

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

ORDINARY TIME XXIV

# ST. BASIL'S

# 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

## SAVE THE DATE

UPLIFTED HEARTS:  
A BASILIAN CELEBRATION OF MUSIC,  
MINISTRY, AND MISSION

October 18 to 21 at St. Basil's Catholic Parish.

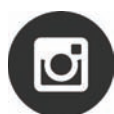
A ministry exchange between St. Basil's Catholic Parish and St. Anne Catholic Community, the Basilian Parish in Houston, TX. Encounter Jesus through uplifting music, powerful preaching, and engaging conversation as we learn and live our Christian mission as a community! Join for one, some, or all our gatherings. More details coming soon.

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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## FAITH IN FOCUS

Has loving someone ever changed you? I find pieces of every person I have loved woven into the fabric of my being. My mother's love of dancing, my father's laugh. Phrases and mannerisms picked up from roommates. My taste in music shaped by each mixtape lovingly gifted by my friend. I am "me" because of the love I have experienced. Similarly, I know my beloved ones carry reflections of my personality and passion with them. Ultimately, love changes us.

So, what does it mean then, that we say we love God? **How has our encounter with God formed and transformed us?** Our readings this week remind us that our faith requires a response. The Prophet Isaiah and the Psalmist demonstrate the courage, strength, trust, and hope that comes from a lifetime of experiencing God's faithful action. Saint James admonishes us to let our love be manifest in action, particularly tangible works of justice and peace. Words are not enough. Our scriptures all point to this reality: there is a cost and commitment to our Christian life. A deep and loving relationship with God means becoming people who see, judge, and act in ways that are different than the world's vision. We must partner with God's dream for our world.

Jesus asks his disciples in the Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers quickly: The Christ (Messiah). Peter knows Jesus is special – it is why Peter left everything to follow. Yet, he does not fully understand. The disciples expected the Messiah to be a powerful warrior. Instead, Jesus proclaims and lives a way of love, service, and encounter which leads to his rejection, suffering, and death. Peter is terrified – he cannot accept the dangerous cost of Jesus' way. Despite the objections, Jesus – God's love made flesh – remains committed to embodying God's vision and invites the disciples to know, love, and follow him anew. We know

that eventually Peter will be fully transformed by his encounter with the Risen Jesus, and will embrace Jesus' Way, even at great cost. After all, love changes us.

*"Who do you say that I am?" – Jesus asks us today.* How do we answer? Perhaps like Peter, we might think we have an answer, but Jesus invites us even more deeply to know, love, and follow. This Fall, our parish offers numerous opportunities to encounter Jesus through prayer. Join us to listen, learn, and live out this love more in our daily lives.

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we meet Jesus and can allow our relationship with him to shape the fabric of our lives. Today's "Faith in Focus" offers suggestions for preparing for Mass. At Mass Jesus is truly present, wanting to encounter us and empower us to embody his love in our world. I pray that our celebration will so immerse us in God's love that everyone we meet will catch glimpses of the One who loves us.

~ JoAnn Melina Lopez

## SING TO THE LORD: A VESPERS MUSIC WORKSHOP SERIES

Come learn how to chant Vespers (Evening Prayer)! Join us for 4 workshops where we'll gradually learn how to sing Vespers, building on what we learn from week-to-week. Each workshop will take place at 4:30pm on the dates below, with Vespers following at 5:10pm in the sanctuary:

- Monday September 23: Singing the Magnificat, the Song of Mary
- Monday September 30: Simple Tones for the Psalms
- Monday October 7: Hymn Melodies for Vespers
- Monday October 21: Singing the Readings and Responses

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

## —PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES—

### SILENT CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

*Rest in the presence of God through silent meditation in community. Contact the parish office for details regarding zoom sessions.*

**Mondays:** 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ardèche Hall (basement)

**Saturdays:** 11 a.m. to noon. Decker Room (basement)

**Wednesdays** 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 3:30 p.m. on Zoom.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Spend some time in the church with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.*

**Tuesdays:** 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (drop in anytime)

**First Friday for vocations:** after 12:10 p.m. Mass, to 1:30 p.m.

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

*Draw closer to Christ the Word through reflection on the Sunday scriptures and faith sharing in community. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/stbasilfaithsharing>*

**Tuesdays:** 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Zoom

### VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

*Make each day holy and join in the church for prayer with scripture, reflection, and intercessions.*

**Monday-Friday:** 5:10 p.m.

**First Friday for vocations:** after 12:10 p.m. Mass, to 1:30 p.m.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Do you have a compassionate and listening heart? Do you have time to share with our neighbours who are unable to come to Mass? Consider joining the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound! Members are dedicated to visiting those who are unable to come to Mass because of age, infirmity, or mobility issues. We share prayer, conversation, and bring Holy Communion, which unites them with our parish community. Training and supervision are provided. Archdiocesan training will take place on Wednesday evenings on Zoom, beginning October 23, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Interested? Speak with JoAnn Lopez ([joann.lopez@utoronto.ca](mailto:joann.lopez@utoronto.ca))

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 21/22: Society of St. Vincent dePaul

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SEPTEMBER 15-21



**SUNDAY** ORDINARY TIME XXIV

9:00am

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Sabrina Gebreselassie (✝)

4:30pm Bill MacLean (✝)

**MONDAY** St. Cornelius

7:30am John, Kathleen, and Ann Angus (✝,✝,✝)

12:10pm Adele O'Connell (✝)

**TUESDAY**

7:30am Bianca (liv)

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

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30am *Souls in purgatory*

12:10pm *Vocations*

**THURSDAY**

7:30am

12:10pm Rafael Barone (✝)

**FRIDAY** STS. ANDREW, KIM TAE-GON,  
PAUL CHONG HA-SANG

7:30pm

12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (✝,✝)

**SATURDAY**

5:00pm Gerry and Irene Devlin (✝,✝)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandler, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Bohdanka Koval's'ky, Tyler Koval's'ky, Elaine Landrie, Margaret LaRose, Cheekon Leong, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Joan Mills, Dr. Peter Moran, Januz Niemczyk, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Girolamo Scoppio, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, and Alexander Wu.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, John Lorenzo.

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