

APRIL 7, 2024

# ST. BASIL'S



# EASTER II (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 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
Associate Organist	Adrian Ross
Musician-in-Residence:	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri

## THOMAS THE DOUBTER

Poor St. Thomas, because of today's Gospel reading, he has been labelled through the centuries as Thomas the Doubter. I always feel sorry for him and for all who are dismissed or marginalized as unfaithful or disloyal, because they ask questions, or see things in a different way.

Thomas can't seem to shake the name Doubter even though, in reality he was a man of great faith. He was an apostle who, as tradition would have it, traveled outside of the Roman Empire as far as India to preach the Good News and establish the Church in different places and cultures.

The doubt of Thomas was part of his faith. If you know things for certain, you don't need faith. But if you come to know the truth, despite the questions and uncertainty, without the rational or empirical knowledge, then that is faith. Like Thomas, we have faith in Jesus Christ who died



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and rose from the dead, even though we have not seen him in the flesh or heard his voice as his disciples did.

How do we come to know and believe that Jesus is risen and is present in our lives? At some point it may be through a personal encounter of the Lord. But we also know him through the community of believers which proclaims over and over again that Christ has died, that he has risen. They have come to know him in their life together as the Body of Christ (the Church), through Scripture and teachings of the Church, and in the breaking of bread, his Body and Blood, in the Eucharist.

St. Thomas is able to personally encounter the risen Lord when he is with the frightened community of believers still hiding away in a room somewhere in Jerusalem a week after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is the growing and deepening faith of that community that gives Thomas the freedom and courage to ask his questions and the eyes and ears to witness the truth of Jesus standing among them.

Let us pray that the Church and our parish community, be welcoming to all who seek the truth, believers, doubters and questioners alike, so we may all come to know the risen Lord in our midst and become, and like St. Thomas, faithful witnesses to the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen... Alleluia, Alleluia.

-Fr. Norm Tanck

## 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)

## SHARELIFE

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## IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Dates: Mondays, April 8,15,22,29

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Location: The Mary Ward Centre, 70 Saint Mary St.

Cost: \$40 plus the cost of the retreat manual (approximately \$27)

Enter into the joy of the Resurrection and relationship with Jesus by making a retreat in daily life. The Mary Ward Centre is hosting a retreat in daily life over 4 weeks beginning Monday, April 8, 2024, entitled Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus. Participants will spend approximately 30 minutes in prayer 4-5 times per week according to their own schedule and meet together once per week for prayer and spiritual conversation.

This retreat introduces Ignatian methods of prayer including imaginative scripture contemplation, meditation, the Examen prayer, and the use of symbols in prayer. No prior experience is necessary.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Sr. Sarah Rudolph, [ibvm at sarah.rudolph@marywardcentre.ca](mailto:sarah.rudolph@marywardcentre.ca)

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT ORGANIST

We're very happy to share the appointment of Adrian Ross as our new Assistant Organist at St. Basil's. You will usually see him at the 12:00 noon and 4:30 p.m. Sunday Masses. Adrian is no stranger to our community, having received two music degrees from the Faculty of Music, and having volunteered for many years in our Out of the Cold program.

He comes to us now from Montreal, where he is completing a graduate diploma in organ at the Université de Montréal, having served as organist of the church *Très-Saint-Nom-de-Jésus*, and as Director of Music for the Newman Chapel Choir at McGill University.

This is Adrian's first weekend, and we are glad that he is here with us. Welcome Adrian!

### JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus Catholic brotherhood is the organization for you. St. Basil's does not have its own council but is among the downtown parishes connected with Council 1388. In addition, the Shane Beal Council 17500, named after a well-loved student who died after finishing his second year at the University of St. Michael's College, was established for University of Toronto students.

For Catholic men interested in joining either of these councils, please access the Knights of Columbus web address: [ontariokofc.ca](http://ontariokofc.ca) and join online for free. For 'Preferred Local Council', enter 1388 for the Toronto Council or 17500 for the Shane Beal Council if you are a University of Toronto student.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available after each Mass the weekend of April 13-14 if you have questions or would like more information.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 13/14: Building Fund

## MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 7 - 13



### SUNDAY EASTER II - DIVINE MERCY

- 9:00am Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)
- 10:30am *Pro Populo*
- 12:00pm Dan Hill (✝)
- 4:30pm Ruth Buck (liv)

### MONDAY ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

- 7:30am Lola, Joe, and Lindsey (✝,✝,✝)
- 12:10pm James Robert and Valerie Crilly (✝,✝)

### TUESDAY

- 7:30am Chanpil Paul Lee (✝)
- 12:10pm Encar Benemerito (liv)

### WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am Peter Moran (liv)
- 12:10pm Julie and Lindsay Nelson (✝,✝)

### THURSDAY ST. STANISLAUS

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm Frankie Leung (✝)

### FRIDAY

- 7:30pm
- 12:10pm Luigi, Lina, Michael, and Len Ciavarella (✝,✝,✝,✝)

### SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Mary Jane Cowan (✝)

**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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