

## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### The Paschal Mystery, Holy Week & the Easter Triduum

On Palm Sunday we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem and then to the Last Supper, the betrayal, His sufferings and death. It is a summary of the journey we make in Holy Week.

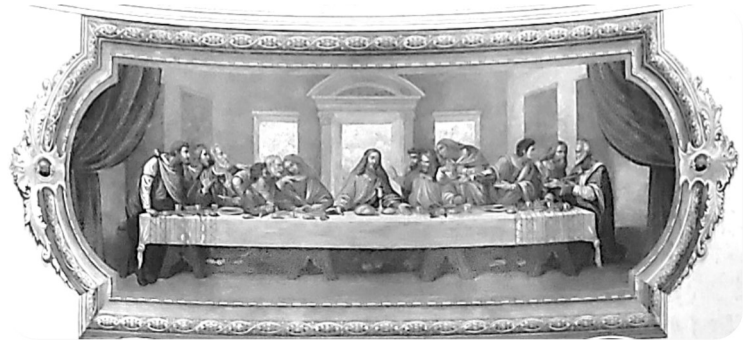
The Holy Thursday evening Mass brings us to the source of the Eucharist and shows us what a Eucharistic life is – service. Unless we wash one another's feet, we cannot be disciples of the Lord. The Liturgy ends dramatically. Having started on a celebratory note it ends with our procession to the Garden solemnly chanting and then silence and a barren altar. Can you stay up and pray with me?

On Good Friday the silence continues. The procession is silent. All kneel and the priest prostrates himself. Then soberly we recount the central events of our salvation. The Passion is proclaimed. The words and events speak for themselves. We give honour to the Cross. What appeared as something worse than foolishness became the way we received life. We are fed by Holy Communion. Christ on the Cross and Christ at the table are one. We leave in silence. In the evening we pray the Stations of the Cross. "At the Cross her vigil keeping/Mary stood in sorrow weeping." And we walk with her.

Holy Saturday morning: a deafening stillness descends. No sacraments are celebrated. We wait and listen. We grieve our loss of the One who has loved us. The stillness persists until nightfall. In darkness comes a flame. The Easter candle is lit and we proclaim, "Christ, our Light!" With tapers lit, we hear the Easter proclamation, and then listen to our story. Often, we Baptize and Confirm adults culminating in the Eucharist. At all Easter Sunday Masses we renew our baptismal promises. The Easter Day continues for the whole week. Alleluia!

Celebrating each of these special liturgies brings us body and soul into the Christian life. Please feel welcome to participate in them all. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

In Christ,  
Fr. Bob



## ❖ EVENTS

**Holy Week at**  
**ST. PAUL'S BASILICA**  
ESTABLISHED 1822 ~ FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN TORONTO

### **Palm Sunday | April 10**

4:30 pm (Saturday Vigil)  
8:30 am & 11:00 am

### **Holy Thursday | April 14**

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm  
Adoration until 10:00 pm

### **Good Friday | April 15**

The Lord's Passion  
1:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

### **Holy Saturday | April 16**

Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm  
(No 4:30 pm Mass)

### **Easter Sunday | April 17**

8:30 am & 11:00 am

All are Welcome to join us in celebrating the Lord's Resurrection every Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

### **New Weekday Mass!**

In addition to our regular weekend Masses, St. Paul's now offers weekday Masses, Tuesday to Friday at 5 pm. All are welcome!

### **Religious Education Registration**

We are accepting registrations for all children wishing to participate in celebrating the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation taking place this June.

We understand that due to the disruption caused by the pandemic, some children may have missed celebrating the Sacraments. Registration is open to any child who should have received a Sacrament in the past two (2) years.

Sign-up forms are available at the back of the church and in the parish office. The first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th (see form for more scheduling details)



### Take a tour of St. Paul's

Curious about the beautiful artwork, the tragedy of the Irish or the building's history? Why is St. Paul's a Basilica and how can you know that you are in a building of importance?

Tours take place after the Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 11 am Masses. Meet at the back of the church and a volunteer tour guide will take you on a short journey through the church.

### Bulletin Restart

After a long hiatus, St. Paul's is set to begin publishing parish bulletins in the upcoming weeks!

If you would like to include a parish or neighbourhood related article in the bulletin, please submit a write up, (50 to 150 words), including title and any picture suggestions to [stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org)

All articles are subject to review and approval by the parish.

### Passion (Palm) Sunday - April 10, 2022

ShareLife Agencies Need Your Support

The LA Centre for Active Living is a ShareLife funded that agency that helps seniors. They note:

"This pandemic has had a big impact on the world, revealing new needs in our communities, and it through ShareLife's support that we have been able to provide prepared meals and pantry goods every week to our members through our Food Delivery program. Your support is invaluable, and we cannot thank you enough!"

Our parishioners have contributed \$6,100 toward our goal of \$50,000.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

### New Beginnings

Catholic Family Services are hosting a 4 week online introductory programs, which assist in the exploration of grief, healing experience and renewed faith.

- ❖ Bereavement Support - April 13th, 7 pm
- ❖ Separated/Divorced Catholics - April 14th, 7 pm

For more information, please contact Arcangelo Limanni at [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com); 647-215-3978

### Chartwell Comfort Kits

Chartwell, a group of retirement residences, wants to bring some comfort to seniors in the neighbourhood. These complimentary Comfort Kits are filled with activities, cozy items and treats. To receive a kit contact, Rene Vanderhaeghe at 416-738-4219 or [rvanderhaeghe@cartwell.com](mailto:rvanderhaeghe@cartwell.com)

### Please consider the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your other financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG sign-up forms are available at the back of the church and in the parish office.

To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.



### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 9

4:30 pm; Mario Anecchini

#### Sunday, April 10

8:30 am; + Claude Kavanagh  
11:00 am; For the People

#### Tuesday, April 12

5:00 pm;

#### Wednesday, April 13

5:00 pm;

#### Thursday, April 14

Holy Thursday

#### Friday, April 15

Good Friday

### 2022 Mass Intentions

St. Paul's Basilica is now accepting 2022 Mass Intentions for all weekday Masses at 5 pm (Tue - Fri) and weekend Masses Sat at 4:30 pm and Sun at 8:30 am & 11 pm.

The offering for an announced date is \$20 per Mass and \$10 per Mass for an unannounced date. Friday deadline for the following week.

The parish office is open Mon - Fri from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. To book a Mass intention, please call the office at 416-364-7588 or send an email to [stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org).