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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
(closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)

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SACRAMENTS

Please contact us for more information on preparing for and receiving a Sacrament at St. Paul's Basilica.

- ♦ Baptism; Two months in advance
- ♦ Marriage; Registered parishioners at least one year in advance, For all other marriage inquiries please contact the parish office
- ♦ First Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in the fall
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion of the sick and shut-ins;
Please contact the parish office

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Language of the Eucharist

I am not writing here about the use of English or Latin or any other language but want to give you a window for reflection to internalize the sacred act of worship that is the “source and summit” of our life. Those words come from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council.

Here are some ways to enter into the Liturgy:

1. **Encounter:** In the Gospels we read in many places of Jesus’ encounter with people. What is it like to be in His presence? Or, what is it like when Jesus walks into the room with me? One way to think about the Liturgy is to recognize that this encounter is happening together for us each time we celebrate the Mass or any of the sacraments.
2. **Holy Communion:** When Jesus says, “Do this in memory of me”, we are given a sacred trust which literally embodies the bridge between our mortal lives and life with God. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we keep faith with Jesus Himself. Our continuing worship is doing something to “build” that relationship. Certainly, we can and will become more deeply joined to that bond. Communion with God which we experience sacramentally begins already to give us the savour of that absolute communion for us in the life to come.
3. **A Holy Exchange:** It is not just that we are handling sacred things, but we are already becoming incorporated into Christ. That idea is all over St. Paul’s writing. Sharing with each other is the building block of our relationships. Even for monastic communities started in the early centuries of the Church, hospitality, was a cornerstone. And why is this so important? In short, it changes us. In real ways, we, ourselves, are sacred and so we render to God something sacred in our worship. We know this because we can observe the effects of grace in our lives, and sense the fruitfulness of the sacraments. Think of the whole “schooling” of the apostles and disciples. There was a constant back and forth. I sometimes wonder what the exchanges that are not recorded in the Scriptures consisted of. The effect over time was the wonderful declaration: “I no longer call you servants but friends.” They were being changed.
4. **A Contemplative Ritual:** I inserted that word, “contemplative” to try to suggest that sacred ritual transports us, takes us into the realm of the holy. In a constantly “innovating” world we are not so aware that when we do the same thing together with sacred intent we are naturally drawn beyond ourselves. It is why the exchange of consent for couples at weddings is the same, not for lack of imagination, but for the sharing that extends through time and space to all who embrace this sacred commitment.

I was aware of my own deepening understanding of the Liturgy, and more aware of it when I studied and learned more of its history and beauty. Our worship absolutely is something that we continue to grow into just as Jesus draws us more closely to Himself.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob



❖ NEWS

Social Committee Start-up!



We are currently recruiting volunteers for a new parish Social Committee. Members of this new committee will be responsible for planning, preparing and hosting social events under the guidance of parish staff. Some useful skills include brainstorming ideas, planning logistics, preparing food/desserts, setup/cleanup, serving and volunteering the day of. Parish events currently in planning include monthly coffee & dessert socials and a summer festival.

If you feel you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact the parish office with your name, contact info and ways you can help!

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen

February 12, 2023 at 2:30 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica - 65 Bond St.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. Scan the QR code or visit archtoronto.org/marriage for info and to register.



Mary, Mother of God School

Now Registering for 2023/2024

Mary, Mother of God Private School (JK-12), located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area, is now interviewing for September 2023. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition, especially devoted to Our Lady, they are an affordable private school, with an excellent academic program, dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes. Visit marymotherofgodschool.org or call 416-531-7897 for more info.

New Beginnings

Online Drop-In Support Sessions

New Beginnings, part of the Catholic Family Services of Toronto, will be hosting free online drop-in support sessions to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

- **Bereavement Support**
January 25, 2023 at 7 pm
- **Separated/Divorced Support**
January 26, 2023 at 7 pm
- **Beating the Winter Blues**
February 9, 2023 at 7 pm

Scan the QR code or email alimanni@cfstoronto.com for more info or to register.



Weekend Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$2,506	\$4,998	- \$2,492
Mth Total	\$6,862	\$10,889	- \$4,027

Faith & Reason Lecture Series

Faith, Reason & Beauty – Guest Speaker Prof. Randy Boyagoda
January 26th - 7 pm at the Newman Centre Catholic Mission - 89 St. George St.



In this lecture, Professor Randy Boyagoda (UofT English Department) argues that the great interest, in recent years, in horror movies is indicative of a suppressed but enduring desire for faith and beauty. Situating his discussion in the context of the Catholic intellectual tradition, Professor Boyagoda makes a case for how to best to cultivate an openness to the transcendent in mundane times. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3UETiip for info.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, January 22

8:30 am ♦ † Frances Miller Cable
11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, January 24

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, January 25

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

Thursday, January 26

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, January 27

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

Kindergarten Registration!

Beginning January 25th, 2023, parents/guardians may register their children, born in 2019, for Junior Kindergarten this September. For more information or to apply, visit tcdsb.org/page/kindergarten-registration



2023 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 will be available at the back of the church next weekend. The boxed sets will be organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

Credit Card Donations



Don't carry cash or even own cheques? Want to collect miles or points on your credit card? A single or monthly donation through your credit card is a great option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for a single donation and at the end of the year for a recurring gift. Select the Donate button at stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org or scan the QR code. Please ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



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