

## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### The Hope of Easter

Of the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love, maybe it is hope we need the most of these days. So many afflictions are in our world.

Is hope a wish? When we think about all the problems besetting us it most certainly is. We know that we need more than a wish for us to trust that our hope is solid. Thankfully, the theological virtue of hope is much more than that. As we begin our walk toward the three most solemn days on our calendar we can be renewed in that solid hope.

Let's think of Easter in reverse order for a moment. Jesus has risen from the dead. And this power of God Jesus shares with us; we too can and will rise from the dead if we say, "Yes", to His invitation. When He is preaching and teaching, He tells us He has come to bring life and bring it to the full.

Hope is our foundation for viewing His suffering and the reality of being redeemed from sin, death and the vagaries of our limitations. Hope centred in the reality of Christ's death and resurrection is a gateway to faith. It is the fruit of the Father's love brought to us through Christ. Hope talks with love so that we can trust in the path from present brokenness to the perfection of creation, including us!

"We have been redeemed, O Lord, in Your own blood." (Ephesians 1:7)

Our very own St. Paul teaches us this often and invites us to embody that in our vocations, to work tirelessly and faithfully for the Good News.

As we, by God's grace, come slowly out of the pandemic and gather around the altar to be nourished by Christ, we are called to build up the Body of Christ. When we walk with Christ next week on Palm Sunday we will be rooted in a clear hope. Joining Christ at the table of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday we will follow Him into the Garden of Gethsemane and join ourselves closely to Him. Into silence and awe at His death on the Cross on Good Friday, His saving love will help us to be humble. On Holy Saturday let us be quiet while He is in the tomb, so that we may hear with burning hearts the truth of His victory this Easter!

In Christ,  
Fr. Bob

## ❖ EVENTS



### **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 24<sup>th</sup> (see form for more scheduling details)

## Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
*St. Paul's Basilica – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief*

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe, and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.



### Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 3, 2022

Today's Gospel shares the parable of the woman accused of adultery.

Jesus admonishes the gathered scribes and Pharisees. They want her stoned and Jesus says, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Our Lord's message is one of great love, forgiveness and respect for all of God's people.

Social Service agencies funded by ShareLife have an 'open intake policy' and provide help based on need - not on lifestyle, gender, ethnicity, nor the faith beliefs of those they help.

Our 2022 parish goal is \$50,000.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

### 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.

### 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 2

4:30 pm; + Mary Catharine Staples

#### Sunday, April 3

8:30 am; + Theresa Lehman  
11:00 am; For the People

#### Tuesday, April 5

5:00 pm; + Joyceline Hinkson

#### Wednesday, April 6

5:00 pm;

#### Thursday, April 7

5:00 pm;

#### Friday, April 8

5:00 pm;

### 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).