

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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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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THE LORD IS NEAR

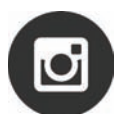
We are coming to the end of the liturgical year, and our readings point us towards anticipating the Second Coming of Christ, the promised time when God will fully transform the world with God's presence. We might be frightened by the cataclysmic imagery in the scriptures and think of this as the "end of the world". In fact, the Greek word for this promised Second Coming is *parousia*, meaning **presence**. Christians believe we live in the "already but not yet" of the Reign of God which Jesus proclaimed. God's dream of unifying all of creation in God's love is already breaking into our world, and at the same time, we know, God's dream is not yet fully our reality. Some day (we do not know when), all of creation will be transformed and renewed, and there will be no

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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barrier between heaven and earth – God will be all in all.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.”

As Christians, can we be like the “fig tree”, joyfully and hopefully proclaiming God’s presence through our own tenderness, growth, and connection? Will we allow God’s love to abide with us and flow through us to transform our world? As we await the *parousia*, if we dream and act with God, perhaps, people who encounter us will “know that he is near, at the very gates.”

Today’s scriptures also promise that those who have died will be gathered together. In November we remember the departed in a special way, trusting that they are embraced by God and that we will all enjoy Resurrection Life with Christ in the fullness of time. Let us remember with gratitude those who have died, especially those who have drawn us closer to God’s presence. Let us pray for them, trusting that God continues to connect us in love.

When translated from Greek to Latin, *parousia* becomes *adventus*, from which we derive the name of the season of Advent. As we approach Advent and the new liturgical year, how might we want to prepare ourselves for God’s Abiding Presence with us?

-JoAnn Melina Lopez

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The Santa Claus Parade will take place next Sunday, November 24th at 12:30pm. As a result of the parade and the Holly Jolly Fun Run, there will be numerous road closures in the area during the day which may change the way you travel to and from St. Basil’s.

Please visit www.thesantaclausparade.com/ to view a full list of road closures.

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is offering you an opportunity to clean out your desk drawer of any boxes of Christmas cards that you are no longer using. Each year, we have a tradition of hand delivering cards at Christmas to our Neighbours in Need and have found that they make a real difference to those who do not have family or friends to spend Christmas with. Please bring extra cards to the main office or to the SVdP volunteers after Mass.

There are several ways to donate this Christmas season. You can mail cheques to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Basil’s Church, 50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, M5S 1J4. You can go online to the Society’s website www.ssvptoronto.ca; please specify that the donation is for St. Basil’s conference. You can phone the Society’s Toronto office at (416) 364-5577 and donate by credit card, again specifying St. Basil’s.

As always, there are Christmas envelopes for the Society available which you can put into the church collection box or mail to the church office. All gifts are tax deductible. 98.6% of donations go directly to our neighbors in need.

SERRA CLUB

November 20, 2024 following 12:10pm Mass

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 in the St. Basil’s Parish Hall following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

The guest speaker will be Fr. Santo Arrigo, C.Ss.R., who currently serves as the Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists. Fr. Santo has also served as a Director of Youth & Vocations for the Redemptorists and pastor of St. Patrick’s Parish in downtown Toronto. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are most welcome.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

FRIARS WRITING CONTEST

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. For more information, please visit www.catholicregister.org/writingaward.

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.

Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It's located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese.

"Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much," says the agency's director. "Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now – and you give youth a real chance for a better future."

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 16/17: Shepherds' Trust
Nov 30/Dec 1: Christmas Flowers

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 17-23



SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME XXXIII

9:00am Rizalino Jose (✱)
10:30am Pro Populo
12:00pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon(✱,✱,✱)
4:30pm Sera D'Amario (✱)

MONDAY

7:30am Shum (✱)
12:10pm Peter Moran (liv)

TUESDAY

7:30am Kwok Family (liv and ✱)
12:10pm Sergio Lim Sr. and Josefa DyLim(✱,✱),
Robert Burry (✱), Mauren Sewell (✱),

WEDNESDAY Charles and Hilda Scime (✱,✱)

7:30am Rositaa Agulto (✱)
12:10pm Vocations

THURSDAY

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30am Madeline Dawson (liv)
12:10pm Alexander Limkakeng Sr. (✱), Maureen Sewell (✱), Terry Mangan (✱)

FRIDAY

ST. CECILIA

7:30pm Annuziata Morelli (✱)
12:10pm Shirley Campbell (✱)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Manza Family (✱)

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, Luba 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.

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