

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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
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

FAITH, HOPE, AND THE NEXT GENERATION

The Gospel reading this week gives us two great examples of living in faith and hope. The Holy Family act as exemplars of the faith and hope parents should have for their children. Mary and Joseph followed God's will and trusted in God to see them safely home, and are now presenting Jesus in the Temple according to Mosaic Law. They have shown their faith and trust in God, and they have hope that their child will grow up to be the Messiah, "the Consolation of Israel." As parents we hope that our children will continue to make the world a better place and that our own faith in and trust in God will help us guide the next generation to be moral actors in the world.

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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Simeon exemplifies the faith and hope that we must have as Christians for the next generation as a whole. Simeon “a devout and righteous man” shows faith by his devotion to Mosaic Law, and hope that he shall see the Messiah of the Lord before his death. Simeon does not presuppose who the Messiah shall be, or assume how they shall be the “Consolation of Israel.” Rather, Simeon recognizes that the Messiah is not his generation, but the next and blesses Jesus and celebrates the great change that Jesus shall bring.

Reflecting on these two examples, we wonder how we are demonstrating our faith and hope. Through our words and actions, do we exemplify our trust in God? Or are we sharing our anxieties and fears? Are we devoted to the next generation of leadership like Simeon? Ready to listen to and celebrate new leadership? Or are we set in our ways, wanting to influence how things will turn out? St. Basil’s has become a place for our family to strengthen our trust in God. Our children have been recognized and celebrated for their gifts independent of us. As God’s people, we continue to reexamine our faith, hope, and role in welcoming the coming Kingdom.

—Bronwyn Corlett and Daniel Halloran

SACRED BEGINNINGS

February 9, 2025

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 February 9. More details are available on our registration form on the parish website. Feel free to email the organizing couple (Catherine & Brendan) at cath.s.steven@gmail.com if you have any questions.

R.C.I.A. RITE OF WELCOME & ACCEPTANCE

For the last several weeks, a group of inquirers (people interested in the Catholic Church) have been meeting with the R.C.I.A. team here in our parish. During this time, they have explored their own faith journeys; they have prayed and decided to take the next step into the Catholic faith. This step involves a liturgical rite: the Rite of Acceptance (for the unbaptized) and the Rite of Welcome (for the baptized). They will *"assemble publicly for the first time declaring their intention to the Church [...] the Church, in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members."* (RCIA Paragraph 41)

We, the parish, as the Church, have a part in this Rite. We are asked to warmly welcome these catechumens and candidates into our faith family and to support them with our prayers.

This Rite will take place this weekend at the Sunday 10:30am Mass. We ask you to prayerfully and joyously participate in this Rite. Please take the time after Mass to meet and greet these people after Mass or at coffee hour.

They are embarking on a wonderful adventure and you are a part of it. Please do keep all of the catechumens, candidates, parish sponsors, and R.C.I.A. team in your prayers.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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 To receive the Zoom link, please register: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

February 8/9, 2025

Register: <https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Register2025>

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who serve in marriage ministries, whether in marriage preparation or marriage enrichment.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on **Sunday, February 9, 2025**, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

CELEBRATING THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA

Festival of Faith for Christian Unity 2025: Reflection and Prayer, A Journey Through the Nicene Creed

Christians from various traditions in the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus Christ throughout 2025 in the Greater Toronto Area and commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

All are cordially welcomed to join the neighbourhood events, for details, please see the main poster: <https://bit.ly/FOF2025>.

Contact ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 for more information

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 8/9: Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2 - 8



SUNDAY PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00am Antonietta Ciavarella (✱)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Alice and Jessica (liv)
4:30pm Mary Murphy (✱)

MONDAY

7:30am Mary Murphy (✱)
12:10pm Lindsay and Julia Neleon (✱,✱)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Anne Mauro (liv), Jose Buktan (✱),
Terence Coates (✱)

WEDNESDAY ST. AGATHA

7:30am
12:10pm James Robert and Valerie Crilly (✱,✱)

THURSDAY ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

7:30am Juan Blackwell (liv)
12:10pm Theresa Mary Woods (✱)

FRIDAY

7:30pm Lolita Ona (✱)
12:10pm *Vocations*

SATURDAY

5:00pm Gladys Rodriguez (✱)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandler, 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, especially, Gail Yiu.

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