

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm (Sat.)
9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 4:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Friday: 7:30am
Monday - Friday: 12:10pm

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 12:00pm
Saturday: 4:30pm - 5:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: 8:15am - 1:15pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

*Please see the parish website or call the main office
for details. Weddings require a one year notice.*

FOR GOD SO LOVED...

"God so loved the world..."

This passage from John 3:16 is so familiar from Bible tracts and signboards that its message is obscured. In fact, it concerns the salvation not only of the pricelessly unique person that you are, but also the entire cosmos. Indeed, 'cosmos' is the very word in the original biblical Greek that is translated as 'world'.

Cosmos means the entire universe.

In my work as a field biologist, I am frequently amazed by what is out there, hiding in plain sight – just as our over-familiarity with John chapter 3 obscures its true vastness. One day, I was looking at a small yellowish fly that seemed a bit unfamiliar. A close-up photo with a macro lens revealed that it looked as though it was made of stained glass, or had leapt up from an illuminated manuscript, with filigrees of brown, black, and silver on its wings, a golden body, and emerald green eyes. Creation is extravagant. Revelation tells us it is beloved.

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor:
Office Manager:
Lay Pastoral Associate:
Director of Music &
Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist:
Musician-in-Residence:
Director of Outreach & Hospitality

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
Margaret D'Elia
JoAnn M. Lopez

Dr. John Paul Farahat
Adrian Ross
Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Hilda O'Connor



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross thus proclaims Christ's redemption of creation. In place of Babel, where human power tries to reach heaven by technocratic might, divine wisdom reveals God's descent: "No one ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven" (Jn 3.13).

Our St. Basil's book club recently read *A Canticle for Leibowitz*: a work of speculative fiction about the interplay between technology, faith, and the forces of hatred and ignorance. Science and technology are not evils – many of the lead characters including the founding saint are scientists. But they threaten creation when they are divorced from the true order of things. In the period that *Canticle* was written, we were particularly aware of the threat of nuclear war. That threat has not disappeared, but we are now contending with the more insidious problems of climate change caused by CO2 emissions and other alterations of the earth's atmosphere, as well as the degradation of natural habitats and the loss of biodiversity.

Inspired by this Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4), let us as Church carry on with the transcendent hope entrusted to us, and help to preserve our natural and cultural heritage.

~ Gavin Miller

STAFFING UPDATE

After 9 years of generous service to our parish community, Michael Pirri will be stepping down from his role as Director of Community Engagement. Michael has been an invaluable member of our parish team, serving in various roles over the years, including as Assistant Organist. We are especially grateful for his work to foster virtual engagement during the pandemic, his technical expertise, bulletin work, and his contribution to the work of the Magdala Colloquy. We wish Michael many blessings during this transition and in his future endeavours. Thank you, and God bless you, Michael!

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

Are you or someone you know considering becoming a Catholic? Curious about the Catholic Church? Returning as an adult to the Catholic faith? Consider joining 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 of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

This program serves adults including:

- Those who have never been baptized
- Those baptized in another Christian denomination
- Those baptized Roman Catholic as children who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our program includes weekly meetings held on Wednesday nights from October through April, and all participants receive support from parishioners in their journey of faith. Interested in finding out more? Make an appointment with JoAnn Lopez: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Tuesdays, 7pm

Join us for an hour of reflection and faith sharing on Zoom every Tuesday evening at 7 pm, resuming September 2. We pray with the Sunday scriptures as we grow in relationship with the Word and community. Come to one, some, or all sessions: no preparation required other than a willingness to reflect and share. All are welcome! Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca To receive the Zoom link, please register: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Mondays in Ardèche Hall (12:45pm-1:30pm) and Saturdays in the Decker Room (11am-Noon)

Seeking a space of peace and encounter with the sacred? Join us for a contemplative way of Christian prayer. It is very easy to learn and will bring stillness to your life. Offered in-person at St. Basil's (basement) on Mondays in Ardèche Hall (12:45pm-1:30pm) and Saturdays in the Decker Room (11am-Noon). Each session includes opening and closing prayer, a short instruction on Meditation, and a period of silent meditation (up to 20 minutes). All are welcome, no previous experience needed. No registration required but would be appreciated at: patakalv@yahoo.ca.

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, resuming October 27, 7-8:30 pm

Our parish reading group will resume October 27, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of each month from 7-8:30pm in Macrina Hall. We aim to read a wide variety of literature through the year. For more information and to register to receive updates, visit <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/>.

Questions? Contact Kristina Glicksman:
kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

SEASON OF CREATION ECUMENICAL VESPERS

Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes
520 Sherbourne Street, Back Terrace

Come celebrate the Season of Creation and plant seeds of peace and hope with fellow Christians on the back terrace of Our Lady of Lourdes. This event is hosted by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada.

The annual **Season of Creation** (September 1 – October 4) is a time for Christians to come together in prayer, action, and community to care for our common home.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 13-14: Building Fund
September 20-21: Society of St. Vincent dePaul

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 14 - 20



SUNDAY

9:00AM | José Lorenzo Caguimbal (liv.)
10:30AM | *Pro Populo*
12:00PM | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30PM | Fatima Soares (+)

MONDAY

7:30AM | Souls in Purgatory (+)
12:10PM | John Papez (+)

TUESDAY

12:10PM | Francis, Mary, Monica Gannon (+++), Fe Isabelita de la Cruz (+), Souls in Purgatory (+), Sinners (liv.), Oswald Fernandes Family (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

12:10PM | Vocations

THURSDAY

12:10PM | Sr. Mechtilde O'Mara (+), Bianca (liv.), Ileana Gabriella Khalili (+), Lorenzo (liv.) & José Carillo (+)

FRIDAY

7:30AM | Shakira Luke (+)
12:10PM | Luigi, Lina, Len & Michael Ciavarella (++++)

SATURDAY

5:00PM | Rafael Barone (+)

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, especially Shakira Luke.

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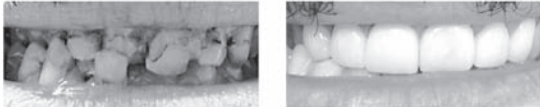
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