

JUNE 2, 2024

# ST. BASIL'S



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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

## 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.

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.

We respect your decision to remain masked or unmasked.

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Norm Tanck, 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

## IT'S JESUS

When I was in college, I was assigned to distribute the Blood of Christ one Sunday at Mass. I walked to my station with the chalice, probably looking very serious and solemn as I focused on the logistics of the ministry. As I got in place, I looked up and noticed my friend Jenn beaming at me from the front pew. She pointed to my chalice, and mouthed "IT'S JESUS!" with the biggest grin on her face, joyful energy radiating outwards. What a profound reminder. I could not help but break into a smile too, as I recognized – It's Jesus! Here, with me, cradled in my hands, ready to be shared with the congregation. Jesus who truly lived, wholeheartedly loved, brutally died, triumphantly rose from the dead, and who promises us Resurrection life. Jesus, who loves us and pours out his very self for us. That moment transformed me. Now, every time I come forward, hands outstretched to receive, I remember: "It's



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Jesus!” truly present, held in my hands, desiring to be with me. How can I keep from smiling? When I distribute the Eucharist, I cannot help but be filled with joy as I remember “It’s Jesus!” here in Bread and Wine shared, here in each person that comes forward to receive, here in each life that is touched and transformed by the celebration of the Eucharist. I am filled with delight and wonder. It’s Jesus!

Our readings and our celebration of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ this weekend remind us that the Eucharist is not just something, it is some-one: Christ, who calls us into an irrevocable covenant relationship with God. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we encounter Christ (Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity) and are drawn into His life. We become more like Christ, and are sent forth to participate in his mission of proclaiming God’s unending love for all creation. The Body and Blood of Christ transforms us, and can transform the world.

I remember how Jesus lived in his body during his earthly life – hands open in welcome, feet travelling far, lips proclaiming good news, touch bringing healing, eyes looking out with love. Nourishing, reconciling, weeping, encouraging. Christ enfleshed radical vulnerability, humility, gentleness, generosity, and peace, even to suffering and death. This is the Body of Christ we receive. This is the Body of Christ we are called to be. Today’s scriptures, filled with references to blood, may seem gruesome, confusing, and too close to the horrific bloodshed confronting us in today’s wars. I wonder: in the brokenness of those who suffer violence, oppression, imprisonment, isolation, and grief, do we truly look and recognize “It’s Jesus!”? Can our celebration of the Eucharist transform us to be witnesses of the Good News of God’s love in a world that is in desperate need of reconciliation, peace, and mercy? May we live in such a way that all who meet us say with joy and hope: “It’s Jesus!”

- JoAnn M. Lopez

## CHORAL CONCERT: SACRED SPLENDOUR

Sunday, June 9, 7:30pm

The Victoria Scholars Men’s Choral Ensemble presents a concert at St. Basil’s on Sunday, June 9 at 7:30pm.

Music by J.S. Bach, William Byrd, Pablo Casals, Gabriel Fauré, Thomas Tallis and Tomas Luis de Victoria.

*Free-will donations are gratefully accepted (suggested amount: \$20).*

## BUNDLE-UP

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting gently used clothing and footwear the **weekend of June 8-9**. A truck and volunteers will be present before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please ensure that your donations are clean and in good condition. We thank you for bringing your items on the designated weekend, as there is no dedicated storage space in the church. God bless you for your generosity!

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The Final ShareLife Sunday is today, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

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](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca)

## SUMMER READING AT ST. BASIL'S: THE LORD OF THE RINGS

Alternate Wednesdays (June 12, June 26, July 10,  
July 24, August 7, August 21) 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Join fellow parishioners this summer in reading J.R.R. Tolkien's classic fantasy epic! Did you know that Tolkien was a devout Catholic, and that many of the book's themes were influenced by his faith? In this summer reading group, we'll be reading *The Lord of the Rings* with a special (though not exclusive!) focus on what makes the work "Catholic" and how being Catholic affects the way we understand it. Whether you're reading it for the first time or the fiftieth, all are welcome!

Begins Wednesday, June 12 at 7pm (and continuing every other Wednesday), meeting in the Decker Room. Please bring a copy of *The Fellowship of the Ring* (the first volume of *The Lord of the Rings*) – We will discuss the first section (Book One) at our first meeting. Registration is optional but helps us plan for the meetings.

Questions? Contact Kristina Glicksman:  
[kristina.glicksman@gmail.com](mailto:kristina.glicksman@gmail.com)

Register:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ApW7R8QyDV>

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 1/2 ShareLife  
June 8/9: Marygrove Camp

## MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 2-8



### SUNDAY THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD

9:00am Del Ringel (✝)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Patricia Healy (liv)  
4:30pm Benjamin Arteficio (✝)

### MONDAY ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS

7:30am Elizabeth and Stanley Lee (✝)  
12:10pm John Papez (✝)

### TUESDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm

### WEDNESDAY ST. BONIFACE

7:30am  
12:10pm Maria Sakalini (✝)

### THURSDAY

7:30am Massimo Campo (✝)  
12:10pm Francis Gannon (✝)

### FRIDAY MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:30pm  
12:10pm Luigi, Lina, Michael, and Len  
Ciavarella (✝,✝,✝,✝)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Julie Khayatt (✝)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Dora Carbone, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Elaine Landrie, Margaret LaRose, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Joan Mills, Dr. Peter Moran, Januz Niemczyk, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Girolamo Scoppio, Todd Snow, John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, and Alexander Wu.

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