# 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

### 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:
Office Manager:
Director of Faith Formation
Director of Music & Principal Organist:
Assistant Organist
Musician-in-Residence:
Coordinator of Outreach & Hospitality:
Director of Community Engagement:

Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
Margaret D'Elia
JoAnn M. Lopez
Dr. John Paul Farahat
Adrian Ross
Dr. Lindsay McIntyre
Hilda O'Connor
Michael Pirri

### 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 regarding registration are available on the parish website.

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.







### FAITH IN FOCUS

In this series we reflect on excerpts of Church documents that invites us to deepen our life of faith. For the next few weeks, we will be reading sections on The Eucharist featured in "Teach Us to Pray" (2024) published for the Year of Prayer, to prepares us for the 2025 Jubilee Year.

"Make the Sign of the Cross well: the words and gestures made in the initial rites enable us, from the very beginning, to be involved body, soul, and mind in the celebration. The sign of the cross, in fact, summarizes the whole of our Christian faith. When we sign ourselves with the symbol of the cross, we recall the incarnation, redemption, and resurrection of the Lord and when we pronounce the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we recall the great Mystery of the Holy Trinity."

(Teach Us to Pray, p. 24)

**Reflect:** At our baptism, we were each signed with the cross and plunged into life in the Trinity. Bring attention to your whole embodied self, present to participate in the Mass.

## PENITENCE, PRAYER, AND PARTICIPATION

Jesus calls us to be radically attentive to our relationship with God and neighbour. Our embodied choices matter. The readings make it clear that we will have to answer for the impact of our actions and our silence, especially our complicity in oppression. God hears the cries of the most vulnerable! Do we?

This Monday, we mark the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, an opportunity to learn and reflect about the painful history of the Catholic Church's relationship with Indigenous Peoples in Canada, and to take action that promotes healing and hope. Additionally, on October 1 at the Vatican, Pope Francis will lead a Penitential Liturgy to begin the final meeting of the Synod on Synodality. This will include (on behalf of all the baptized) a confession of sins against peace and justice and prayers asking for

forgiveness from God and those harmed. Anyone can participate via livestream through Vatican media.

I am in Rome this week, participating in this Penitential Liturgy and other Synod opening events as a pilgrim. I will be praying, supporting synodality, and witnessing to the gifts and call of women in the Church. Today's readings show the Spirit acting in ways beyond our limited expectations. God's grace is more expansive and abundant than our imagination – not scarce and reserved for a sacred few. How have we limited our vision of God's work? Can we recognize God's power active in unexpected places and faces?

Synodality invites all the baptized to listen to the Spirit, walk together as one Body of Christ, and fully engage in communion, mission, and participation. Will we who mark ourselves with the Sign of the Cross allow the Trinity's abundant and compassionate ways to guide our choices and actions? Let us pray for the Church, as requested by the Synod conveners: "Give us, Lord, hearts that burn and feet that walk."

-JoAnn Melina Lopez

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

Come learn how to chant Vespers (Evening Prayer)! After a very successful first workshop, we're happy to offer the next installment in the series, this coming Monday, September 30. Join us for 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 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.

### **BLESSING OF THE PETS**

### Saturday, October 5, 10:00am

Join us for our annual blessing of the pets! This brief prayer celebrates the life and work of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. All animals are welcome.

### 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 will be collecting these donations before and after Mass on the weekend of October 5/6. As always, cash donations are accepted to support the bulk purchasing of these items.

## 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)

### **UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

September 28/29: Needs of the Canadian Church October 12/13: Building Fund

### Mass Intentions

### SEPT 29 - OCT 5



### SUNDAY

### Ordinary Time XXVI

9:00am Emma Alonzi (\*)

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Winnie Man & Vivian Kwok (liv)

4:30pm Ann and Jimmy Tung (liv)

### MONDAY

#### St. Jerome

7:30am Healing & Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

12:10pm Marjorie Chan (♣)

### TUESDAY

### ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

7:30am For all sinners

12:10pm Julio Vincente (4), Mariel C. Singian

(\*), Jennifer Schattner (liv)

### **WEDNESDAY** HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

7:30am

12:10pm John Papez (♣)

### THURSDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Brian Hutchinson(\*), Mariel C. Singian(\*)

Magdalena and Elena Almeda (♣,♣)

### FRIDAY

### St. Francis of Assisi

**7:30pm** Mariel C. Singian (♣)

12:10pm Vocations

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Honoria MacDonald (♣)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, 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.

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