

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

ORDINARY TIME XXV

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)*

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Monday & Tuesday Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm
Macrina Hall (basement)

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 a one year notice.



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
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Dr. John Paul Farahat
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Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
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TURNING MY HEART TO JUSTICE

At first glance Amos the prophet is judging people who are unjust and threatening them with God's justice i.e. punishment. I'm tempted to follow suit. But wait!

Do I know any people who are unjust deliberately for their own financial gain? People who set out to cheat the poor and the needy? I guess on a personal level, I really don't. I have heard stories of low paid workers being cheated. Are these not the poor? I do know people who choose to pay under the table to avoid paying the taxes that provide the services we all expect from government. In my everyday routine, perhaps I could look more deeply. Is the cheapest price always the better option? Perhaps I too may be unjust sometimes, trying to get the most I can get for as little as possible.

We all want to be treated justly. In Catholic Social Teaching, rights and responsibilities are intrinsically linked and mutually reinforcing, rooted in the inherent dignity of the human person. Every individual has a fundamental right to life and the conditions necessary for a dignified existence, such as food, housing, healthcare, and education. In turn, individuals and communities have a reciprocal responsibility to respect these rights for others and to contribute to the common good by supporting their families, local communities, and the wider human family.

Does my economic status, my social values, my concern for our environment make a difference? What takes precedence in my decision making?

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Am I willing to pay for fair value both at home and abroad? Are paper plates and water bottles ever justified? Can I try to broaden my decisions beyond what is convenient for me even if it costs more of my resources and/or energy?

The Word of God in our scriptures is meant to be food for thought and influence in our own lives, and I would add it does not give me license to judge others nor to see punishment as God's main action. God is not out to get us but to show mercy to those who are needy and those who need to turn their decision making around in favour of justice for all.

~ Sr. Mary Mallany, IBVM

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

**2nd and 4th Monday of each month, from 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 in Macrina Hall (basement). 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.

Upcoming texts:

- Oct. 27 & Nov. 10: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- Nov. 24 & Dec. 8: *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather
- Dec. 22: "The Three Low Masses" by Alphonse Daudet

For more information and to register to receive updates, visit <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/>, or contact Kristina: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AT ST. BASIL'S

This weekend we celebrate Stewardship Sunday, an annual commemoration in the Archdiocese of Toronto which invites us to receive, acknowledge, celebrate, and lovingly share our God-given gifts. Each of us has received the Holy Spirit by our baptism, and are called to participate in the Church's mission of sharing God's love with others. What is the particular gift that you have received which could build up the Body of Christ through your presence and participation in our parish life?

Over the last few months, especially through engaging with the book *Divine Renovation*, our parishioners and staff have been reflecting on how St. Basil's could grow in living out our mission. One key principle we identified is the importance of a sense of community and belonging, and the role every person plays in the loving community embodied in our parish. We consistently hear that community life is one of our parishioners' favourite things about St. Basil's. I hope that each of you experiences that sense of belonging, and knows you have a vital role to play as servants of communion. This Stewardship Sunday, I have two invitations for you: would you join me in praying for our parish, and will you reach out to extend that sense of belonging and hospitality by introducing yourself and connecting to someone you have not yet met?

~ JoAnn Lopez, Lay Pastoral Associate

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? We would love to have you share your gifts to enrich our worship and draw our community closer to Christ. New volunteers are required to **complete the Volunteer Application Form** (found on our website) and attend our **upcoming training and formation on Monday, October 6 at 6:30pm**. Returning volunteers are also welcome to join us for a training refresher. To RSVP for the training and for a list of liturgical ministries and their duties, please check our website: www.stbasiltoronto.org

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.

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 Wednesday night meetings from October through April**, and all participants are supported by parishioners in their faith journey. Interested? **Make an appointment before October 1** with JoAnn Lopez: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

MICHAELMAS CONCERT

Friday, October 3, 7:30pm

Tuesday, September 29 is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Also known as Michaelmas, this is the patronal feast of the University of St. Michael's College.

St. Michael's *Schola Cantorum* will present a Michaelmas concert on Friday, October 3, 7:30pm in St. Basil's Church. The Schola will perform the dramatic, colourful, and virtuosic *Missa Omnium Sanctorum* by the Catholic Czech Baroque composer Jan Dismas Zelenka, together with guest soloists and instrumentalists. Admission is free, with donations accepted to benefit Campus Ministry's outreach efforts to those in need in our community.

CONCERT: DAY'S LAST GLOW

Friday, October 17, 7:30pm

Save the date for Day's Last Glow, an upcoming concert at St. Basil's with the Blackwood Trio, featuring JUNO-nominated 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, defying stylistic boundaries with virtuosity, musicality and sensitivity. Admission is free (suggested free-will donation of \$20).

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS FORMATION AND TRAINING

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

Open to both new and experienced volunteers, this program prepares you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and homebound on behalf of your parish. Registrants must participate in all sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment. Register by October 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)

ONLINE SERIES: "THE FOUR CONSTITUTIONS OF VATICAN II"

Tuesdays, September 23 to December 2, 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 SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

September 27-28: Needs of the Church in Canada

This annual initiative supports and assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Thank you for your generous support.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 21 - 28



SUNDAY

9:00AM	Chunmei Liu & Min (Jane) Huang (+,+)
10:30AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
12:00PM	Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
4:30PM	Ginger Shuk Fong Chung (+)

MONDAY

7:30AM	Lorenzo (liv.) & Julia Ferreira (liv.)
12:10PM	Fr. Anish Alex (liv.)

TUESDAY

12:10PM	Felipe Macalino (+), Shakira Luke (+), Bernard Syron (+), Maria Marinello (+), Souls in Purgatory (+)
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WEDNESDAY

12:10PM	Benjamin Arteficio (liv.)
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THURSDAY

12:10PM	Iryna (+), Souls in Purgatory (+)
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FRIDAY

7:30AM	Louis Alfonso (+)
12:10PM	Joseph Opaczewski (+)

SATURDAY

5:00PM	Nicola Ciavarella (+)
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9:00AM	Lorenzo (liv.)
10:30AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
12:00PM	Roberto Moniz (+)
4:30PM	Laura & Neil MacCarthy (liv., 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, especially Shakira Luke.

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