

JANUARY 26, 2025

ORDINARY TIME III

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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
Director of Music & Principal Organist:	Dr. John Paul Farahat
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Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri

INTERCONNECTED IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

A few years ago, I was dealing with chronic pain in my shoulder and elbow, and went to see a physical therapist. To my surprise, we ended up working on building up other parts of my body in order to address the pain. This taught me profound lessons about the interconnectedness of my own body, and brought me a new sense of understanding and awe to St. Paul's description of us as the Body of Christ.

By our baptism, we are interconnected through Christ across every barrier and boundary that might divide us. Connected to the person in the pew next to us, the Christians down the street, and the baptized that we have

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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never seen in every part of the world. We belong to each other, and our lives are wrapped up together.

Prayerfully considering this reality moves me with compassion and curiosity – to wonder about my neighbour, to commit to work for justice, to make choices that uphold the dignity of the most marginalized, and to desire for all of creation to be bound up together in this interdependent web.

Jesus proclaimed the truth of our interconnectedness when we began his public ministry with a mission statement straight from the prophet Isaiah. The reign of God which Jesus announces and embodies is good news for the poor, vulnerable, and oppressed – and therefore good news for us all. The document opening the Jubilee Year reminds us that “Jesus [presents] himself as the fulfilment of the “year of the Lord’s favour”” (Spes Non Confundit, §10). During this Jubilee Year, let us seek to grow closer to Jesus, who will teach and empower us to embody hope, liberation, and restoration, and so continue as partners in Christ’s mission.

This weekend we conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. As Christians, let us continue to pray and work for the Church to be a place of true dialogue, encounter, and communion across our differences. One way to grow closer to Jesus and build connection in the Body of Christ is through encountering the Word and one another. Our Tuesday evening online gathering, Breaking Open the Word, is one place where our parishioners seek to engage the scriptures and walk together as Christians. We have formed a true community of prayer, spiritual growth, and mutual support – consider dropping in to join us (<https://tinyurl.com/stbasilfaithsharing>).

–JoAnn Melina Lopez

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
Register: qrco.de/WebFeb01

Learn how to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection; How to create your own legacy; and, About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals.

JOHN FORD FRIDAY SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Weekend of February 1/2

The John Ford First Sunday Food Drive supports our Outreach Ministry through monetary contributions as well as donated items that can be used for our meal service or distributed directly to our patrons.

We are looking for: **Canned meats and fish, Canned or dry lentils and beans, Rice, Pasta, Barley, Oats, Nut butters (peanut, almond, soy, etc), Canned or jarred stew, Canned or jarred pasta sauce, Canned vegetables and fruit.**

We will be collecting these donations before and after Mass next weekend. As always, cash donations are accepted to support the bulk purchasing of these items.

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.

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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 8/9: Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS

JAN 26—FEB 1



SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME III

- 9:00am Ruth Gannon (liv)
- 10:30am *Pro Populo*
- 12:00pm Alice and Jessica (liv)
- 4:30pm Ann Marie Doherty (✝)

MONDAY

- 7:30am Marie Therese Klota (liv)
- 12:10pm John Papez (✝)

TUESDAY ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- 7:30am *Souls in purgatory*
- 12:10pm Rene Bercasio (✝), Purita Villanueva (✝), Kim Bernadette Rabot (✝), Livia

WEDNESDAY Paletta (✝)

- 7:30am Mario Scarpelli (✝)
- 12:10pm Min Huang (✝)

THURSDAY

- 7:30am Juan Blackwell (liv)
- 12:10pm Simone Minalabag (liv), Titus Owolahi (✝)

FRIDAY ST. JOHN BOSCO

- 7:30pm Mary Murphy (✝)
- 12:10pm James Robert, and Valerie Crilly (✝,✝)

SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Doreen Strader (✝)

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.

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