

APRIL 6, 2025

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# 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

## VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

## ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

## 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
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Lay Pastoral Associate	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

## LET GO AND LET GOD TRANSFORM US

A few years ago, I found myself clinging to a situation that was causing me pain. Letting go felt impossible—it meant stepping into the unknown, and I was terrified of losing what felt familiar, even though it was no longer life-giving. In my desperation, I turned to prayer and fasting, but not in a way that sought God's will. Instead, I was trying to negotiate with Him, hoping my physical discomfort would convince Him to change my circumstances. It took time for me to realize that I was resisting the very transformation God was offering me. When I finally surrendered, my prayer changed. I asked God to help me let go, to heal me, and to guide me as I started afresh. In that surrender, I found a deeper sense of purpose and a

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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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renewed trust in His plan.

This week's readings echo this theme of surrender and new life. In the first reading, God promises to do for us something new, even in the wilderness of our struggles. He invites us to trust Him, even when the path ahead seems unclear. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that our suffering can lead to righteousness and a more intimate relationship with God. And in the Gospel, we see the woman caught in adultery encounter Christ's mercy, reminding us that God's love is not bound by our failures or shortcomings. Like her, we are called to let go of shame and fear, and to embrace the new life He offers.

This Lent, I invite us to reflect on what we might need to let go of in order to fully receive the transformation God desires for us. Are there situations, habits, or fears that we are clinging to, even when they no longer serve us? How can we trust God to lead us into something new, even when it feels uncertain? Let us plant seeds of hope through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, trusting that God is doing something beautiful in our lives, even in the midst of our struggles. I pray that we may have the courage to surrender, to hope, and to embrace the new life He is calling us to live. Amen.

*~ Jennifer Chinenye Emelife*

## SACRED BEGINNINGS

Are you and your spouse expecting, expecting to be expecting, or knee-deep in diapers? Come join us! We're a community of couples that are striving to grow in love for God, our spouses, and our kids. Families have been gathering on the second Sunday of each month, downstairs in Macrina Hall, from 9 - 10:15 AM for kids' activities and the opportunity to pray and reflect together. Our final gathering is on **Palm Sunday, April 13**. More details are available on our registration form on the parish website. Feel free to email the organizing couple (Catherine & Brendan) at [cath.s.steven@gmail.com](mailto:cath.s.steven@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## TENEBRAE

Wednesday, April 16, 8:00pm

All are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 16, at 8:00pm in the church for our annual Tenebrae service. Latin for shadows, Tenebrae was originally celebrated in the early morning hours of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This contemplative evening service will feature a condensed version of the three day service, with prayers, readings, and choral music to usher in the beginning of the Triduum.

## STABAT MATER

Musician-in-Residence Concert

Friday, April 11, 7:30pm

Featuring soprano Lindsay McIntyre, countertenor Christian Masucci, with harpsichordist Adrian Ross and a string ensemble, this free voice concert will include Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's famous musical setting of the Stabat Mater - the hymn to Mary at the foot of the cross. Donations will be collected to support the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

## SHARELIFE

You open the door to safety from abuse

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve.

Our 2025 goal is \$105,000. Give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## BASILIAN LAY ASSOCIATES

Have you ever wondered who the Basilian Lay Associates are? Come and join us for an afternoon and explore us and our opportunities in faith. The open meeting will occur on Saturday April 12th at 2:00pm here at St. Basil's Church.

For more information, please reach out to Michael Pirri at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or 416 926-2075.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturdays 1-3pm, starting April 26

Are you a Catholic youth between the ages of 12 to 18? Join a community of exploration, prayer, reflection and conversation that prepares you for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, June 21, at the 5pm Mass.

Our program for those in grade 7 and up includes seven required sessions, held weekly on Saturday afternoons from 1-3pm at St. Basil's Catholic Parish, starting April 26 (no session on May 17, Victoria Day Weekend).

Register by April 20 here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bj2Zy9RvQx> Questions? Contact: [joann.lopez@utoronto.ca](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca)

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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) To receive the Zoom link, please register: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 12/13: Building Fund

## MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 6-12



### SUNDAY

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9:00am Antonio Cruz (✱)  
10:30am Pro Populo  
12:00pm Mimma Milicia (✱)  
4:30pm Pamela Nora Buklis (✱)

### MONDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm James Robert and Valerie Crilly (✱, ✱)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Lola and Joseph, Janette and Lindsey MacNeil (✱, ✱, ✱, ✱)

12:10pm

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Franics, Mary, and Monica Gannon (✱, ✱, ✱), Mary Anne Alexander (✱)

### FRIDAY

7:30pm Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)  
12:10pm Luigi, Len, Lina, and Michael Ciavarella (✱, ✱, ✱, ✱)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Rebecca Saturinas (✱)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Margaret LaRose, Cheekon Leong, Luba Leong, 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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