

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

ORDINARY TIME XXVI

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

www.stbasiltoronto.org

50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, ON

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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)*

FAITH SHARING (ONLINE)

Tuesday: 7pm (<https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Monday & Tuesday Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm

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.

ATTENTIVE TO MY NEIGHBOUR

This week's gospel teaches us about the striking differences between the lives (and deaths) of poor Lazarus and the rich man. As I read, I find myself being challenged by the indifference and blindness that can often accompany privilege. St. Basil the Great, our parish's patron saint, expands on this and is quoted as saying, "The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; [...] the money that you keep locked away is the money of the poor; the acts of charity that you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit." Taken together, these messages help me to remember that our skills and resources are gifts from God meant to benefit the common good, and they call me to live my faith in a practical way that serves our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

I also can't help but be inspired by the generosity that I see all around me. Especially here at St. Basil's, where every day I am surrounded by examples of charity, compassion, and care in action. Take, for instance, the incredible woman who joins us for our Out of the Cold community outreach lunch, carrying everything she owns with her. She insists on leaving enough for the others who may join us later, so she will never take more than she needs to satisfy her hunger in the moment. Her selflessness truly moves me, and through her generous spirit, I better understand the importance of sharing what we have.

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*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:

Lay Pastoral Associate:

Office Manager:

Director of Outreach & Hospitality:

Director of Music & Principal Organist:

Assistant Organist:

Musician-in-Residence:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

JoAnn M. Lopez

Margaret D'Elia

Hilda O'Connor

Dr. John Paul Farahat

Adrian Ross

Dr. Lindsay McIntyre



I am also struck by the dedicated volunteer who has a real knack for remembering every guest's name. It's really something special to see how she makes everyone feel so welcome and appreciated. She teaches me the benefit of slowing down and connecting with people in those small yet meaningful ways.

In fact, every act of kindness performed here at St. Basil's has the potential to create a ripple effect that may help us to connect with our neighbours and make our community stronger. And every action counts. Whether it's chopping vegetables, arranging chairs, baking cookies, washing dishes, serving meals with a smile, listening without judgment, offering a kind word, or giving generously to our ministry. As clichéd as it may sound, our actions really do create a chain reaction of support within our parish and in the community as a whole, uplifting those we serve and inspiring others to do the same.

I will leave you with the wise words of Pope Francis: "spread the wealth of charity, share our bread, and multiply love," and the question, "What can I do today to ensure that my actions reflect my faith?"

~ Hilda O'Connor

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

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

ANNUAL PET BLESSING

Saturday, October 4 (Feast Day of St. Francis)
10am

Join us for our annual pet blessing in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology and animals. We will gather outside the church for the brief blessing. All animals are welcome. For safety, please keep your pets leashed, caged, or held in owner's control.

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? New volunteers are required to **complete the Volunteer Application Form** 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

READING GROUP AT ST. BASIL'S

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

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 text: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis (Oct. 27 & Nov. 10)

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

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)** is a Montessori-based approach to the religious education of children, which offers children the most essential aspects of our faith, trusting this will nurture their capacity to enjoy God's loving presence in their life.

St. Basil's will be hosting a CGS Level 1 program (for children aged 3-6), on Sunday mornings (9am-10:15am) beginning on Sunday, October 26. The program fee is \$75/child, or \$125/family. We do not want cost to be a barrier for any family, and financial assistance is available. Please complete the registration form on our website, or contact JoAnn (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. We will celebrate this feast with the university community at our 12:10pm Mass that day.

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

Join us for Day's Last Glow, a concert with the Blackwood Trio, featuring 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 on a unique foundation of jazz, Gregorian chant, and minimalism, defying stylistic boundaries with virtuosity, musicality and sensitivity. Admission is by free-will donation (suggested amount, \$20).

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS FORMATION AND TRAINING

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

This program prepares you to visit the sick, elderly, and homebound on behalf of your parish. 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)

COME & SEE VOCATION RETREAT

**Friday, October 31 – Sunday, November 2
St. Augustine's Seminary**

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, as a way to discern a possible call to priesthood at the seminary. Contact: vocations@archtoronto.org.
Details & Register: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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.

October 4–5: Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

The fund was established by the Bishops of Canada in 2022 as part of our reconciliation efforts and is overseen by a National Board of Directors which includes Indigenous leaders and other members with relevant expertise. As of September 2025, the fund has raised more than \$21 million towards the five-year \$30 million commitment.

Find out more at: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5



MONDAY

7:30AM | Shakira Luke (+)
12:10PM | Stefan & Anna Papez (+, +)

TUESDAY

12:10PM | Gina and Antonio Tancredi (+, +)

WEDNESDAY

12:10PM | Stefan & Anna Papez (+, +)

THURSDAY

12:10PM | Douglas George McNeill (+),
Michael San Juan (+)

FRIDAY

7:30AM | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
12:10PM | Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00PM | Beatriz Pasion (liv.)

SUNDAY

9:00AM | Vivian Kwok & Winnie Man (liv., liv.)
10:30AM | *Pro Populo*
12:00PM | Alexander Villalobos
4:30PM | Edgar Sousa (+)

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.

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