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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

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
<b>Associate Pastor:</b>	Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB
<b>Office Manager:</b>	Margaret D'Elia
<b>Director of Faith Formation</b>	JoAnn M. Lopez
<b>Director of Music &amp; Principal Organist:</b>	Dr. John Paul Farahat
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<b>Coordinator of Outreach &amp; Hospitality:</b>	Hilda O'Connor
<b>Director of Community Engagement:</b>	Michael Pirri

## WELCOME LENT

...and welcome back bulletin reflections! We've heard from many parishioners that they have been missing the weekly bulletin reflections. Each week during Lent, we'll be featuring reflections on the readings and the season. As we know, Lent is a time for giving alms, praying, and fasting. These Lenten pillars draw us in to the reality of Christ's fasting in the wilderness, giving up food to focus his time on dwelling with God.

Our bulletin reflections will also include some notes about parts of the liturgy. During Lent (in keeping with ancient practice) the Gloria in excelsis, Prelude, and Postlude, are omitted in Lent, with the exception of the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) and the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. The Alleluia is also suppressed throughout Lent until the Easter Vigil. These changes allow us to more fully into the joy of the Easter season, when their return symbolizes Christ's triumph over death.



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Year B is the year we read from the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark is believed to be the first of the Gospels to be written down - likely sometime around 70 CE. It is the shortest of the four accounts of Christ's life, and is sometimes considered the "less eloquent" Gospel, particularly when compared to the writing of Luke. More recently however, Mark's narrative has been considered as a literary masterpiece, particularly as a story meant to be read aloud.

The Gospel begins "The beginning of the *good news* (εὐαγγελίου) [of] Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (1.1) The ambiguity of the first line is made apparently by today's Gospel reading which ends "... repent, and believe in the good news." (1.15) If reading the original Koine Greek aloud, it is clear that there is some ambiguity whether the term εὐαγγελίου (euangelion/Gospel/good news) is about the writings themselves, or about Christ himself. Another feature of the oral storytelling is the anchor-phrases used for recall. When Christ is baptized by John, a voice from heaven speaks; we hear that same voice again in next week's Gospel reading when Jesus is transfigured on the mountain top. Finally, I'll just note that Mark's Gospel presents Christ as a 're-orderer'. Immediately following today's Gospel reading is the account of Jesus touching the leper, and instead of the illness spreading to Jesus, the loving healing power of God is spread to the man with leprosy and he is healed. During this Lenten season, I invite you to contemplate Mark's Gospel through the lens of an oral storytelling tradition, that your ears may be opened anew to the Word!

- Michael Pirri

## PARKING NOTICE

Over the last several weeks, we've noticed that more vehicles are parking outside of the laneway or designated parking spaces. Please do not park on the paving stones in front of the church as this is a designated fire route; your vehicle may be towed or ticketed if parked illegally. Be sure to always obtain a parking permit from the parish office.

## SERRA CLUB

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club will take place on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024** in the St. Basil's Parish Hall following the 12:10pm Mass. The guest speaker will be Jason Flammini who serves as Head Sacristan at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. Jason will share more about his work at the cathedral and his vocation to serve in this unique ministry at one of Canada's busiest churches. All are most welcome to join!

### NO LONGER STRANGERS

**Monday, February 26, 6:00pm-8:00pm**  
Trinity College Chapel (6 Hoskin Ave.)

University students and young adults are welcome to attend an ecumenical service organised by different Christian Campus Ministries in the University of Toronto. This is part of the 12 ecumenical services co-sponsored by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Vatican Decree on Ecumenism giving thanks for *'The Beauty of Holiness.'*

The prayer service will include a diversity of Christian prayer styles and music with the hope to offer a deeper sense of community and desire for Christian unity.

No registration is required and there will be a simple reception after the prayer service.

### 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)

## LATE OPENING

Please note that on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, the church will only open at 1:30pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Lent includes many opportunities for deepening of prayer, giving alms, and fasting. Consider taking part in some of our Lenten Offerings, listed below.

**Vespers (Evening Prayer):** Celebrated Monday-Friday at 5:10pm.

**\*Eucharistic Adoration:** Takes place on Tuesdays from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

**\*Stations of the Cross:** Takes place on Fridays at 5:30pm, immediately following Vespers.

**John Ford Food Drive:** A special collection benefiting our Outreach Ministries will take place after all Masses on March 2 and 3.

**Bundle-Up Weekend:** A truck will be on site the weekend of March 9 and 10 to collect gently used clothing.

**Retreat:** Our Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 2nd from 9:30am-4:00pm.

## LENTEN RETREAT

**"I Believe...": A Lenten Day of Reflection,**  
Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9:30am to 4:00pm

Meditating on the Creed, we will reflect on God's love, the Paschal Mystery, and our call to be a community of disciples guided by the Spirit. Our retreat day will include prayer, presentations, silence, small group conversation, and will end with an opportunity for Reconciliation before the Saturday evening Mass. Join us to prepare for the joy of Easter, when we will welcome the newly baptized and renew our baptismal promises with the Creed. Registration required by Sunday, February 25. Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/SRihfzkYz1>

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 24/25: Society of St. Vincent dePaul

## MASS INTENTIONS

### FEBRUARY 18-24



### SUNDAY LENT I

9:00am Napo Rafael Barone (✝)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Lolvella Ricci G. Mendoza (liv)  
4:30pm Moses Ukhuegbe (✝)

### MONDAY

9:00am Hugh O'Connell (liv)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Kathleen Angus and John King (✝,✝)  
12:10pm Benjamin Arteficio (✝), JoAnne Clifton (liv), Carlos Pazmino (✝), John Vidovich (✝)

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Fransico Trespicio (✝)  
12:10pm *Vocations*

### THURSDAY CHAIR OF ST. PETER

7:30am  
12:10pm Jim Kopinak (✝)

### FRIDAY

7:30am Dr. Peter Moran (liv)  
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (✝,✝)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Alfred Karl Uhl (✝)

**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, Francis O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Girolamo Scoppio, Todd Snow, John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, and Alexander Wu.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.**

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