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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

## CALLED AND ABUNDANTLY GIFTED

In today's Gospel we see Jesus turning water into wine, in response to his mother Mary's compassion for the bride and groom in need at the Wedding at Cana. I am reminded that we too are called to address both the temporal and spiritual needs of others. We, like the servers whom Mary instructed, are asked to do our part in God's plan. We might wonder: what part do I have to play in God's work?

Our second reading touches on charisms; the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to each of us for the benefit of all. Pope Francis, in promoting a new evangelization, encourages churches to become a community of communities, where people are known by name, and are accompanied and cared for in their needs. He tells us we need to stop waiting for

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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things to get better on their own, and instead reach out to help others. So many people are waiting for the good that each one of us is called to do; they are waiting for our help. How will we play a part in building up of the community?

From my own experience, I have seen God's incredible work, especially when engaging in helping the poor, the needy, the lonely. Once, while volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul, I had a call from a single mom who, two days before Christmas, couldn't afford a turkey. The same day, someone else called to inquire if they could support a family in need. It was a remarkable moment of needs being met with abundance, just like in the Gospel. God's hand is so visible in all good works – and we have a part to play in it!

There are two new parishioner-led initiatives at St. Basil's Church which encourage us to come together to serve and be served. The first is Sacred Beginnings, an opportunity for young parents, hoping to journey together as a community, growing in their own faith and celebrating their family's sacramental life together over time. Our parish is also launching Horizons of Hope this week, which will empower parishioners and caregivers to learn more about palliative care through an interconnected and supportive community.

I extend a warm invitation for you to consider your gifts and get involved with one of St. Basil's ministries, serving both our parishioners and our neighbours. There are so many opportunities for each of us to exercise our gifts of the Spirit, and respond to God's call. I know you will find such joy and grace in being His hands, His feet, and His face to our world. I look forward to getting to know you in the near future. Wishing you God's many blessings and His peace in 2025.

–Marion Bayfield

## 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](http://www.stbasiltoronto.org).

## TAX RECEIPTS

If you need to have your address updated in our records, **please contact the parish office by January 20<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

## 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.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The theme for this year is "Do you believe this" (John 11:26). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year holds special significance, as Ecclesial Communities across the Greater Toronto Area jointly commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. This provides a unique opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate our common faith as expressed in the Creed formulated at this historic council. Visit [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca) to see events and more!

### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday, January 27, 2025, 6 p.m.

Venue: Danforth Multifaith Commons, 310 Danforth Ave.

A vigil on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, paying tribute to both survivors and liberators. We recommit ourselves to a culture of encounter, 'living in an open and neighbourly spirit, sharing our joys and sorrows, our human problems, and preoccupations' (*Dialogue and Proclamation*, #42). This city-wide event is part of *The Dialogue of Life "In Our Time"*, a commemoration marking the 60th anniversary of the Vatican Declaration on Interreligious Dialogue *Nostra Aetate*.

### 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](mailto: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.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 8/9: Building Fund

## MASS INTENTIONS

### JANUARY 19-25



#### SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME II

- 9:00am Rafael Manio (✙)
- 10:30am *Pro Populo*
- 12:00pm Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)
- 4:30pm Marie Thérèse Kelley (✙)

#### MONDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm Eileen Devlin (✙)

#### TUESDAY ST. AGNES

- 7:30am Simon (liv) and Raheel Caummy (✙)
- 12:10pm Zofia and Bernard Kolecki (✙, ✙)

#### WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (✙, ✙)

#### THURSDAY

- 7:30am Tiesiem Go (✙)
- 12:10pm Christina Boylan (✙), Michael Kane (✙), Kathleen Jardine (✙)

#### FRIDAY ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

- 7:30pm Feliciano Macalino (✙)
- 12:10pm Luigi, Lina, Len, and Michael Ciavarella (✙, ✙, ✙, ✙)

#### SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Bertram Cox (✙)

**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**, especially, Henry Wolski.

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