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# ST. BASIL'S



# ASCENSION OF THE LORD CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

## 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

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
<b>Associate Pastor:</b>	Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB
<b>Office Manager:</b>	Margaret D'Elia
<b>Director of Faith Formation</b>	JoAnn M. Lopez
<b>Director of Music &amp; Principal Organist:</b>	Dr. John Paul Farahat
<b>Assistant Organist</b>	Adrian Ross
<b>Musician-in-Residence:</b>	Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
<b>Coordinator of Outreach &amp; Hospitality:</b>	Hilda O'Connor
<b>Director of Community Engagement:</b>	Michael Pirri

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Our readings remind me of the importance of praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey. Jesus through his suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension is still with us and in our daily lives. We can rely on him for support and strength in the Body of Christ.

In my life, God has graced me with intelligence, education, perseverance, faith, community, and a direct understanding of physical and emotional suffering. Like many, I have experienced hardship and the testing of my faith in my life. Often, I would ask myself, how did Jesus handle staying true to his work through all the suffering he had gone through?

I had a profound experience of this some years ago. I was in the prime of my life, established in a career that enabled me to help others who had been impacted by communication impairments. I experienced an accident with severe health



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ramifications, which meant my life was not proceeding as expected. I did not understand why this was happening to me, and my faith was tested. The medical and paramedical professions I sought out for knowledge and physical help were not sure I could return to work. Yet, they said, there is something about you, a “spirit” for trying no matter what. Throughout this experience, from hospitalization, to wheelchair, to assistive devices, to crutches, I turned to prayer. Where did I find this prayer and this “spirit” of perseverance? As a member of St. Basil’s Parish, I reached out to several people in the community. Weekly, with the Basilian priests and fellow parishioners who visited, and through prayer, pain, and Eucharist (received at home until I could return to the parish), I found strength. My journey of recovery took 2 years and although I was different (physically and emotionally), I was able to return to my work of helping others for another 20 years.

What came out of this suffering was more than I could have expected. I grew in wisdom, understanding and became more deeply aware of the mystery of the workings of the Holy Spirit. I grew to love more deeply, and to let God work with me rather than me telling God how to work. I learned trust, hope, and the power of a faith community that supports those in need.

Today, I am graced to keep the movement of the Holy Spirit alive in my life by being an active participant in our parish. I continued to feel my faith grow as I became a lector, communion minister, RCIA sponsor, and children’s catechist. Above all, I appreciate receiving the Eucharist, and am always in awe when I do. My journey is now inspiring me to serve the Sick and Homebound, as I try to share what I received in my time of need. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide and encourage us all to persevere and support one another.

- Doris Marcon

## STAFFING UPDATE

We want to share a bittersweet update: In July, Fr. Norm Tanck will be stepping down from his role as Associate Pastor at St. Basil’s, a role which he has had since 2017. We are most grateful that he has been willing to generously serve the parish community beyond the typical archdiocesan retirement age of 75. He assures us that he will still be present to minister here through the celebration of sacraments and the sharing of his great experience and wisdom acquired during his 50 years as a priest.

Thank you, Fr. Norm, for all that you have offered to St. Basil’s, and we look forward to celebrating you in the summer before you officially “retire”! Please join us in wishing Fr. Norm all the best in this time of transition. In lieu of gifts, Fr. Norm requests donations to St. Basil’s Outreach Ministries in his honour.

## ALUMNI REUNION

**Alumni Reunion 2024 - Registration now open**  
**May 30 - June 2**

Join us at St. Mike’s May 30 - June 2 to "Renew Friendships, Celebrate Memories, and Create Community." We are particularly excited to welcome back all alumni who graduated in a year ending in 4 or 9. Event details and registration are available on the St. Mike’s Alumni Reunion webpage: <https://stmikes.utoronto.ca/reunion>

## NEW DATE: POWER OUTAGE

Please note there will be electrical maintenance taking place which results in Odette Hall’s electrical system, being taken offline on **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am-5:00pm**. As a result of this power outage, the parish office will be closed on **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Regularly scheduled Masses and confession will still take place, however there will be no lighting or speakers, and the washrooms will be unavailable.

## 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)

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June 25, 2024, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – ONLINE SESSION

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### Level II Formation Course, Part A:

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## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 11/12: Building Fund  
June 1/2 ShareLife

## MASS INTENTIONS



MAY 12 - 18

### SUNDAY ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 9:00am Lina Ciavarella (✝)  
10:30am Pro Populo  
12:00pm Bernard Syron(✝)  
4:30pm Rosa (✝)

### MONDAY

- 7:30am Patrick Joseph Shanahan (liv)  
12:10pm Antonietta Moramarco (✝)

### TUESDAY ST. MATTHIAS

- 7:30am Conrad Lang (✝)  
12:10pm Mais Family

### WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am  
12:10pm Vocations

### THURSDAY

- 7:30am  
12:10pm Caterina Ciavarella (✝), Stefan and Anna Papez (✝,✝), Adele O'Connell (✝), Victorino and Vitaliano Ruelos (✝,✝)

### FRIDAY

- 7:30pm  
12:10pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (✝,✝,✝)

### SATURDAY

- 5:00pm John Angus (✝)

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.

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