thoughts and ideas. Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

2025 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 **Christopher Xiong, Clare Yang, and Maria Marastroni**, who each received an Altar Server Award on the morning of Saturday, October 25 at a Mass at St. Paul’s Basilica. We are grateful for their wonderful example of service at the liturgy!

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.

SUPPORTING FAITH JOURNEYS

St. Basil's is lucky to have about 40 people seeking to grow in relationship with Christ through preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation this year. Their desire for God is a great witness of hope in our community during this Jubilee Year! These spiritual seekers need our support in their faith journey. As part of a welcoming community of faith, please prayerfully consider if you are being called to support the RCIA cohort in one of these ways:

1. **Being a Mass partner** (during the weekend Mass time you already attend) – host a participant during the liturgy so they feel welcomed and more comfortable participating.
2. **Being a sponsor** (meeting weekly, scheduled one-on-one) – walk with someone as a conversation partner in faith. Sponsors must have already received the Catholic Sacrament of Confirmation.
3. **Praying for the participants** (on your own time) – pray for a particular participant by name each week, entrusting their needs to God.

Contact JoAnn Lopez (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca) for more information and to sign up!

RENEW TORONTO

November 21-23

RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 18 to 39 taking place on Christ the King weekend. Join us for a chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something special for you! For more information and to register, visit: www.renewtoronto.org

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

October 30, 7pm

Hybrid (in person and online) meeting
St. Andrew's United Church, 117 Bloor St E.
(near Yonge and Bloor subway, parking available)

The Canadian Christian Meditation Community (CCMC) invites you to an ecumenical event with Deacon Vahe Sivacian, a cardiologist and deacon in the Armenian Church. Dr. Sivacian was born in Kadiköy, near Istanbul, in Türkiye. He will discuss his spiritual journey, the rich Armenian liturgy and its meaning and the reference to meditation in the Eastern Christian church. The evening will consist of a talk, meditation session, and a Q&A session.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 9: 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.

MASS INTENTIONS



OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2

MONDAY

7:30am | Jose Lamarca (+)
12:10pm | Kari Avila (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Cyril & Mary Davis (+, +)
Renè and Carmel Roy (+, +)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | Elaine Dewart (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Julietta Capuyan (+), Joseph Sorbara (+)
Benjamin G. Arteficio (+), Ann Garrido (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Souls in Purgatory (+)
12:10pm | Fr. James Carruthers (+)

SATURDAY

9:00am | Cesario Canonizado (+)
5:00pm | Kevin & Anne Dowling (+, +)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Renita Fernandes (liv.)
10:30am | Pro Populo
12:00pm | Janine Arthur (+)
4:30pm | Cyril & Mary Davis (+, +)

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.

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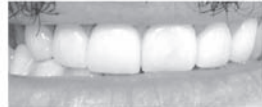
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