Ordinary Time XXV

ST. BASIL'S





CATHOLIC PARISH

At The University of St. Michael's College

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ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm (sat) 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm; 4:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

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

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:
Director of Faith Formation
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist
Musician-in-Residence:
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Community Engagement:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB Margaret D'Elia JoAnn M. Lopez Dr. John Paul Farahat Adrian Ross Dr. Lindsay McIntyre Hilda O'Connor Michael Pirri

UPLIFTED HEARTS

A BASILIAN CELEBRATION OF MUSIC, MINISTRY, AND MISSION

October 18 to 21 at St. Basil's Catholic Parish.

A ministry exchange between St. Basil's Catholic Parish and St. Anne Catholic Community, the Basilian Parish in Houston, TX. Encounter Jesus through uplifting music, powerful preaching, and engaging conversation as we learn and live our Christian mission as a community! Join for one, some, or all our gatherings. More details on the parish website.

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. We are blessed because you are all here!

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.







PRAYERFUL PEACEMAKERS

II once met members of the ecumenical monastic community of Taizé – famous pilgrimage hosts, known for their unique musical prayer style. They described this as peace-building and reconciling work. I didn't understand. What could contemplation have to do with peace? In our violent world, don't we need urgent action for justice? Thoughts and prayers can't be enough! I asked: "How does your prayer connect to justice and peace?" Their response transformed me:

"Contemplation builds faith. Not a faith that helps us fall asleep at night, warm and cozy in our beds, but a faith that gets us up each morning, with the courage to try to live the Gospel, ready to go back into the places of tension, doubt, pain, and fear with love and action."

As I engage today's scriptures, I am reminded that our world is full of competition, violence, striving, suffering, greed, conspiracy, and dissatisfaction. We know this well from our own contexts. Jesus shows us another way, inviting us to follow the path of discipleship that abandons "greatness" for gentleness and generous service. Jesus proclaims that we will be close to God if we center the vulnerable and dependent (like a child) rather than the powerful. This week the disciples (once more) don't understand Jesus but are afraid to question him and instead remain silent. Perhaps we don't get it either. However, Jesus never tires of teaching! He is always ready to encounter us and remind us of his way of love, mercy, and service. He will empower us to follow.

God's ways are not our ways – but the good news is, they could be! Prayer might just be what we need to transform our hearts to be more like Jesus. May our worship help us wake up each day to be loving servants of peace.

-JoAnn Melina Lopez

FAITH IN FOCUS

In this series we reflect on excerpts of Church documents that invites us to deepen our life of faith. For the next few weeks, we will be reading sections on The Eucharist featured in "Teach Us to Pray" (2024) published for the Year of Prayer, to prepares us for the 2025 Jubilee Year.

"Prepare for Mass well: approach the communal moment of the Eucharist with a brief personal preparation in silence that helps you step out of the hectic pace of daily life to reflect on the mystery you are about to experience. You can pause in front of the tabernacle, for a few minutes, where the Blessed Sacrament is present, recognizing that He will soon make Himself present on the altar, giving Himself to us in His true Body. It would also be very helpful to read beforehand the passages of God's Word that will be proclaimed in the liturgy." (Teach Us to Pray, p. 23-24)

Reflect: Take a quiet moment to open your heart to God's presence. This week is Stewardship Sunday: with gratitude, let us consider the great gift of God's love, and how we might respond to that love in our life with gratitude and generosity.

SING TO THE LORD: A VESPERS MUSIC WORKSHOP SERIES

Come learn how to chant Vespers (Evening Prayer)! Join us for 4 workshops where we'll gradually learn how to sing Vespers, building on what we learn from week-to-week. Each workshop will take place at 4:30pm on the dates below, with Vespers following at 5:10pm in the sanctuary:

- Monday September 23: Singing the Magnificat, the Song of Mary
- Monday September 30: Simple Tones for the Psalms
- Monday October 7: Hymn Melodies for Vespers
- Monday October 21: Singing the Readings and Responses

All are welcome! Email our Assistant Organist, Adrian Ross, for further information at assistantorganist@stbasiltoronto.org.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Do you have a compassionate and listening heart? Do you have time to share with our neighbours who are unable to come to Mass? Consider joining the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound! Members are dedicated to visiting those who are unable to come to Mass because of age, infirmity, or mobility issues. We share prayer, conversation, and bring Holy Communion, which unites them with our parish community.

Training and supervision are provided. Archdiocesan training will take place on Wednesday evenings on Zoom, beginning October 23, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Interested? Speak with JoAnn Lopez (joann.lopez@utoronto.ca)

—PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES—

SILENT CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Rest in the presence of God through silent meditation in community. Contact the parish office for details regarding zoom sessions.

Mondays: 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ardèche Hall (basement)

Saturdays: 11 a.m. to noon. Decker Room (basement)

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 3:30 p.m. on Zoom.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend some time in the church with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Tuesdays: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (drop in anytime)
First Friday for vocations: after 12:10 p.m. Mass, to
1:30 p.m.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Draw closer to Christ the Word through reflection on the Sunday scriptures and faith sharing in community. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/stbasilfaithsharing

Tuesdays: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Zoom

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Make each day holy and join in the church for prayer with scripture, reflection, and intercessions.

Monday-Friday: 5:10 p.m.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 21/22: Society of St. Vincent dePaul September 28/29: Needs of the Canadian Church

Mass Intentions

SEPTEMBER 22-28



SUNDAY

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9:00am Christian Alexander (liv)

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Maria Marinello (♣)

4:30pm Gregory Dan (liv)

Monday

ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

7:30am Justyna (liv)

12:10pm Felipe Macalino (♣)

TUESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Benjamin Arteficio (liv)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm James Robert and Valerie Crilly (♣,♣)

THURSDAY

7:30am Jason Kellman Chandler (*) 12:10pm Wilfred Goddard (*)

FRIDAY

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

7:30pm

12:10pm Nicola Ciavarella (*)

<u>Saturday</u>

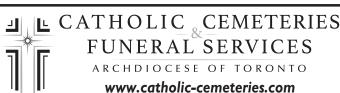
5:00pm Michelle Cassidy (♣)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Bohdanka Koval's'ky, Tyler Koval's'ky, Elaine Landrie, Margaret LaRose, Cheekon Leong, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Joan Mills, Dr. Peter Moran, Januz Niemczyk, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Girolamo Scoppio, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, and Alexander Wu.

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