

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

ORDINARY TIME XXIII

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: 7:10am

Monday - Friday: 12:10pm

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

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:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

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GREATER TRUST

Reflecting on this Sunday's readings, I felt drawn to the theme of perspective—how limited ours can so often be, and how much we need God to broaden it. Life can feel overwhelming, we find ourselves schedules, and the minutiae of the day—the illusion of control. But our faith asks us to step back and see through God's eyes. That shift in perspective is both humbling and freeing; we don't need all the answers but instead we need to trust that the Spirit will guide us.

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.



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The heart of Christian living is not just private prayer, but transformed relationships. We are challenged to ask: "do I treat people as children of God, beloved not in spite of but rather *because* of their brokenness?" True discipleship is marked by reconciliation, forgiveness, and the recognition that in Christ there are no hierarchies—only brothers and sisters. A true call to synodality restores our authentic role as the people of God. That's not an easy shift for some.

Discipleship itself is costly. We hear the Gospel this weekend as a blunt reminder to give up what we hold close to; following Jesus is not an add-on to a comfortable life, but a radical re-orientation. It means loosening grips on possessions, relationships, and even our own ambitions. We would all prefer a safe faith, one that doesn't ask too much. But Jesus doesn't offer half-measures, thankfully. He asks for everything, promising in return not certainty or ease, but life in abundance.

So I invite you to hold these questions in prayer: Where am I clinging too tightly to control? Who in my life do I need to see with new eyes—as a brother or sister, rather than through labels or grievances? And what am I being asked to let go of, so I can follow Christ more freely?

I'll end with a prayer of St. Richard of Chichester:

*Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given
us, for all the pains and insults which you
have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother, may we know you more
clearly, love you more dearly, and follow
you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

– Michael Pirri

SEASON OF CREATION

September 1 - October 4

The Season of Creation challenges the entire Christian family around the world to care for God's creation through prayer and action. In his address for the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo XIV "denounces environmental and social injustice, noting that God's creation is not intended to be a battleground for vital resources."

"*Seeds of Peace and Hope*" was chosen by Pope Francis as this year's central theme. This theme emphasizes the possibility of new beginnings and the transformational power of modest actions. The Bible regularly uses the metaphor of seeds to symbolize growth, rebirth, and the potential for hope and peace. These images were inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the prophet Isaiah.

As Christians, we are called to move from words to deeds, sowing the seeds of justice, peace, and hope with love, perseverance, and cooperation. Taking care of the environment reflects Jesus Christ's humanity and faith.

As pilgrims of hope in the Jubilee Year, let us pray and work to protect and preserve creation and for responsible stewardship of the earth and sustainable living.

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>

7:30AM MASS UPDATE

Please note that the schedule has been revised for the 7:30am Mass. **The 7:30am Mass will be offered only on Monday and Friday during the academic year.**

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 typically held on Wednesday nights from October through May, 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

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. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/>. Questions? Contact Kristina Glicksman: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 13/14: Building Fund
September 20/21: St. Vincent dePaul

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 7 – 13



SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME XXIII

9:00am Michael Murphy (✱)
10:30am Pro Populo
12:00pm Aurora (liv)
4:30pm M.T. Klotz (liv)

MONDAY NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30am Renita Fernandes (liv)
12:10pm Lindsay and Julia Nelson (✱,✱)

TUESDAY

12:10pm Dr. Peter Moran (liv)

WEDNESDAY

12:10pm Hermann Botzenhardt (✱), Kathleen Beirne (✱)

THURSDAY

12:10pm Jacinta Cruz (✱)

FRIDAY

7:30am Naty Duno (✱)
12:10pm Jia Lin Huang (liv)

SATURDAY


5:00pm Marily and Mary Guest (✱,✱)

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.

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