

DECEMBER 10, 2023

ADVENT II

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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.

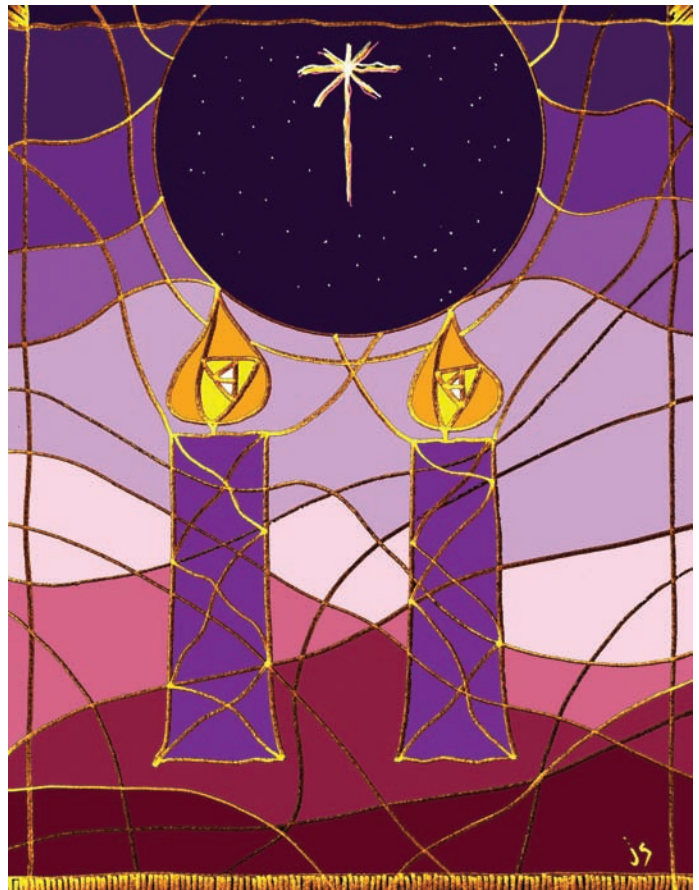
Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. We are blessed because you are all here!

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
Associate Organist:	Stefani Bedin
Musician-in-Residence:	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri



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## 2024 MISSALS AVAILABLE

Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year! If you have not already, you may purchase a Sunday Missal through the parish office, or by speaking with a Minister of Hospitality.

## OUTREACH FUNDRAISING

Due to a number of donations that we were informed that we would be receiving for our winter essential bags, we will not need to purchase items like we had planned. Therefore, we will not be collecting monetary donations towards those bags this weekend. Instead, we will be selling St. Basil Christmas ornaments this weekend, December 9-10 with proceeds going towards the Outreach Christmas Lunch. However, monetary donations towards our outreach program are always welcome and appreciated!

## CCCB ADVENT VIDEO SERIES

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Join to reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2023. Visit the CCCB Advent page via our website at [www.stbasiltoronto.org/advent](http://www.stbasiltoronto.org/advent). On the First Sunday, Bishop Hansen provides a reflection on waiting and waking up to the presence of God. On the Second Sunday of Advent, he provides a reflection on Saint John the Baptist and hope.

## 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)

## CATECHESIS AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

St. Basil's Parish will be starting Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation at the end of January on Sunday mornings for all children who are grade 2 and above, to prepare for the celebration of First Communion this May. We are also running Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for children age 3-6 on Sunday mornings restarting in February. If you are interested in enrolling your child in either of these programs, please contact Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Lopez at: [joann.lopez@utoronto.ca](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca)

We are unfortunately not able to offer a program for preparation for teen Confirmation this year, but will do so in the following year. If you would like to express interest in Confirmation in the future for a child grade 7 and above, please contact JoAnn Lopez or the parish office. We ask the parish community to keep our young people in your prayers as they journey this year.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's Parish would like to thank all our friends and benefactors for their prayers and financial support in 2023. We are grateful to report that through your generosity, we currently support 327 neighbours in need. You have brightened many lives by living the Gospel mission to reach out to the forgotten, the suffering and the deprived. We thank you for your kindness, and we appeal for your continued help during this difficult time.

There are several ways to donate. You can mail cheques to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Basil's Church, 50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, M5S 1J4. You can go online to the Society's website [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca); please specify that the donation is for St. Basil's conference. You can phone the Society's Toronto office at (416) 364-5577 and donate by credit card, again specifying St. Basil's. As always, there are Christmas envelopes for the Society available which you can put into the church collection box or mail to the church office. All gifts are tax deductible. 98.6% of donations go directly to our neighbors in need.

# WHAT'S ON: ADVENT

## ADVENT LESSON & CAROLS

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00pm–8:30pm  
The Regis College Chapel, 100 Wellesley Street W.

USMC Campus Ministry warmly invites you to join us for this evening of prayer, song, Scripture reading, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. After the service, we will gather for cookies, and hot chocolate. All are welcome!

### WORD & LIGHT: TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00pm

Join us on Wednesday, December 13, at 7p.m. at St. Basil's for an Advent Taizé prayer service, where we will reflect together on Christ the Word, the Light of the World. This meditative prayer form includes music, scripture, prayers, candlelight, and silence, to draw us into the mystery of the Incarnation.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Sunday, December 17, following the 4:30pm Mass

Come and join our annual Christmas decorating party! We're seeking individuals who can lend a hand helping to set up trees, garlands, and the manger scene. Celebrate afterward with a pizza dinner. Email Michael at [michael.pirri@utoronto.ca](mailto:michael.pirri@utoronto.ca) for more information.

### GOD WITH US: INTERCONNECTED IN THE INCARNATION

December 18, 6:30pm (Mary Ward Centre)  
Register: <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/advent>

Join the Mary Ward Centre and St. Basil's Parish for an Advent evening of reflection on Monday, December 18, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Meditating on the presence of Jesus, our God with Us, we will reflect on our connection with all of humanity and our call to be instruments of God's love. Our time together will include prayer, reflection, and conversation in community. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. This event will take place at the Mary Ward Center (70 St. Mary Street). Registration required by December 15.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 2/3: Christmas Flowers  
December 9/10: Building Fund

## MASS INTENTIONS

### DECEMBER 10-16



#### SUNDAY ADVENT II

9:00am Michael Ciavarella (✱)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Derek Keavney (✱)  
4:30pm Albert Pacione (✱)

#### MONDAY

7:30am Jimmy Tung (liv)  
12:10pm Frankie Leung (✱)

#### TUESDAY OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:30am Zlata Lajtman (✱)  
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (✱,✱), Gerald M. Devlin (✱), Erika Schweigerlehner(✱)

#### WEDNESDAY ST. LUCY

7:30am Armando Terry (✱)  
12:10pm Lina Ciavarella (✱)

#### THURSDAY ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

7:30am Leokadia and Stanislas Sikora (✱,✱)  
12:10pm Patricia Nunes De Souza (liv), Sally Lianko (liv)

#### FRIDAY

7:30am Dr. Peter Moran (liv)  
12:10pm Luigi, Lina, Len, and Michael Ciavarella (✱,✱,✱,✱)

#### SATURDAY

5:00pm Erika Schweigerlehner (✱)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Dora Carbone, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Mary Jane Cowan, 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, Berney Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, and Alexander Wu.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.**

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