

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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 p.m.-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>)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Monday & Tuesday Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
(resumes September 8)

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.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor:

Lay Pastoral Associate:

Office Manager (on leave):

Office Administrator:

Director of Outreach & Hospitality:

Director of Music & Principal Organist:

Associate Organist:

Musician-in-Residence:

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ST. BASIL'S 170TH BIRTHDAY

Monday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, marks the 170th anniversary of the opening of St. Basil's. So, I can say to all of us who call St. Basil's home: **"Happy Birthday!"**

When I look around at this, the oldest continuously operating building on the U of T campus, I am in awe at not only the beauty of the space, but I am moved as I imagine the people who have entered the doors through 170 years – each with lives and stories. People of all ages and backgrounds have called St. Basil's home, have attended our concerts, or have just taken a moment in their day to pause and pray in a pew. There have been countless joyful milestones celebrated within these walls, and the space has also been a sanctuary for tears shed in grief and pain. Here, for generations, people have been forgiven, embraced, nourished, transformed, and sent on mission. Here, grace abounds and flows out into the neighbourhood, into work, school, and homes – carried by people like you and me. A parish, after all, is more than just a building!

Today's Psalm refrain rings in my ears: **"The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."** I hope every person who has entered our space over 170 years has encountered God's abundant merciful love and has been empowered to be an instrument of loving mercy in our world.

I love to ask my friends "birthday questions," which help us look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. So, on our parish's 170th birthday, I invite you to consider (and discuss with others): What are you grateful for or proud of about our parish? How have you encountered God at St. Basil's? What's something you want to try for the year ahead? What are you hoping for as we look to the future? Let us give thanks for 170 years and walk together into the future with hope and joy. Happy birthday!

~ JoAnn Melina Lopez

To celebrate our anniversary, all are welcome to join us for Mass at 7:30 a.m. or 12:10 p.m., and a special celebration of Evening Prayer at 5:10 p.m. on Monday!

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.



EVENING PRAYER: FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Monday, September 14, at 5:10 p.m.

Join us on Monday, September 14, at 5:10 p.m. for Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. 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. All are welcome.

SCHEDULE UPDATES

Morning Mass: 7:30 a.m. (*resumes September 14*):

Join us to celebrate the Eucharist on Monday and Friday mornings.

See the bulletin's first page for other regular weekly prayer offerings.

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. We aim to read a wide variety of literature through the year. Register through our website, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

Upcoming offerings:

September 14, 28 & October 26:

Pope Leo XIV's first Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*:
On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of
Artificial Intelligence.

November 9 to February 8:

St. Augustine's *Confessions*

SERRA CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, following the 12:10 p.m. Mass

Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are welcome to the next meeting of the Serra Club, held in Macrina Hall (*St. Basil's basement*). Our speaker will be Brother Dominic Viggiani, FSC, a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, who has devoted more than three decades to the leadership of De La Salle College.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

The annual Season of Creation is a time for Christians to come together in prayer, action, and community to care for our common home. It begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47, where God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, restoring all creation to flourishing life. Learn more at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.

WELCOME (BACK) STUDENTS!

As we begin the academic year, St. Basil's is delighted to welcome all students. We are here as a space for you to grow in faith, find community, and share your gifts in service. Please introduce yourself to our parish staff. We look forward to walking with you in your time as a student!

BECOMING CATHOLIC: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Are you returning as an adult to the Catholic faith? Join us for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a journey of exploration, prayer, reflection, study, and conversation that leads to full Christian initiation in the Roman Catholic community through the Sacraments.

Our program includes **weekly Wednesday night meetings from late September through April**, and all participants are supported by parishioners in their faith journey. Interested? **Make an appointment before September 23** with JoAnn: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

WOMEN, SERVICE, AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Wednesday, September 23, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join us for this lively, hope-filled, and interactive conversation about new church teaching regarding the role of women in the church, and the ongoing discernment on women deacons. This educational forum will focus on the Church's newest teaching on women in Paragraph 60 of the Synod's Final Document and how you can contribute to the ongoing discernment about women's participation and ministry during the Vatican's Synod Implementation Phase. All are welcome! Registration through our website helps us plan for refreshments. Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca).

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS

Monday, September 28, 12:45-1:30 p.m.
St. Basil's Parish Basement (Ardèche Hall)

Looking for prayer and stillness this fall? Join us for an introductory session on Christian Meditation on Monday, September 28, from 12:45-1:30 p.m., immediately following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. This easy-to-learn contemplative Christian prayer will bring stillness and peace to your life. All are welcome, no previous experience needed. Questions? Contact Lorena at patakaly@yahoo.ca.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Next weekend, September 19-20, is Stewardship Sunday, an opportunity to consider the gifts of God entrusted to us with gratitude, and to discern how we might best use our time, talent, and treasure to give glory to God and serve God's kingdom. 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 at St. Basil's or beyond through involvement in parish ministries. Through the next few months, we will have volunteers present after weekend Masses to share about their ministries and ways you can get involved. We will feature a write-up about each ministry a week in advance in the bulletin, so you can learn more. Curious about volunteering at St. Basil's? Visit: <https://www.stbasilontario.org/ministries>.

Our first featured ministry supports the parish RCIA program:

SUPPORTING FAITH JOURNEYS

St. Basil's is blessed to have about 40 adults seeking to grow in relationship with Christ through the Sacraments of Initiation this year. They are a great sign of hope! As part of a welcoming parish, please prayerfully consider if you are being called to support the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) cohort in one of these ways:

- **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.
- **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.
- **Praying for the participants** (on your own time): pray for a particular participant by name each week, entrusting their needs to God.

Speak to the volunteers on September 19-20, or contact JoAnn (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca) for more information.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOLA CANTORUM: FAURÉ REQUIEM

Monday, September 28, 7:30 p.m.

The St. Michael's Schola Cantorum's first concert of the year will feature the luminous and consoling *Fauré Requiem*, offered in memory of all of the deceased members of the St. Michael's community. The concert is directed by Dr. Christina Labriola, with soprano Dr. Lindsay McIntyre, baritone Paul Winkelmann, Dr. John-Paul Farahat on organ, and string quintet led by Rezan Onen-Lapointe. The event at St. Basil's is free and open to all, with donations welcome.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 12-13: 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.

September 20 - 21: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides food assistance, compassion, and a listening ear, bringing Jesus' mercy to our neighbours in need.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites the faithful to support humanitarian relief efforts, for example in Colombia and Nepal, recently impacted by natural disasters. Funds are channeled through our Catholic partners on the ground to aid those who are suffering. Details can be found at:

www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/humanitarian-relief/

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 14 - 20



MONDAY

7:30 a.m. | Max Robin-Prevalle (+)
12:10 p.m. | Robert and Valerie Crilly (+,+)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Joseph Evans Ocbena (liv.), Antonio Bajar (+),
Peggy White (+), Guiseppe Rustico (+),
the Rabot family (+), Giuseppe Pusiteri (+),
Archbishop Jules Joseph Zerey (+), Holy Souls (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Vocations

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Bianca (liv.), Fe Isabelita De La Cruz (+), Winnie
Why (+), Francis, Mary & Monica Gannon (+, +, +)

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. | Ronaldo Villa & Angela Paez (+, +)
12:10 p.m. | Luigi, Lisa, Len & Michael Ciavarella (+, +, +, +)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Melissa Smith (liv.)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Meghna Lall (liv.)
10:30 a.m. | *Pro Populo*
12:00 p.m. | John Irwin Glover (+)
4:30 p.m. | Shirley Lo (liv.)

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, 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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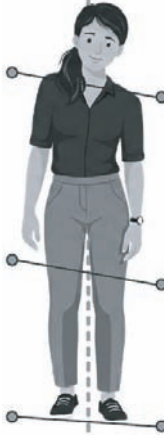
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