

JANUARY 5, 2025

EPIPHANY 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

JUBILEE YEAR RESOLUTIONS (INSPIRED BY THE WISE MEN)

The Jubilee Year, which began on Christmas Eve, will continue until Epiphany 2026. Celebrated by the Church every 25 years, this is a special time to remind us of the need for spiritual renewal and reconciliation, through prayer, service, pilgrimage, and seeking and offering forgiveness. The theme of this year's Jubilee is "*Pilgrims of Hope*", and our parish will be offering numerous opportunities throughout the year to engage with the Jubilee. Pilgrimage is a key characteristic of the Jubilee Year. In particular this Jubilee invites us to reflect on our personal faith journey to encounter Christ, as well as the ways that the Spirit illuminates our path as a pilgrim church as we journey together – guided by and bearing hope to our 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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The Feast of Epiphany, which we celebrate today, continues the celebration of the season of Christmas by reminding us that the Incarnation is Good News for all people. As we enter the Jubilee Year, let us learn from the first pilgrims to travel to encounter Christ.

Here are my spiritual resolutions, inspired by the Magi:

- **Pay attention to God's invitation. Notice the beauty of creation.** Listen attentively to others. Trace where God is speaking in your dreams and your deepest desires.
- **Risk encountering the Face of God in others.** Go out of your comfort zone. Say yes to hard conversations, ask questions, be present when you feel lost or helpless, ask for help when you need it.
- **Allow yourself to be surprised.** God may show up in unexpected, humble places, and unfamiliar faces. Do not let your expectations become your idols, you may lose sight of where God is.
- **Be joyful.** Let your breath be taken away by beauty, by simplicity, by relationships, by love. When you catch glimpses of God's love, rejoice!
- **Open your treasures.** Acknowledge that all is gift, do not clench tightly - open your hands and your heart to God's work. Offer your gifts, your time, your whole self, to a God of love who wants to create abundant life in and through you. Offer love, forgiveness, understanding, and compassion to those who need it.
- **Resist oppression.** Pay attention and notice when power and authority are being abused. Practice civil disobedience. Speak out against injustice. Volunteer. Protect those who are vulnerable.
- **Allow yourself to be transformed.** Commit concretely to how your encounter with Christ will impact your life. Go home by another way. Be a witness to the light by your life of hope-filled living.

—JoAnn Melina Lopez

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SERIES

Join together and learn this contemplative way of Christian prayer, practiced by the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the 4th Century. It is very easy to learn and will bring stillness and quietude to your life. The series is offered on Mondays or Saturdays:

- **Mondays**- January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3 and 10, 2025. Ardèche Hall., 12:45 p.m - 1:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays**- January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1 and 8, 2025. Decker Room: 11:00 a.m-12:00 noon.

Free of charge. All welcome. No previous experience needed. No registration required but would be appreciated at: patakaly@yahoo.ca

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

SACRED BEGINNINGS COLLECTIVE

Sunday, January 12, 9:00am-10:15am

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 January 12. More details are available on our registration form on our website. Feel free to email the organizing couple (Catherine & Brendan) at cath.s.steven@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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

January 11/12: Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 5 - 11



SUNDAY EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 9:00am Art Barthos (✱)
- 10:30am *Pro Populo*
- 12:00pm Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)
- 4:30pm Brian Matthews (✱)

MONDAY

- 7:30am Gwen Kou (liv)
- 12:10pm Monica Hill (✱)

TUESDAY

- 7:30am Gabriel Portoraro (liv)
- 12:10pm Louisa Murray (✱)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm

THURSDAY

- 7:30am
- 12:10pm Lindsey and Julia Nelson (✱,✱)

FRIDAY

- 7:30pm Honorata Szymanska (liv)
- 12:10pm Luigi Ciavarella (✱)

SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Brenjamin Arteficio (✱)

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.

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