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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

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|---|-------------------------|
| Pastor:                                 | Fr. Morgan V. Rice, 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           |

## WONDERING ABOUT WIDOWS

Throughout the scriptures, widows were considered among the most vulnerable (alongside orphans and strangers). Their status was seen as a temperature check: if we are attentive and responsive to the most vulnerable, then we are living in accordance with God's will. For, as our Psalm proclaims, the Lord sustains and seeks justice for the oppressed.

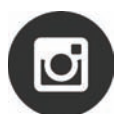
A traditional reading of today's Gospel will praise the widow's sacrificial offering. Yet I hear Jesus say... "*beware the scribes [...] they devour the houses of widows.*" The scribes were legal and spiritual leaders who interpreted the obligations of right living. I wonder: did the widow give all she had because that was expected and demanded

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. We are blessed because you are all here!

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by her religious institutions and society? Did she have no choice but to give all her livelihood, and be left with nothing? Perhaps Jesus is lamenting her situation, and calling into question the entire religious and political system that impoverishes and burdens her.

I consider how our society and our church today asks the most vulnerable to give all they have, in ways that are oppressive and unjust. In addition to financial burdens, how often do we demand the benefit of the doubt, or patience, or harder work from the poor, the foreigner, and the oppressed, rather than listening to them and centering their needs, as God desires us to do?

At the same time, we know that there is something exemplary about both the widows in today's readings. The Widow of Zarephath responds with hospitality and generosity to a stranger, and God brings miraculous abundance. In their encounter and generous sharing, she, her household, and her guest find more than they each had before. I believe that we who know marginalization within our lives have learned the importance of both human interdependence and dependence on God. Repeatedly in my own life, my sense of scarcity has been transformed towards abundance through open-heartedness, community, and radical trust in God, even or especially in the face of the dehumanizing demands of the powers that be. How might God be inviting us into encounter, generosity, and abundance in our lives today?

I watch and learn from Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus sits, sees, speaks, and calls people together. He takes time to observe reality, and be attentive to the world around him, especially to the most vulnerable. He speaks out against injustice, and highlights the stories and experiences of the marginalized. He invites into community. How can we be more like Christ? Who do we need to sit with? Who or what do we need to see (in new ways)? What words demand to be spoken? What communities do we need to join or form?

-JoAnn Melina Lopez

## WITH ONE ACCORD

A new issue of With One Accord: Learning and Living the Feminine Dimension of Church on the subject of Sacrifice. Please visit [www.magdalacolloquy.org](http://www.magdalacolloquy.org) to view a copy of the issue.

## SACRED BEGINNINGS COLLECTIVE

Are you and your spouse expecting, expecting to be expecting, or knee-deep in diapers? We're excited to invite married couples to join the Sacred Beginnings Collective at St. Basil's! We're building a community of couples supporting one another as we seek to love God, our spouses, and our kids more deeply.

Families meet once a month, in St. Basil's Macrina Hall, and you can choose between a morning or evening session (9-10:15 am, or 5-6:15 pm).

Our next gathering is Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Email Catherine and Brendan at [cath.s.steven@gmail.com](mailto:cath.s.steven@gmail.com) or check out our website to register.

## RENEW TORONTO

Young adults aged 19-39 are invited to join on November 23 and 24 for an unforgettable experience at the annual RENEW conference. This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple or part of a family, this conference has something special just for you!

The theme this year is Isaiah 40:31: "*Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary.*" This is your opportunity to be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic vendors, and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life.

Don't miss out! Save your spot today by registering on our website [renewtoronto.org](http://renewtoronto.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to email them at [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) or visit their website for more information!

## SUPPORTING FAITH JOURNEYS

St. Basil's is lucky to have more than 30 people seeking to grow in relationship with Christ through preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation this year. As part of a welcoming community of faith, consider supporting the RCIA cohort in one of these ways:

1. Being a sponsor (meeting weekly, scheduled individually) – walk with someone as a conversation partner in faith. Sponsors must have already received the Catholic Sacrament of Confirmation.
2. Being a Mass partner (during the weekend Mass time you already attend) - host a participant during the liturgy so they feel welcomed and more comfortable participating.
3. Praying for the participants (on your own time) - pray for a particular participant by name each week, entrusting their needs to God.

Contact JoAnn Lopez ([joann.lopez@utoronto.ca](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca)) for more information and to sign up!

## SHARELIFE

Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services, your YES extends God's love to those struggling with mental health challenges, offering the lifeline they need to find hope:

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– Elizabeth Pierce,  
Catholic Family Services of Durham

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 16/17: Shepherds' Trust

## MASS INTENTIONS

### NOVEMBER 10-16



### SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME XXXII

- 9:00am Peter Moran (liv)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Vivian Kwok and Winnie Man (liv)  
4:30pm Dorothy Alleyne Parks (✱)

### MONDAY ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

- 7:30am  
12:10pm Julia and Lindsay Nelson (✱,✱)

### TUESDAY ST. JOSAPHAT

- 7:30am  
12:10pm Peter Moran (liv), Mary Gardner (✱),  
Naira Naomi Motoki (✱), Michael and

### WEDNESDAY MaryAnne Julian (liv)

- 7:30am  
12:10pm Simone Minalabag (liv)

### THURSDAY

- 7:30am Vincent Shen (✱)  
12:10pm Vincent Shen (✱), Michael and  
MaryAnne Julian (liv)

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Adele O'Connell (✱)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, *Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Elaine Landrie, Margaret LaRose, Cheekon Leong, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Dr. Peter Moran, Januz Niemczyk, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Carmelita Salazar, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Rosalie Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.*

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, *Joseph D'Cruz, and Joan Mills.*

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