

APRIL 21, 2024

EASTER IV

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

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

Good Shepherd Sunday is another name for the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In all three liturgical year cycles, we hear a part of this allegorical narrative of Jesus the Good Shepherd from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. In today's reading, we hear Jesus declaring, "I am the good shepherd" – expressing his absolute and unchanging love for us. We know that "he calls his own sheep by name" so that we may live our Christian vocation to and in love.

Incidentally, vocation comes from the old Latin word "to call." Our Christian faith comes through the word of Christ in the Scripture (Rom. 10:17). What deepens our faith, according to Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar, is the beauty, goodness, and truth of our lived experience from our day-to-day lives, which I like to call an education. My most recent earth-shaking education occurred in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Atrium at St. Basil's while observing children ages 3-6 responding to today's Gospel reading. Children are introduced



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to the absolute and nurturing Love of God through the image of Good Shepherd. The mind of young children can pay attention to detail, retain information, and ask poignant questions freely. The children are attracted to beautiful and small objects, mesmerized by hearing parables from the Scripture, and oriented towards what love is. They are whole persons, just like grown-ups, but in small bodies. They know Jesus is their shepherd, who calls them by name.

Like grown-up Christians, children are baptized Christians who live their vocations with dignity. Children's inherent capacity to absorb knowledge and information naturally from birth to age six is the foundation of CGS inspired by Dr. Maria Montessori's notion of the "Absorbent Mind." CGS is designed to cultivate children's pre-existent relationship with the Divine. As I learned in a year of clinical pastoral care education – serving as a chaplain in Neo-Natal ICU, acute care, stroke and neurorehabilitation, long-term, and palliative care units – our lives are fragile and can take turns beyond our control. Those who overcame their setbacks also often drew courage and strength from their early childhood memories, anchored in the unchanging. Knowing the value of this critical developmental stage, all seven members of the CGS catechist team gather monthly for a full day of training provided by the Archdiocese of Toronto to prepare for our weekly Sunday sessions with the children. The combined 49-plus hours of training for our service as catechists is essential for the integrated development of self with and for others. We too are learners. In CGS Atrium's time and space, there is only one Teacher.

The good news is that we are all: 1) "beloved" and 2) "God's children now", as affirmed in today's second reading. It is never too late to renew our spiritual journey, and to recognize that it takes a village to raise a child! When it comes to living our vocation to love, we collaborate and muster all our talents, grounded in our Baptisms that strengthen us and bring us together as Christians. Above all, we trust in our Good Shepherd who is present and guiding us.

~ Jung-Un Christina Lee

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, April 24, 7:00pm

Sent to Serve: An evening of Taizé Prayer

Join us on Wednesday, April 24, at 7p.m. at St. Basil's for a Taizé prayer service, where we will reflect together on our call as disciples. This ecumenical and meditative prayer form includes music, scripture, prayers, candlelight, and silence, to draw us out to live our baptismal call. All are welcome! Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Join us to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Associate Pastor, Fr. Norm Tanck. A special coffee hour will take place on Sunday, April 28th following the 10:30am Mass.

All are welcome to come and celebrate this milestone!

CATHOLIC-BUDDHIST DIALOGUE

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Register: <https://buytickets.at/interfaithcircle/1226357>

"Interfaith Circle" invites you to join us in a Catholic-Buddhist Dialogue on the topic of Prayer. Join panelists Bhante Saranapala and Fr. John Meehan, SJ as they discuss the role of prayer in their spiritual lives.

CAMPUS CLEAN UP

The USMC student union, commuters and residents are excited to invite the community to celebrate Earth Day by participating in the bi-annual campus clean up. **Join students and colleagues in the SMC Quad between 1-3p.m. to help get the campus ready for spring.** Special thank you to USMC Facilities for providing equipment and direction.

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

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>

SHARELIFE

Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 27/28: ShareLife

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 21 - 27



SUNDAY

EASTER IV

- 9:00am Michael Halloran (✝)
- 10:30am *Pro Populo*
- 12:00pm Madeline Kneider (liv)
- 4:30pm Wlodek, Lukasz, and Family (✝)

MONDAY

- 7:30am *Souls in purgatory*
- 12:10pm Helen (liv)

TUESDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm Terezia Vidovic (✝)

THURSDAY

ST. MARK

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (✝,✝)

FRIDAY

- 7:30pm
- 12:10pm Nila Hipona (liv)

SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Peter Moran (liv)

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.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

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