

DECEMBER 31, 2023

HOLY FAMILY

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

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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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Please note that Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be celebrated as follows:

4:30pm Sunday, December 31st

9:00am Monday, January 1st

12:00pm Monday, January 1st

Regularly scheduled confessions will not take place on Monday, January 1st, and the parish office will be closed. Our regular schedule resumes on Tuesday, January 2nd, the Feast of St. Basil.

BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

Monday, January 15, at 7:00pm

Join us at St. Basil's for an organ concert by Stefani Bedin, the second of three recitals towards the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Performance. The concert will feature Charles-Marie Widor's monumental "Symphonie Romane" as well as music of J.S Bach, Nadia Boulanger and Maurice Duruflé. Admission is free; donations to St. Basil's music ministry will be gratefully accepted. The concert will be followed by a reception in Macrina Hall.

FRIARS WRITING CONTEST DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!

"You shall love the Lord your God [...] and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 (deadline is January 15, 2024). High school students (ages 13-19 years). in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/waj09> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3GoI4zT> and submit their entries at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4:00pm

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham)

"You shall love the Lord your God [...] and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

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

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND UPDATE

Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families. Recipients include Aboriginal Legal Services located in Toronto, Ontario, that will receive \$538,000 to help fund their Indigenous family dispute resolution program called Giiwedín Anang. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

GET INVOLVED!

Explore the many opportunities for connection, prayer, growth, leadership, and service here at St. Basil's by visiting our ministry portal at <https://www.stbasiltoronto.org/ministries>

TAX RECEIPTS & DONATION ENVELOPES

2024 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. Thank you for your ongoing contributions! Did you know? You can sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.) and not have to worry about bringing the envelope every week! Contact Margaret, our office manager, for more information.

If you have moved this year and need to have your address updated in our records, please contact the parish office. For more information about tax receipts, or about updating your parishioner profile, please contact Margaret.

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

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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 13/14: Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS

DEC 31 - JAN 6



SUNDAY HOLY FAMILY

9:00am

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

4:30pm

MONDAY

9:00am Benjamin and Cynthia Arteficio (liv)

12:00pm *Pro Populo*

TUESDAY ST. BASIL'S THE GREAT

7:30am

12:10pm Julia Nelson (✱)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Frank McNutty (✱)

THURSDAY

7:30am Erika Schweigerlehner(✱)

12:10pm Juan Amestoy (✱)

FRIDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Scoppio and Lozupone Families (✱)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Massimo Campo (✱)

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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