

MAY 5, 2024

EASTER VI

ST. BASIL'S

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

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

This Sunday we celebrate the joyous occasion of some of our parish children receiving their First Eucharist and Christ's Real Presence in the Sacrament. Our readings for this week help illuminate the nature of this Christ we encounter and our relationship to him. As someone who went through the RCIA program last year, I can certainly relate to any feelings of anticipation and excitement at being able to fully participate in the Mass and this special kind of encounter.

The Second Reading is at once a description of God as love, an exhortation to love, and an invitation to participate in this divine life of love through the special grace of Our Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus models what this looks like by calling his disciples 'friends' rather than 'servants'. Friends are those you are open and transparent with, who share your burdens, who celebrate with you in your joy and commiserate with you in your sorrow. I believe that these realities are, in a certain way, best understood by children.



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I have had the privilege of assisting with preparing the children in our parish for the Eucharist and seeing their uncomplicated faith and how they treasure their family and friends. Unlike adults, they don't have multiple different categories of relationships such as colleagues, acquaintances, and professional referees to name a few. There is nothing wrong with any of these per se, but we as adults perhaps lose the simplicity of having just the one category, 'friend'. We may struggle to call many we encounter "friends" as sometimes we are too jaded by past experiences where our trust has been betrayed or we have betrayed the trust of others. But the divine life is 'Love', and Our Lord wills for us to love even when inconvenient or where there is no material benefit to doing so. The children amongst us often showcase this courageous way of seeing the good in others and extending genuine friendship to all without weighing the transactional value of the relationship first. Imagine what the world would be like if we, as adults, sought out genuine friendships first and foremost rather than only seeing people primarily as a means to our material advancement.

As I sat in the pews awaiting the day I would eventually receive the Eucharist, I often contemplated the Lord greeting us as old friends, desiring to share in our joys and tribulations. Let us pray for our children to know this friendship, and may the Eucharist we share deepen our love for God, and for one another.

- Ashan Dias

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

FIRST COMMUNION

We celebrate with gratitude that 9 children from our parish will share in the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday.

Please pray for:

Alex, Athena, Flaminia, Jaishree, Joseph, Juliana, Madyson, Mia and Thomas.

That they may grow closer to God, be nourished in their life of faith, and find flourishing in our faith community.

CGS SUMMER FORMATION

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Level I Formation Course, Part A:

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

July 8 – 13, 2024, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm – IN-PERSON SESSIONS

Level II Formation Course, Part A:

June 29, 2024, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm – ONLINE SESSION

July 8 – 13, 2024, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm – IN-PERSON SESSIONS

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(Avenue and St. Clair)

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POWER OUTAGE & CLOSURE

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

JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your generous support of the John Ford Food Drive this weekend. Hunger is a serious issue affecting many people in our community, and our faith calls us to respond to serve our neighbours. Our 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.

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>

SHARELIFE

ShareLife: Live the Gospel by supporting our vulnerable brothers and sisters

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The Final ShareLife Sunday is June 2nd. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 4/5: The Pope's Pastoral Works

MASS INTENTIONS



MAY 5 - 11

SUNDAY EASTER VI

9:00am Gailand Shazan Ali (✝)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Virginia Jardine (✝)
4:30pm Dala Assaad (✝)

MONDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Encar Benemerito (liv)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Corazon Bueno (liv)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm

FRIDAY

7:30pm Frankie Leung (✝)
12:10pm Julia and Lindsay Nelson (✝,✝)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Feliciano Macalino (✝)

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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