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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.

RECEIVING & RESPONDING TO THE GIFT

This Sunday, October 4, on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we commemorate the 800th anniversary of this great saint's death. Among other things, he is remembered as the patron saint of ecology and the composer of the *Canticle of the Creatures*, which reminds us that through its very being all creation gives praise to God, its Creator. October 4 also marks the final day of the Season of Creation, which began on September 1. This year's theme, "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47:9, honours water as a sacred gift and source of life that we are called to protect.

It is fitting then that this Sunday's readings are centred on vineyards, which were honoured and cared for as a cherished source of subsistence throughout ancient Israel's history. In the first reading from Isaiah, God is depicted carefully planting a vineyard, which we are told represents the house of Israel. In the agrarian society of ancient Israel, when a son branched out from his family, planting a vineyard was an important part of establishing his own household and family farm. Similarly, Noah sets about planting a vineyard after the flood to reestablish humanity's home in the revived and renewed creation (Gen 9:20). The first reading reminds us that we are members of God's family, and we are called to produce the good fruits of justice and righteousness within our human community and the larger community of creation, all of which are embraced by God's loving care.

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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:

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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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Adrian Ross

Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

Rosemary Boissonneau



In the Gospel, Jesus recalls Isaiah's song of the vineyard in his parable of the vineyard owner and the ungrateful, violent tenants. The tenants do not seek to produce the fruits of God's kingdom but rather they are interested only in their own profit, treating the owner's land, servants and even his own son as commodities to be violently exploited or even destroyed for their own selfish ends. Together, this Sunday's readings remind us that all creation, human and otherwise, are gifts from God commended to our care. Gifts have a reciprocal quality. The gifts of creation, including the gift of our fellow human brothers and sisters, and the gifts of God's grace through the Son, Jesus Christ, are to be recognized and received with gratitude, and nurtured and shared with joy.

Let's close this reflection and the Season of Creation with the simple but powerful words of St. Francis. "Praise be to you, my Lord!"

~ Rosemary Boissonneau

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

October 3 & 4, before and after all Masses

Outreach volunteers are here this 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 basic hygiene essentials like antiperspirant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, lotion, razors & shaving cream. Patrons also appreciate adult incontinence underwear of all sizes. These items would make a difference in the lives of our patrons.

Cash donations are also gratefully accepted and you can also donate online through our website.

CELEBRATING FR. MAXIMUS

October 10 & 11

Jesuit Maximus Chongo, who has served our parish as a volunteer and a Deacon was ordained to the priesthood on July 31, 2026 in South Africa. Fr. Maximus will celebrate Masses at St. Basil's on Saturday, October 10 (5 p.m.), and Sunday, October 11 (9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.). All are welcome to join us at the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a celebration in thanksgiving for his ministry!

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)

THE QUR'ANIC MARY AS A BRIDGEBUILDER BETWEEN RELIGIONS

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.

St. Basil's Parish Basement (Macrina Hall)

Mary of Nazareth is central to the Christian scriptures as the mother of Jesus and a model of Christian discipleship. Many Christians may not be aware that Mary (or Maryam) is also central to Muslim faith, with a full surah of the Qur'an devoted to her memory. Join Professor Klaus von Stosch to reflect on the importance of this Mary, the Mary of the Qur'an, for interreligious dialogue and collaboration. Von Stosch is Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Bonn and an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church. This program is sponsored by St. Basil's Catholic Parish, the University of St. Michael's College Alway Symposium, the University of St. Michael's College Division of Continuing Education and the Regis College Fraser Centre for Practical Theology. Register through our website: www.stbasiltoronto.org

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.

ORGAN CONCERT: THIBAUT FAJOLE 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).

E-BULLETIN

Want to stay up to date on events at St. Basil's and beyond? Subscribe to our weekly newsletter through our website.

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 Outreach & Coffee Hour Ministries will be present after Mass at the John Ford Food Drive table in the Narthex.

OUTREACH

Outreach Ministry is dedicated to our neighbours, who for over 25 years have found a meal and sense of community at St. Basil's. Through the Out of the Cold and Community Lunch programs, our committed and generous volunteers offer a meal and a place of respite. Join our inclusive, dynamic team to make an impact in the community. All are welcome!

Volunteers serve on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. to prepare food; on Monday and/or Tuesday for meal preparation and meal service from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Partial shifts are possible on any of these days.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is the Church's coffeehouse. It is an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and strengthen our community over coffee and sweet treats. Volunteers are needed help make our Coffee Hour possible. Let's brew!

Volunteers serve from September to June on Sunday before and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, typically 9:45-10:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

SYNERGY 2026 CONFERENCE

November 3-5, Chelsea Hotel

Synergy Toronto 2026 will bring together more than 400 participants and leaders from Catholic Social Services, Catholic Health, and Catholic Education for a three-day conference hosted by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto focused on strengthening collaboration in response to issues affecting individuals and communities in our shared context, including poverty, food insecurity, housing instability, and mental health. Grounded in Catholic Social Teaching, the conference reflects our belief that we can accomplish more together by building stronger relationships, advancing collaborative initiatives, and creating synergies that deepen our collective impact without compromising the quality or compassion at the heart of our mission. Register here: <https://catholicpraxis.ca/>.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 3-4: Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

This fund supports healing and reconciliation efforts, recognizing the trauma caused by the residential school system. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is held each year on September 30. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect and honour Survivors of residential schools and those who support them. Please visit the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund website for more information and additional resources.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: DONATION DRIVES

October 31-November 1: Bundle Up Clothing Drive

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, bedding, and footwear. Please consult the bulletin board or our website for the list of accepted items. Please bring items only on the designated weekend, as we cannot store items at the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 5-11



MONDAY

7:30 a.m. | Frank and Grace (liv.)
12:10 p.m. | Stefan & Anna Papez (+, +)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Roland De'Souza (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Robert & Valerie Crilly (+)

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Roberto Moniz (+)
Anna Maria D'Amato (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. | Gudrun Maria Diston (+)
12:10 p.m. | JoAnn Lopez (liv.)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Felicidad Cruz (+)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Fr. Norman Tanck, CSB (liv.)
10:30 a.m. | *Pro Populo*
12:00 p.m. | Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30 p.m. | Marguerite Le Gresley Comeau (+)

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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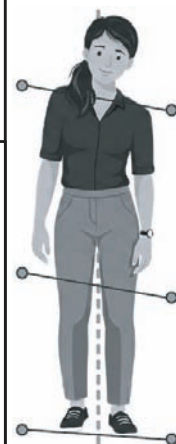
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