

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

# ST. BASIL'S



# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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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
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

## THE LORD IS NEAR

We end the liturgical year today with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. I find it difficult to reconcile an image of a macho and mighty king (like Thor or King Arthur) with the Jesus of scriptures, who came from a small town, eschewed power and was crucified. However, it is precisely remembering that Jesus is the Crucified King which helps me find a doorway into celebrating this feast. For Jesus is king in ways that defy our understanding of power and might. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus exposes the lies and brutality of the powers-that-be and the empires of our world. The Kingdom of God which he lived and died for is about liberation not domination, and Jesus' leadership is marked by solidarity and

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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compassion, not might and vengeance. In the Cross, delivers us from the cycle of continually transmitted violence and instead transforms it through God's love and grace.

Sometimes I am disheartened by the "tragic gap" between the Church and world as it is now, and as God dreams it to be. Even as we celebrate Jesus as king, I feel the kingdom is far away. Recently these familiar words which Jesus taught us struck my heart anew: "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." I imagined God's reign of justice, peace, mercy, and right relationship breaking into and transforming our Church and our world in every place where these words are prayed by people of faith. Imagine with me a world where Christians enfolded the Truth of God's love as revealed by Jesus. In this kingdom, how would we spend our time, our energy, and our resources? Who would belong? And what practices would we leave behind?

Jesus says *"I came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."* What truth do we learn when we listen to Jesus? Perhaps as the liturgical year draws to a close, we can consider ways to consistently make space to listen to Jesus' voice through scripture and silence. As we mark this Feast, may we come to know Jesus and embrace our call as the baptized to proclaim Christ's kingdom through our prayer, action, and partnership with God's work.

*-JoAnn Melina Lopez*

## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

St. Basil's Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase for \$20 through the parish office beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. Decorate your Christmas tree with a special memento from your faith community!

Proceeds from the sale of the ornaments will benefit our annual Outreach Christmas Lunch.

## SING TO THE LORD: A VESPERS MUSIC WORKSHOP

Monday December 2 at 4:30pm

Come learn how to chant Vespers (Evening Prayer)! We're happy to offer a special Advent instalment in our Vespers Music Workshop series, on Monday, December 2. Join us as we learn how to sing the hymn for Vespers in Advent. This workshop will take place at 4:30pm in Ardèche Hall, with Vespers following at 5:10pm in the sanctuary.

All are welcome! Email our Assistant Organist, Adrian Ross, for further information at [assistantorganist@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:assistantorganist@stbasiltoronto.org)

## 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](http://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.

## 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 on Sunday, December 8. Email Catherine and Brendan at [cath.s.steven@gmail.com](mailto:cath.s.steven@gmail.com) or check out our website to register.

### JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE

The John Ford First Sunday 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. To make our food drive a success, we are requesting specific food items that are in high demand. These should be unopened items with a longer shelf life (far from expiration dates).

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.*

We are collecting items for the winter season, especially **Adult Winter Socks, Toques, and Gloves/Mittens, for the Christmas lunch gift bags.**

You will also be able to donate a specific amount toward the purchase of winter essentials bag for our Outreach Christmas Lunch.

We will be collecting these donations before and after Mass on the **weekend of November 30/December 1**. As always, cash donations are accepted to support the bulk purchasing of these items.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Nov 30/Dec 1: Christmas Flowers

## MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 24 - 30



### SUNDAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

- 9:00am Fr. Bob Comerford (✝)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Maria Wong Sav Wan and Carlo Man Pong Fai (✝,✝)  
4:30pm Randy Huster (✝)

### MONDAY

- 7:30am Leo, Thelma, and Horace Thompson(✝,✝,✝)  
12:10pm Marijeta Gibicar and Carmela Rustico (✝,✝)

### TUESDAY

- 7:30am Catherine and Felix Mangan (✝,✝)  
12:10pm Peter Moran (liv), Wadad Caummy and Paul Khoury (✝,✝)

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

- 7:30am  
12:10pm Shirley Hoon (✝), Tony and Tessie Lopez (liv), Angelo Reyes Alviar (✝)

### FRIDAY

- 7:30pm Nadia Toufie, Paul Sanowe, Ana Raymond (✝,✝,✝)  
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (✝,✝)

### SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Jenny and Charlie Angus (✝,✝), Janette and Lindsay McNeil (✝,✝)

**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.*

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