

DECEMBER 29, 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

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
Director of Faith Formation	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

"WHEN HIS PARENTS SAW HIM, THEY WERE ASTONISHED"

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. In the Gospel reading, Mary and Joseph discover Jesus in the temple, conversing with scholars and demonstrating an extraordinary understanding of the Jewish Law. "When his parents saw him," the Scripture says, "they were astonished."

Isn't it so true that our children astonish us? If there is one lesson we have learned in this past year—our first year as parents — it is that we're constantly discovering the child that has been entrusted to us. To be a parent is to be attentive to the growing signs of who God made this little person to be. In parenthood, we can also be astonished at ourselves. The daily demands of life can

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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bring out the best in us, but also exposes our rough edges, and how we most need to grow.

What a gift that we can turn to the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration. As we emerged from the sleepless first months with a newborn, we asked ourselves, “*What if we were able to live with the same faith Mary and Joseph brought to their parenthood?*” Very quickly we realized that we needed a community to help us do this. That's why we helped to start the Sacred Beginnings Collective: a new small group at our parish for newly married couples and young families. Every month, we gather for a time of intentional prayer and reflection. Drawing on the Gospel and the wisdom of the Church, we try to help each other better live our callings as spouses and parents.

We invite parents of young children to journey with us! You may learn more and sign up through the website.. And for everyone else, we ask you to please pray for these young families: *Holy Family of Nazareth, guide us, help us grow in love, and grant that our families may find Jesus whenever we search for Him.*

- Brendan and Catherine Steven

SACRED BEGINNINGS COLLECTIVE

Sunday, January 12, 9:00am-10:15am

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 gather 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 next gathering will be on January 12. More details are available on our registration form on our website. Feel free to email the organizing couple (Catherine & Brendan) at cath.s.steven@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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

JOHN FORD FRIDAY SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Weekend of January 4&5

The John Ford First Sunday Food Drive supports our Outreach Ministry through monetary contributions as well as donated items that can be used for our meal service or distributed directly to our patrons.

We are looking for: **Canned meats and fish, Canned or dry lentils and beans, Rice, Pasta, Barley, Oats, Nut butters (peanut, almond, soy, etc), Canned or jarred stew, Canned or jarred pasta sauce, Canned vegetables and fruit.**

We will be collecting these donations before and after Mass on the weekend of January 4/5. As always, cash donations are accepted to support the bulk purchasing of these items.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

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

- Weekday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m.
- Confessions: 11:30 a.m.
- Cancelled: Adoration, Vespers
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.

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

- Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: 9 a.m. and 12 noon
- Cancelled: Confessions, Vespers
- Office closed

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: patakalv@yahoo.ca

TAX RECEIPTS

2025 Collection envelopes are available the back of the church. If you cannot find your name on the list, or would like to sign up for a new collection envelope box, please contact Margaret at (416) 926-7110 or margaret.delia@utoronto.ca

If you moved in 2024 and need to have your address updated in our records, please contact the parish office by January 20th 2025. For more information about tax receipts, or about updating your parishioner profile, please contact Margaret.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 11/12: Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS

DEC 29 - JAN 4



SUNDAY HOLY FAMILY

- 9:00am Marc-André Le Sage (✝)
- 10:30am *Pro Populo*
- 12:00pm Dr. Eugene Koh (✝)
- 4:30pm

MONDAY

- 7:30am Arghya Saha (✝)
- 12:10pm Marjorie Chan (✝)

TUESDAY

- 7:30am *Souls in purgatory*
- 12:10pm
- 5:00pm *Pro Populo*

WEDNESDAY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- 9:00am Benjamin Arteficio (✝)
- 12:00pm *Pro Populo*

THURSDAY ST. BASIL AND ST. GREGORY

- 7:30am *Souls in purgatory*
- 12:10pm

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Margaret Allen (✝)

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.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

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