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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>)

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.

THE GIFT

Some years ago, I heard a retreat speaker proclaim good news:

"There's nothing you can do to make God love you less!" My heart basked in this truth of the abundant mercy of God (that we are called to emulate). Having spent many years mired in shame, afraid I was unworthy of God's love, this familiar message had already been life-giving and liberating for me. I hope all people can come to know and accept this truth.

The speaker then added something new: **"There's nothing you can do to make God love you more!"** I was surprised by how these words pierced my heart. Liberated from a fear of displeasing God, I had still spent so much of my life believing that my prayer and service could somehow earn me a little more of God's love.

"God just loves you" the speaker said. It's unfathomable to our human ways to imagine a gift freely given, with absolutely no strings attached. This is God's generosity.

Like the landowner in the parable today, God is continually going out in love to welcome all into participating in the reign of God. The wage received is not dependent on the work done, but on the generosity of the giver. We are, each and all of us, nourished and sustained by God's love that is freely given to us. We are not in competition for a scarce resource, but are all called into receiving that which is abundantly offered to us.

It defies our human understanding of fairness or meritocracy. But God's ways are not our ways. Each time we celebrate the Mass, all gathered receive the greatest gift in equal measure, and are drawn into communion with the One who calls us, and with each other. When we are open to receiving the abundant love of God, we can allow that love to transform, animate, and shape our lives. Perhaps we too might be able to extend the same generosity, seeking out ways to share God's love in concrete ways.

~ JoAnn Melina Lopez

*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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Director of Outreach & Hospitality:

Director of Music & Principal Organist:

Associate Organist:

Musician-in-Residence:

Coordinator of Community Engagement:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

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Hilda O'Connor

Dr. John Paul Farahat

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Dr. Lindsay McIntyre

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FR. MORGAN'S SURGERY

Our pastor, Fr. Morgan, is scheduled for a thyroid surgery on Wednesday, September 23, and will be out of the office until October 14. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for the procedure and heals after the surgery. We also ask for your understanding as we might have some delays in processing requests during those few weeks.

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 Winkelmans, 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.

MICHAELMAS

Tuesday, September 29, 12:10 p.m. Mass

September 29, Michaelmas, is the patronal feast of our Archdiocese and the University of St. Michael's College (USMC). All are welcome to join in the campus celebrations, beginning with the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Basil's to open the academic year. A reception will follow on campus.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Saturday, October 3, 7 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Office of Catholic Youth of the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Taizé Prayer at U of T community, and special guest Brother Emile of Taizé for an evening of meditative prayer and song in the style of Taizé at St. Basil's Parish.

DISCERNING THE DIACONATE FOR WOMEN IN LIGHT OF THE SYNOD

Saturday, October 3, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., virtual

Across the globe, Catholics are actively discerning about women's access to diaconal ministry. Join the Magdala Colloquy for a virtual gathering to learn about St. Phoebe, who served as a deacon with St. Paul in the early Church, and why she is such an important figure for us today. Be updated on the Church's magisterial teaching on women's leadership after the Synod on Synodality and what has been happening at the Vatican regarding the ongoing commissions for discerning the diaconate for women. Lend your voice to this vital conversation! Register through St. Basil's website.

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.

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.

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.

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/

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Stewardship Sunday is 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 through involvement in parish ministries. We have volunteers present after Masses this weekend to share about their ministries and ways you can get involved. Learn more at: <https://www.stbasiltoronto.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 this weekend, or contact JoAnn (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca) for more information.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 19-20: 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.

September 26-27: Needs of the Canadian Church

This annual initiative is an opportunity to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 21-27



MONDAY

7:30 a.m. | William Woo (+)
12:10 p.m. | Lindsay & Julie Nelson (+)

TUESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Manuel Vergara Mendoza Jr. (+),
Joan Barthos (+) Filipe Macalino (+),
Ken Attridge (+), Elaine Guy (+)

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. | Nicola Ciavarella (+)

THURSDAY

12:10 p.m. | Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB (liv.),
Terence Coates (+), Irene Patricio (+)

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. | Yvonne Chong (+)
12:10 p.m. | Jacob Xavier Bernard (+)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. | Diane Dowling (+)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
10:30 a.m. | Pro Populo
12:00 p.m. | Bergagnini Marisa (liv.)
4:30 p.m. | Bernard Syron (+)

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.

CALLED BY NAME: AN INVITATION TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

Saturday, October 3, 2pm-7pm
Near Broadview Ave & Danforth Ave.

Have you ever wondered if religious life is for you? Are you curious about becoming a Sister? Join us for a time of discussion and reflection as we explore the unique charisms of The Faithful Companions of Jesus, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, the Congregation of Jesus (Loretto Sisters) and the Xaviere Sisters. This event is open to women discerning religious life or seeking to learn more about women's communities. inspired by Ignatian spirituality. Register by September 26: csj-to.ca/calledbyname.

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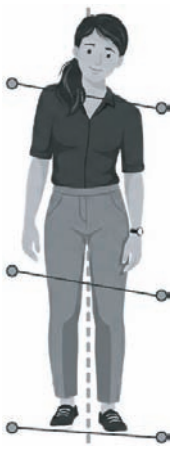
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