

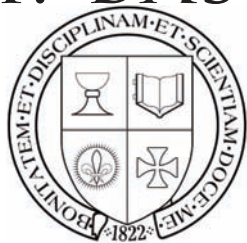
DECEMBER 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. BASIL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

The call to Joy and Gladness is around everywhere at this time of year, too often associated with conspicuous consumption, quite far from the Joy and Gladness of today's Third Sunday of Advent. How can we find true Gospel joy?

I have for some time practiced Christian Meditation and I know that this has "opened the ear of my heart" so that, when I am paying attention, I find opportunities for joy everywhere, even while feeling anxious about the seeming savagery of the world. Witnessing simple acts of kindness, perhaps only a sympathetic look or smile, one stranger to another on the TTC; a phrase in a novel that somehow captures exactly what I feel and could not articulate; or the glorious maple tree, surely "the Grandeur

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.



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of God” in Scollard Park, which marks the seasons as our Outreach Program patrons arrive and depart from Macrina Hall. Joy comes also from my favourite work of art: Caravaggio’s *The Supper at Emmaus*. I love the astonishment on the faces of the very ordinary men as they realize who this stranger is who had accompanied them on their dejected walk away from Jerusalem. It makes me want to laugh, but also weep for all the times when I too failed to recognize Christ in those who walked with me. How then could I not agree to be part of the recently formed parish Emmaus Team, which aims to personally welcome and get to know new members of our community and perhaps be astonished by who we are! This ministry hopes to build a community where we really know and accompany each other.

I am accompanied too, by the patrons who show up to eat and enjoy the food prepared and served at our Outreach program. I hope I also accompany them. We are a joyful team of volunteers, once strangers, and now friends who accompany each other. A wonderful Canadian array of backgrounds: Chilean, Chinese, Ecuadorian, Italian, Korean,

Irish, Scottish, Kenyan, Nigerian and many more. Truly the Church universal, walking alongside each other.

In a more profound way, I sometimes feel a great wave of love/joy sweep through the church at my regular 5pm Saturday Mass. The beauty of the liturgy and the music and the moments of profound silence seem to capture, momentarily, all of the congregation in another realm. Perhaps that’s why I have happily joined the Hospitality Team for that Mass.

Joy brings me to participate in the life of the parish – participation, in turn, brings me joy. Joy is present the more I am present to it. On and on in a cycle of gladness, ever deeper into wonder at the presence of Christ. I attended one of the sessions given by Father Paul from Texas during the Uplifted Hearts exchange. His description of the Eucharist as: “Distributing the Body of Christ to the Body of Christ” remains with me, and that of course is what we are Joyfully and in Justice, called to be.

— Geraldine Constable

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

Each year, The Society of St. Vincent dePaul has a tradition of hand delivering cards at Christmas to our Neighbours in Need. Please consider bringing extra Christmas cards to the main office or to the SVdP volunteers after Mass. There are several ways to donate this Christmas season. 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; 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. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

HORIZONS OF HOPE

Curious about palliative care and Church teaching about the end of life? We invite you to participate in a 4-part series called Horizons of Hope, on **Thursday evenings 7 - 9 p.m. from January 23 to February 13, 2025**. Our faith has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. The program, developed by the Canadian Bishops Conference, will help parishioners, families and care givers learn more through videos and small-group discussion. Themes include: understanding the dying process, discernment and decision making at the end of life, accompaniment and the importance of building Compassionate Communities. It is our hope that the program will empower parishioners to accompany loved ones and community members who are suffering. Register through the St. Basil’s website: www.stbasiltoronto.org.

Questions? Contact: Donna Ward at donnawardpc@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SERIES

What better way to start a new year than introducing Christian Meditation into your life?

Join together and learn this contemplative way of Christian prayer, practiced by the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the 4th Century. It is very easy to learn and will bring stillness and quietude to your life. The series is offered on Mondays or Saturdays:

- **Mondays**- January 6, 13, 20,27, February 3 and 10, 2025. Ardèche Hall:, 12:45 p.m - 1:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays**- January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1 and 8, 2025. Decker Room: 11:00 a.m-12:00 noon.

Free of charge. All welcome. No previous experience needed. No registration required but would be appreciated at: patakav@yahoo.ca

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve)

- Regularly scheduled confessions, 12:10pm Mass, afternoon Eucharistic Adoration, and vespers are cancelled.
- 6:30p.m. Christmas Carols Sung by the St. Basil's Schola Cantorum
- 7:00p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
- 11:30p.m. Christmas Carols Sung by the St. Basil's Schola Cantorum and Parish Choir
- 12:00pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 (Christmas Day)

- 9:00a.m. Mass
- 10:30a.m. Mass Sung by the St. Basil's Schola Cantorum and Parish Choir
- 12:00p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 (New Year's Eve)

- Regularly scheduled confessions, 12:10pm Mass, afternoon Eucharistic Adoration, and vespers are cancelled.
- 5:00p.m. Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 (New Year's Day)

- 9:00a.m. Mass for Mary, Mother of God
- 12:00p.m. Mass for Mary, Mother of God

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 15 - 21



SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00am Thomas MacDonald (✝)
- 10:30am *Pro Populo*
- 12:00pm Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)
- 4:30pm

MONDAY

- 7:30am Adele O'Connell (✝)
- 12:10pm Julia and Lindsay Nelson (✝)

TUESDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm Francis, Mary, and Monica Gannon (✝, ✝, ✝)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm *Vocations*

THURSDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm

FRIDAY

- 7:30pm
- 12:10pm John Papez (✝)

SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Peter Moran (liv)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, *Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, 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, Carmelita Salazar, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Rosalie Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.*

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