

JANUARY 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

BELOVED BAPTIZED CHILDREN

On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we cross the threshold from the season of Christmas into Ordinary Time – the liturgical season focused on our growth as disciples of Jesus.

In the Gospel we hear that while in prayer after his baptism, Jesus hears these words: **“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”** This message about his identity – this experience of abundant love – launches Jesus’ public ministry, and sends him on a mission to proclaim and embody of the reign of God.

By our baptism, we are children of God, part of the Body of Christ, and called to share in his mission. **God says to each and every one of us today, and every day: “you are my beloved child. I am delighted in you.”** Some days we can hear this message clearly, and some days it feels dim and

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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distant. I wonder if the same was true for Jesus – if, in the midst of challenges, he returned to prayer to ground himself in this love again and again so he could continue in his mission. I do know that prayer always reminds me of who I am in God's eyes, and calls me to love more deeply.

Belovedness is not a prize meant for a select few – God desires the whole of creation to be wrapped up in God's abundant, merciful, loving kindness. Our second reading proclaims that God's love and mercy is not earned by our behaviour, but freely given to us so that we may be transformed and so transform our world. A spiritual director friend of mine puts it like this: **“there's nothing you can do to make God love you less, there's nothing you can do to make God love you more – God just loves you. The question is how will you respond?”**

On this Feast, let us allow our hearts to be open anew to this message of our identity. We are beloved children of God, called and empowered by our baptism to be like Christ and follow in the way of discipleship, justice, and peace in the world. The same Spirit that dwelt in Jesus has been poured out to us, and invites us to partner in living as signs of God's Love, so that all people in our troubled world may know the good news and transforming power of God's abundant love.

During this Jubilee Year in particular, consider how you might want to dedicate time to encounter God's love for you, or how we might share God's love with others in concrete ways.

–JoAnn Melina Lopez

SERRA CLUB

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 in the St. Basil's Parish Hall following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Our guest speaker will be Michelle Brylowski of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Formation for Discipleship. Michelle will provide an overview of the Jubilee Year, highlight its significance for the global church and the important role it can play in our own faith journey. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are most welcome.

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.

Register through the St. Basil's website: www.stbasiltoronto.org.

EXHIBITION OPENING

Tuesday 21 January 2025 | 6:00 pm

Lecture: Alumni Hall Room 400

Registration Required: <https://forms.office.com/r/bVQya57rEL>

Dr. David Sylvester, President, University of St. Michael's College and James Roussain, William D. Sharpe Chief Librarian and Director of Special Collections cordially invite you to the opening of the John M. Kelly Library's newest exhibition *The Golden Rule: Social Justice and the Scarboro Foreign Mission Society*.

The exhibition will open with a lecture by Father Robert E. Carbonneau, C.P., Ph.D., Research Fellow of the Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History at Boston College and Archivist of the Passionist China Collection. Fr. Carbonneau's lecture *Reflections on History To Shape the Future, 1918-2025: The Scarboro Mission Archives at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto*, will be followed by a reception and viewing of the exhibition at the John M. Kelly Library.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of the John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Your ongoing support of Outreach Ministries here at St. Basil's allows us to serve consistently delicious and nutritious meals to patrons.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

St. Basil's Parish will be starting Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation at the end of January for all children who are age 7 and above, to prepare for the celebration of First Communion this May. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings. If you are interested in enrolling your child in this program, please sign up through the form on our website, or contact JoAnn Lopez at: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca.

Preparation for Confirmation will begin after Easter for all youth who are in grade 7 and above, and Confirmation will be celebrated in June. We ask the parish community to keep all those preparing for sacraments in your prayers as they journey this year.

BOOK CLUB:

THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV

Every other Monday, starting January 27, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Join a group exploring themes of faith, doubt, reason, and spirituality by reading Fyodor Dostoevsky's masterpiece *The Brothers Karamazov* together. We will meet for 8 sessions, every other Monday evening, beginning January 27, in the Decker Room.

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/qh9W6jNf6E> Questions? Contact Kristina Glicksman: kristina.glicksman@gmail.com

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

February 8/9: Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 9:00am Kathy Shelep (liv)
- 10:30am *Pro Populo*
- 12:00pm Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)
- 4:30pm Rafaele Barone (✱)

MONDAY

- 7:30am Francesca Lobo (liv)
- 12:10pm Monica Gannon (✱)

TUESDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm

FRIDAY St. Anthony

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

SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Gaudenzio (✱)

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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