

APRIL 28, 2024

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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
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Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus presents us with a vivid and challenging image of discipleship. We are like branches attached to a vine, which is Jesus himself. The branches that bear fruit will be pruned so that they bear more fruit. The ones that bear no fruit will be thrown into the fire.

Even if we are already bearing fruit, Jesus tells us, our Heavenly Father will ensure that we bear even more. How does he do this? By pruning. By cutting away from us the things that prevent us from living the life that he calls us to: our attachments to this material world, our grave sins and petty vices, our pride and selfishness, our excuses, our fears.

What might be the things in your life that are preventing you from a deeper relationship with God? What parts of you need pruning? Or where might God be at work in your life with his pruning shears right now?



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Take courage! Jesus tells us that this is all part of the process. Soon you will be bearing more fruit. And the more willingly you let go of those obstacles to holiness, the easier and less painful the pruning will be.

But that raises another question: Should we be worried about the amount of fruit we are producing? Not at all.

How many times in the Bible does God show us that the way he sees the world is not the way we see it? The person who appears to be doing a lot in our eyes may be doing very little in God's eyes. And the person who seems to accomplish little may in fact be a great saint. The important thing in terms of our own agency and choice is not the fruit we appear to be producing but how deeply we are abiding in Christ.

Jesus tells us very bluntly: "Apart from me you can do nothing." Nothing. Not "a little." Not "only a few things." *Nothing*.

For me, that is the most powerful, the most astounding part of this passage. It blows apart every expectation instilled in us by our culture to be busy and productive, to do and to be seen to be doing. And we bring those expectations into our spiritual life. Surely, it's all the things I do – the prayers and the good works – that make me holy and will get me into heaven.

But Jesus says no. The greatest thing we can do, the *only* thing we can do is to let go – of our pride, our selfishness, our pettiness, our desire for control, or whatever it may be in your life that is preventing you from abandoning yourself completely to Christ working through you.

And here's the kicker: Once you do let go, once you surrender yourself completely, God will take care of the rest, and there will be no limit to what he can accomplish through you.

~ Kristina Glicksman

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!

PRAYER FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Dear Lord, we thank you and praise you for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask you to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time here at St. Basil's.

May they be witnesses to the love and guidance of the Good Shepherd.

WITH ONE ACCORD

A new edition of *With One Accord: Learning and Living the Feminine Dimension as Church* is available now on the subject of Adam and Eve. Visit www.magdalacolloquy.org to view it online. The purpose of the *With One Accord* journal is to make broadly available the richness of feminine wisdom embedded in our Catholic tradition and to bring it alive through dialogue.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Looking to integrate your Catholic faith into your professional life? Young Professional Catholics of Toronto (YPCT) is a new organization with a vision to create a thriving community supporting the professional and spiritual growth and development of young Catholics in Toronto. YPCT does this by offering (1) Networking opportunities; (2) Mentorship Program; (3) Community Support; and (4) Resources. Join YPCT for their launch party on May 30th, 2024 in Pravda Vodka Bar in Toronto. Meet other Young Catholic Professionals in the GTA along with YPCT's core team. See the following eventbrite page for more details: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/young-professionals-catholics-of-toronto-launch-party-tickets-883841282067>

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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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 27/28: ShareLife
May 4/5: The Pope's Pastoral Works

MASS INTENTIONS

APR 28 - MAY 4



SUNDAY EASTER V

9:00am Ernesta Greenidge (✝)
10:30am Pro Populo
12:00pm Frederic Pororado (✝)
4:30pm Peter Moran (liv)

MONDAY ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

7:30am
12:10pm Marichu Ras (✝)

TUESDAY

7:30am All Families
12:10pm Melody Tan (liv)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Gene Girodat (✝)

THURSDAY ST. ATHANASIUS

7:30am
12:10pm Sam (liv)

FRIDAY ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES

7:30pm Jaewhan Lee (liv)
12:10pm Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00pm Caterina Ciavarella (✝)

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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