

MARCH 24, 2024

ST. BASIL'S



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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
Musician-in-Residence:	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:	Hilda O'Connor
Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri

The difficult readings of the Mass for Palm Sunday, describe suffering, pain and death, and invite us into the tribulations which Christ experienced and which are recounted during the various liturgies of Holy Week.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks of the suffering servant who undergoes torture, insult and spitting, but prevails through the love and strength given to him by God. The believer's mockery and pain is reiterated in the words of the Psalm which again concludes with the hope that comes from God. St. Paul speaks of the humility of Christ, obedient to God, even to the point of death on a cross. We then hear St. Mark's account of the Christ's Passion, which concludes with that death. Constant throughout our scriptures today are the themes of humility and obedience to God's will.

The usual metaphor for the season of Lent is 'journey'. We have travelled together as a Church from the trials of Christ during his 40 days in



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the desert, his teaching of the gospel of salvation, through his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the inauguration of a new covenant at the Eucharist of the Last Supper, betrayal by his friends, and ending in his brutal suffering and seemingly hopeless death on the cross. We at St Basil's Parish are blessed by being accompanied on this Lenten journey by the members of the RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. These are the candidates, who are already baptized and wish to become Catholic, and the elect who are seeking Baptism into the Church. We look forward to Easter Vigil when they will all be Confirmed and we will share Eucharist with them for the first time! For some months they have been discovering the tenets of our faith and preparing for their full initiation at Easter Vigil; most of all, they have been learning about the love of God. No greater demonstration of that love can be shown than the ultimate sacrifice undergone by Christ, dying for our sins, that we might have eternal life.

Palm Sunday focuses us on this great love, and leaves us yearning for the promise of Easter. This Holy Week, as we journey together into the fullness of the Paschal mystery – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – let us pray that we may all know this love, and that the members of the RCIA program will experience this love more deeply in and through our parish community.

-Sandra Alston

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

TENEBRÆ

Wednesday Mar 27, 7:00pm

All are invited to join us on Wednesday March 27 at 7:00pm in the church for our annual Tenebræ service. Latin for shadows, Tenebræ was originally celebrated in the early morning hours of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This contemplative evening service will feature a condensed version of the three day service, with prayers, readings, and choral music to usher in the beginning of the Triduum.

For more information, please contact Dr. John Paul Farahat at johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca

PRAY FOR R.C.I.A. PARTICIPANTS

Holy Week is a special time for those in our RCIA program preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for these members, and all those in the Church who will receive their sacraments this Easter:

- **The Elect (preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist):** *Ashvini, Elizabeth, Emily-Anne, Joel, John, Lynden, Min Ji, Rahat.*
- **The Candidates (preparing for Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Eucharist):** *Ly, Mureji, Tricia.*
- **Adult Confirmation (Catholics preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist):** *Karen, Nathan, Elizabeth Ann.*

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Lent includes many opportunities for deepening of prayer, giving alms, and fasting. Consider taking part in some of our Lenten Offerings, listed below.

Vespers (Evening Prayer): Celebrated Monday-Friday at 5:10pm.

***Eucharistic Adoration:** Takes place on Tuesdays from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

***Stations of the Cross:** Takes place on Fridays at 5:30pm, immediately following Vespers.

WAY OF THE CROSS

March 29, 2024
10:30am - 12:30pm

All are invited to join Communion & Liberation Toronto for the annual Way of the Cross walk. On Good Friday, March 29, from 10:30am to 12:30pm, follow the Cross, beginning from the Newman Centre (89 St. George Street) and ending here at St. Basil's.

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

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. To make our food drive a success, we are requesting specific food items that are in high demand. These should be unopened items with a longer shelf life (far from expiration dates).

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 on the weekend of April 6/7**. As always, cash donations are accepted to support the bulk purchasing of these items.

SHARELIFE

ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 13/14: Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 24-30



SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY

9:00am Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Victoria Edralin Sabio (✝)
4:30pm Carlos Pazmino (✝)

MONDAY

7:30am Karolina Family (liv)
12:10pm Gerald Casey (✝)

TUESDAY

7:30am Dolores Ciuro (✝)
12:10pm Jamil (✝), Laure Boulos (✝), Aria Benjamin (✝) Cythia (liv), Arteficio

WEDNESDAY Richard Opaczkeski (✝)

7:30am Rosa Moniz (✝)
12:10pm James Robert and Valerie Crilly (✝,✝)

THURSDAY HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm *Pro Populo*

FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm
Pro Populo

SATURDAY HOLY SATURDAY (VIGIL OF EASTER)

8:00pm *Pro Populo*

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, 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.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

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