

OCTOBER 5, 2025

ORDINARY TIME XXVII

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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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.

ACTING WITH HOPE FOR ALL CREATION

This weekend marks the conclusion of the season of creation, a time set apart for enjoying God's gifts of creation, giving thanks, and meditating on how we can act more justly towards the environment.

This is my first season of creation as a Catholic! But the past few weeks have been rough. As much as I've been hugging trees and marveling at raccoon families, the cries of the poor and of the earth have been weighing heavily on me. My mind runs amuck with visions of plastic pollution, conditions in factory farms, slave labour in the chocolate trade, and the plethora of humanitarian crises around the world. All these tragedies seem hopeless.

I'm sure all of us at one point have felt like joining Habakkuk's lament. Why does God make me see all of these terrible things? What is all this violence for? Why does He allow genocide and war to happen at all? Why do we have to see the violence? We're not causing it! Surely the world is so bad!

But this week's readings remind us that we cannot succumb to hopelessness. To Habakkuk, God responds with reassurance: the vision we have of a just world is not impossible. It will come... in time. Sometimes it's hard to remember that there is a process to progress and change doesn't happen overnight. I am reminded that humans must still act justly even if there is no apparent hope. We must continue to have faith in God and cannot forget to trust in His divine plan.

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:

Assistant Organist:

Musician-in-Residence:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

JoAnn M. Lopez

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Hilda O'Connor

Dr. John Paul Farahat

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Dr. Lindsay McIntyre



Let us ask the Holy Spirit to turn our doubts into faith and our sufferings into hope. May we always remember the inherent goodness of creation, and that the purpose of all created beings is for God's glory. Let us meditate on the words of the Eucharistic Prayer during the mass: "All creation rightly gives you praise". Let us go out into the world with our minds focused on Christ, who indeed has already defeated death. Let us embody the Gospel and – even in the face of genocides, wars, mass extinctions, and slavery – never lose our hope in the resurrection. We can always ask God for more faith; even the Apostles asked Him for an increase in faith! We must have faith that His vision of the world "will surely come, it will not delay" (Hab 2.3). Until then we must be patient, attending to the needs of the earth and of the poor. And let us do all of this not out of self-righteousness, but for God's glory.

~ Faith McDonald

ST. BASIL'S IS HIRING

St. Basil's is seeking a temporary full-time organized, hospitable, and collaborative Parish Office Administrator. Please help us share this posting. Deadline Oct. 17. Find out more details through the Archdiocesan website. <https://www.archtoronto.org/careers>

COMMUNITY ROSARY FOR PEACE

Fridays in October, after the 12:10pm Mass

Pope Leo XVI has asked all the faithful to pray the Rosary daily during October to invoke God's gift of peace. At St. Basil's we will pray for peace as a parish community every Friday of October after the 12:10pm Mass in the church. Please consider joining this global effort to pray for peace in our world by adding your voices to pray throughout the week on your own, with family, or with friends.

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 text: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis (Oct. 27 & Nov. 10). Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

CONCERT: DAY'S LAST GLOW

Friday, October 17, 7:30pm

Join us for Day's Last Glow, a concert with the Blackwood Trio, featuring artists Peter-Anthony Togni (organ/piano), Jeff Reilly (bass clarinet), and India Gailey (cello). "Day's Last Glow" is a haunting and atmospheric mix of new and old, composed and improvised on a unique foundation of jazz, Gregorian chant, and minimalism, defying stylistic boundaries with virtuosity, musicality and sensitivity. Admission is by free-will donation (suggested amount, \$20).

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Monday, October 6
6:30pm

Interested in serving our community at weekend Masses as a Lector, Communion Minister, Altar Server, or Usher? Join our **training and formation for new and returning volunteers** on **Monday, October 6 at 6:30pm**. Please RSVP through 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 the weekend of October 25-26. A truck and volunteers will be present before and after the Saturday and Sunday 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 dedicated storage space in the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Find out more: <https://ssvptoronto.ca/bundle-up-events/>

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

St. Basil's will be hosting a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1 program (for children aged 3-6), on Sunday mornings (9am-10:15am) beginning on Sunday, October 26. The program fee is \$75/child, or \$125/family. We do not want cost to be a barrier for any family, and financial assistance is available. This Montessori-based approach to religious education offers children the most essential aspects of our faith, trusting this will nurture their capacity to enjoy God's loving presence in their life. Please complete the registration form on our website, or contact JoAnn (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca).

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

October 4-5, 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.

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS FORMATION AND TRAINING

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

This virtual 6-week program 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)

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>

ONLINE SERIES: "THE FOUR CONSTITUTIONS OF VATICAN II"

Tuesdays, 7-9pm

The Office of Formation for Discipleship invites you to participate in an online study of "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II." Register: <https://bit.ly/FCV2-Register2025>

Upcoming offerings:

- October 28th 2025: *Dei Verbum*
- November 18th 2025: *Gaudium et Spes*
- December 2nd 2025: *Lumen Gentium*

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 4-5: Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

The fund, established by the Bishops of Canada in 2022 as part of our reconciliation efforts, is overseen by a National Board of Directors which includes Indigenous leaders and other members with relevant expertise. As of September 2025, the fund has raised more than \$21 million towards the five-year \$30 million commitment. Find out more at: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

October 11-12: 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 6 - 12



MONDAY

7:30am | Joanna Hernandez (liv.) & Rosella Kinoshameg (liv.)
12:10pm | Darren Mack (+)

TUESDAY

12:10pm | Indu Lall (+), Grace Dolores Cotter Harris (+),
Christopher Arnaudon (liv.), Rosalie Wimbs (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm | John Papez (+)

THURSDAY

12:10pm | Rita & Oswald Fernandes (liv., liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am | Felicidad Cruz (+)
12:10pm | Luigi, Lina, Len & Michael Ciavarella (+,+,+,+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm | Donna Nuyda (+)

SUNDAY

9:00am | Terence Coates (+)
10:30am | Pro Populo
12:00pm | Chiara (liv.)
4:30pm | Shweta Badarinath (liv.)

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, Rosalie Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.

Pray for the Deceased.

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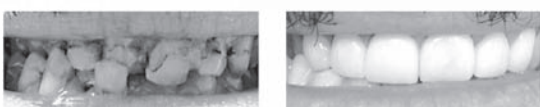
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