

MARCH 30, 2025

LENT IV

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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
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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

EVERYTHING HAS BECOME NEW!

Springtime is unfolding in our midst, and we are finally seeing the world transformed from the cold, dark of winter, to this mild and colorful season. All around us, the city bursts with hope: moods are lightened, gardens brightened, and there is a feeling in the air of possibility and newness. It is a time of palpable transformation and change.

Amidst the change in season, we also find a spark of newness and hope in our Lenten season – Laetare Sunday, a day to rejoice as we are prompted to look forward to Easter and the Resurrection.

On this Sunday, we remember that it is not enough 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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us to simply witness transformation around us. We ourselves are also to be transformed. In our second reading this week, Paul reminds us, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Christ makes us new at our Baptism, and we continue to be moulded and transformed as we journey through this life, towards union with Him. As the sun warms the earth, melting the snow and bringing forward new life, so does Christ our Eternal Light, melt our hardened hearts and call us to continual conversion and growth.

The Gospel reading this week speaks to the most effective seeds of transformation: mercy and unconditional love. We hear of the prodigal son, who departs from the Father to make his own way in the world, demanding in advance the inheritance that would be owed to him upon his Father's death. He wanders off to foreign lands, only to squander his wealth, and find himself empty, alone, and destitute. Eventually, repenting, he chooses to come back to the Father. What the son expects upon returning is not transformation, or newness. Rather, he expects to stay exactly as he was – a hired hand, alone, belonging to no one except by contract. But the mercy of the Father transforms him in a life-changing way. He is made new as he recognizes his true sonship, based not only in blood, nor contract, but in the unconditional love, and unwavering choice of the Father.

Unconditional love transforms. Love is the seed that can bring forth growth and life from even the most barren places of our hearts and our world. Let us sow love this Lent; let us sow forgiveness, and patience, and selflessness, and let us watch these things grow, spread, and give hope to the world. Let us also be open to receiving the love and mercy God wants to offer us this Lent, so that we might continue to be transformed, and can bloom and shine as the Lord's new creation.

I invite you all to join St. Basil's and St. Mike's Campus Ministry on Friday and Saturday (April 4-5) this week for 24 Hours for the Lord, a special time to encounter God's love and mercy through prayer, community, and service: <https://www.stbasilontario.org/24hours>

~ Nicole Ferrante

STABAT MATER

Musician-in-Residence Concert

Friday, April 11, 7:30pm

Featuring soprano Lindsay McIntyre, countertenor Christian Masucci, with harpsichordist Adrian Ross and a string ensemble, this free voice concert will include Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's famous musical setting of the Stabat Mater - the hymn to Mary at the foot of the cross. Donations will be collected to support the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

SACRED BEGINNINGS

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 have been gathering 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 final gathering is on **Palm Sunday, April 13**. More details are available on our registration form on the parish website. Feel free to email the organizing couple (Catherine & Brendan) at cath.s.steven@gmail.com if you have any questions.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Friday, April 4 - Saturday, April 5

Join St. Basil's and St. Mike's Campus Ministry for a special time of prayer, service, and community in celebration of the Jubilee Year. Beginning on Friday evening with Vespers, and ending with Saturday evening Mass, we will devote ourselves at St. Basil's and at home to encountering Christ's merciful love. Featuring Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Scripture, Zoom prayer, Praise and Worship, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will be keeping the church open overnight for prayer as a community. Sign up through our website (<https://www.stbasilontario.org/>) to receive event updates, or through our form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Q5E5cPj9jr>. Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

TENEBRAE

Wednesday, April 16, 8:00pm

All are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 16, at 8:00pm 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.

JOHN FORD FRIDAY SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Weekend of April 5/6

The John Ford First Sunday Food Drive supports our Outreach Ministry. 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.** There is also a special need this time of year for new or gently used rain-gear.

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; this month, donations will also allow us to purchase a commercial-grade immersion blender.

SHARELIFE

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday.

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

Our 2025 goal is \$105,000. Give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at sharelife.org/donate.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 29/30: ShareLife
April 12/13: Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 30–APRIL 5



SUNDAY LENT IV

9:00am Pat Cole (✠)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)
4:30pm Carmela Irma Saturno (✠)

MONDAY

7:30am David Gillen (✠)
12:10pm Jamil and Laure Boulos, and Aria
Raymond (✠,✠,✠)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm

WEDNESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Toufic, Nadia, Grace, and Paul
Seenawe and Peter Codsí (✠,✠,✠,✠)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Sharon Krpan (liv)

FRIDAY

7:30pm Terance Coates (✠)
12:10pm Vocations

SATURDAY

5:00pm Therese Rashotte (✠)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, *Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, 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, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Rosalie Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.*

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