



# ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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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

## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Alyson Sobol, Principal ♦ Tel: (416) 393-5204

## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



### Divine Attributions

**Mercy**...there's the ten-dollar word for the week! I remember learning when I was young that God knew everything. He even knew me! A Polish religious woman, St. Faustina Kowalska, who lived in the 20th century, shared with the world her devotion to God's mercy, learned as part of her encounters with Jesus. Following the wishes of Pope John Paul II, this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, in the Octave of Easter, we refer to as "Divine Mercy Sunday".

**Mercy** is a little understood today. We think it is just avoiding punishment or pain. But mercy is an outpouring of God's loving kindness. It is generous love. Mercy applies to every nook and cranny of our sometimes confusing existence. Mercy not only prevents evil from happening it offers us life.

The reason the Holy Father was inclined to time this feast within the Octave of Easter is that the redeeming love of Christ we celebrate through His resurrection is **THE** act of mercy. It changes not only my personal life but it changes the whole aim of human existence. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Mercy is at the heart of the Gospel.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ EVENTS

### 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.

### Religious Education Introductory Meeting

An introductory meeting for the families and children wishing to celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in June, will take place this Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. The First Eucharist meeting will take place at 9:45 am and Confirmation meeting will be at 12:15 pm.

Registration forms are still available and can be obtained at the meeting. 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.

### New Weekday Mass!

In addition to our regular weekend Masses, St. Paul's now offers weekday Masses, Tuesday to Friday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome!

## 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.

## Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

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

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.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.



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 23

4:30 pm; William LeBlanc

### Sunday, April 24

8:30 am; Arcado & Leonila Nerizon  
11:00 am; For the People

### Tuesday, April 26

5:00 pm;

### Wednesday, April 27

5:00 pm; Mario Anecchini

### Thursday, April 28

5:00 pm;

### Friday, April 29

5:00 pm;

## Bulletin Article Submission



After a long hiatus, St. Paul's has finally resumed publishing

our parish bulletin.

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 accompanying image suggestions to [stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org)

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

## 2nd Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy - April 24, 2022

### ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

When you support ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here's how your support makes a difference for the work of this agency:

"Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite."

## 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 a scheduled / announced date is \$20 per Mass and \$10 per Mass for an unscheduled / unannounced intention. Monday 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).

## 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)

## Synod on Synodality



Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: [archtoronto.org/synodality](http://archtoronto.org/synodality)

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