

APRIL 14, 2024

EASTER III

# ST. BASIL'S

# CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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## 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

## 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.

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.

We respect your decision to remain masked or unmasked.

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Director of Faith Formation	JoAnn M. Lopez
Director of Music & Principal Organist:	Dr. John Paul Farahat
Assistant Organist	Adrian Ross
Musician-in-Residence:	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri

This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder that Christ is alive among us. It's as true today as it was two thousand years ago, when the apostles were "startled and terrified" by the presence of the risen Lord.

Christ's presence today can be less startling. After all, there's no one here with holes in their hands and feet. But when you sit down in your pew on Sunday, turn to your left. There he is. Turn to your right, and there he is. "Peace be with you," Christ says in the Gospel. Shake hands with your neighbour, say "peace be with you," and there he is, saying it to you, too. Take a moment and marvel at the miracle that we are all here—so different from one another, from every corner of the earth—and that we have been called together, to be in this community with him.

Christ is in the face of our fellow parishioners, and in the faces of those our Christian community serves. In the Gospel, Jesus asks the apostles:



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“Have you anything here to eat?” Every week, Christ in our homeless brothers and sisters asks that question to our outreach ministry volunteers. He asks that question to our Vincentians when they visit him at home. He asks that question to our RCIA leaders and in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, where the hunger isn’t for food but for truth and the way to a joyful life.

This week is Volunteer Appreciation Week. If you are one of those parishioners who volunteers in this wonderful community, consider: who is Christ to me, in my ministry? To whom are my hands the loving hands of Christ, who came to serve and not to be served? How is Christ using me to reveal himself to those precious people who meet us? How can I reflect his face more brightly?

If you aren’t yet involved with one of the parish’s ministries—but the thought has been on your heart lately—consider: who could you be the face of Christ for, if you give the gift of yourself to your brothers and sisters? Whose life could change because of that gift?

Amid their fear and disbelief, the Gospel reading tells of the apostles’ immense joy at seeing Jesus. To see him in our neighbour, to serve him in our neighbour, here at the parish and beyond—there is no joy like this, when we let his presence startle us. When we remember again why we are here, the one who brought us here, and who he truly is: the Lord, alive and in love with us, whose tender heart beats in this community.

~ Catherine & Brendan Steven

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## ALUMNI REUNION

Alumni Reunion 2024 - Registration now open  
May 30 - June 2

Join us at St. Mike’s May 30 - June 2 to “Renew Friendships, Celebrate Memories, and Create Community.” We are particularly excited to welcome back all alumni who graduated in a year ending in 4 or 9. Event details and registration are available on the St. Mike’s Alumni Reunion webpage: <https://stmikes.utoronto.ca/reunion>

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

Join us for an hour of reflection and faith sharing on Zoom every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. 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](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca)

## SERRA CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** in Macrina Hall following the 12:10pm Mass. The guest speaker will be Agnes Vaz, Co-ordinator of Chaplaincy at the Archdiocese of Toronto. Agnes will share more about her work and how if you or a loved one are ever in a hospital, how to request the services of a Catholic chaplain. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are most welcome!

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith" (*Galatians 5:10*)

National Volunteer Week — April 14-20, 2024

Thank you to all the volunteers in our parish! We appreciate and celebrate your faithful service within our parish community. Thank you for volunteering and making every moment matter.

## WINDOWS ON THEOLOGY

Spring 2024: World Christianity, presented by Gordon Rixon, SJ  
Every Wednesday starting from April 17 to May 22, 11:00 am to 12:45 pm. Cost \$160

The course draws on the distinction between mondialisation (transnational cultural pluralism) and globalisation (global monocultural hegemony) to explore the roles of religion and faith in discovering humanity's higher purpose and addressing systemic injustice. Focused through discussion of regional theologies in Asia and Africa and world-wide indigenous movements, the course engages interreligious dialogue to heighten awareness of encounter and social reconciliation. The discussion of indigeneity addresses the experience of residential schools in Canada.

This course is offered as a hybrid course. Participants who wish to attend in-person will gather in Regis College St. Joseph Chapel. Participants who wish to attend virtually will use the Zoom link provided. The Zoom link can be used for all six classes of "World Christianity." All participants will receive a Zoom conferencing link in the confirmation email and again in the weekly email reminders.

More information & Registration:

<https://regiscollege.ca/academics/windows-on-theology/>

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 13/14: Building Fund  
April 27/28: ShareLife

## MASS INTENTIONS



APRIL 14 - 20

### SUNDAY EASTER III

9:00am Opaczewski Family  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Julieta Villalobos (✱)  
4:30pm Edward Ortega (liv)

### MONDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Wlodek (✱)

### TUESDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Adele O'Connell (✱), Mary Anne Alexander (✱)

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Kevin Goddard (✱)  
12:10pm Francis, Mary, and Monica Gannon (✱, ✱, ✱)

### THURSDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Robert Morgan (✱)

### FRIDAY

7:30pm Carmela Pacione (✱)  
12:10pm Lukasz (✱)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Ieresa Wishiewski (✱)

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

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