



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

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Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 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

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Setting the Stage for Our Celebration

Next week we will mark with a special Mass our 200th anniversary as a parish. Our Archbishop Cardinal Collins is coming to preside just as our first Bishop, Michael Power, came to the first St. Paul's to celebrate his first Mass in his newly created diocese of Toronto. The 18th of September has special significance for the then young Church of Toronto. 175 years ago, Bishop Power held a meeting in 1847 with civic officials and other leaders to work together on how to address the flood of refugees who had arrived, fleeing a terrible famine in Ireland. Over a million people died as a result of what is often simply called, the Famine.

It is good for us to remember especially the same absolute desperation that is front and centre in the lives of millions of people in today's world.

Our parish became a crossroads of the sorrows and of the efforts to relieve the sufferings of many. Only two weeks after this meeting, Bishop Power died of typhus fever himself. His funeral, also, was celebrated at the first St. Paul's. In the



Bishop Michael Power, 1841 - 1847.

The first bishop of Toronto

succeeding decades our parish continued to see the new waves of immigration from afar and other parts of Canada. The true beauty of our church is not the art, as beautiful and lovingly made and preserved as that is, but the holiness of the people who have helped each other through these 200 years. As St. Paul so clearly announces, in Christ we are "neither slave nor free", but we are joined together to receive and share in the Good News of salvation itself.

The very fact that we have seen the need to help one another and that this has been a consistent feature of our parish life, helps us now, to know ourselves and understand the way we are called to live out our mission today.

In those early days it was not always possible to make life easy. What did happen however, was an accompaniment in faith and trust in the healing power of Christ. We too are called now to be faithful, knowing that when we accompany one another it will not always be easy and the outcomes that we see may not always be the ones we want to see. The true fruits, if we can live by faith, will be shown to us in the fullness of time. That commitment to Christ and to the salvation of one another, however, will bear great fruit, some of which we will see. We will see something of the greater vitality we are capable of and of the joy others have in becoming at home in their faith right here.

Next week we celebrate all the good of 200 years and we also drink in the nourishment we need to continue to share in a vital parish community. May our welcome of our shepherd also nourish him and encourage in his continued witness to the Gospel and may we draw from him the deep communion that makes the Church part of the foretaste of Heaven.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our
200TH ANNIVERSARY

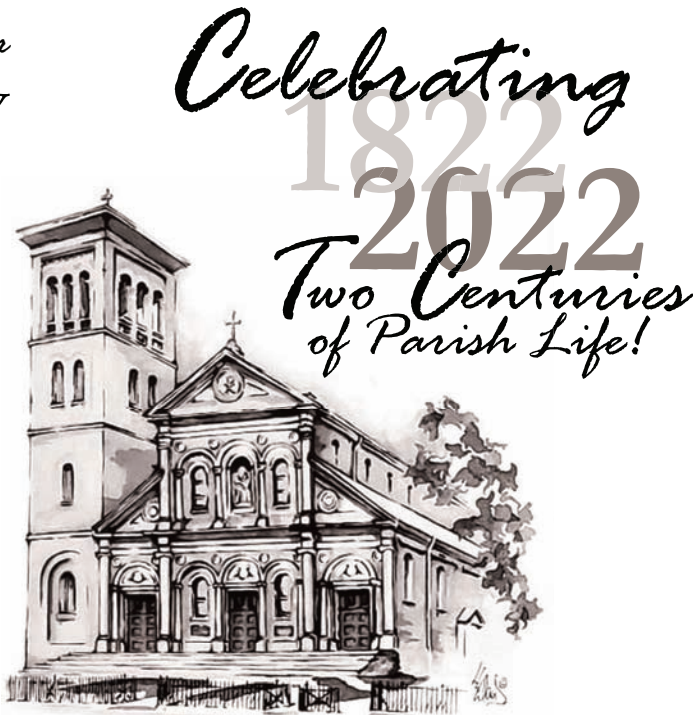
**SEPTEMBER
18TH, 2022**

11:00 AM IN THE MAIN CHURCH

*Celebratory Mass Presided by:
His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins*

12:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

*Light Refreshments, Traditional Irish Music,
Ministry Fair and more*



❖ NEWS

Season of Creation 2022



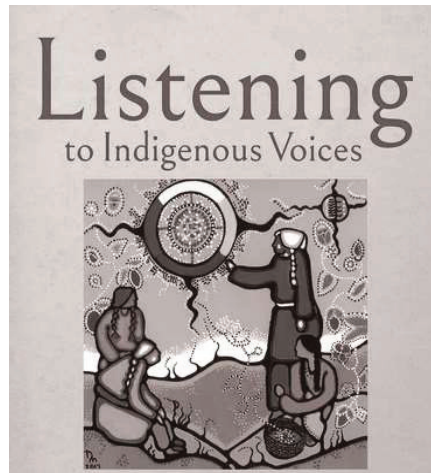
The annual event of Season of Creation began on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

Each year an ecumenical steering committee selects a theme, and this year inspiration is taken from Psalm 19:1-4 that proclaims, “Listen to the Voice of Creation.” A short video to introduce this season may be watched via QR code or this link, youtu.be/WyjUTvGmliI



Lecture Series – Listening to Indigenous Voices

The Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice has recently published a dialogue guide, in partnership with Indigenous elders and knowledge keepers, ‘Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships’. Elder Bob Philips and Fr. Trevor Scott S.J. will introduce this dialogue process through a series of four monthly encounters and reflections, Thursdays starting at 7 pm, September 15, October 13, November 10 and December 8, at St. Peter’s Church. To learn more visit stpeterstoronto.ca or scan the QR code.



Upcoming Ministry Fair!

Are you interested in becoming more involved in our parish but not sure how? Do you know which ministries we have? Want to find out what is needed to join a parish ministry or if it is the right ministry for you? In conjunction with our 200th Anniversary celebration, we will be hosting a Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 18th after the 11 am Mass in the parish hall. Whether you want to sign up for a ministry or just learn more by speaking to current volunteers, we encourage you to stop by.

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.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10
4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, September 11
8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, September 13
5:00 pm ♦ † Tom Peter Ryall

Wednesday, September 14
5:00 pm ♦ Giuse Cuong V Tran

Thursday, September 15
5:00 pm ♦

Friday, September 16
5:00 pm ♦



Mass Intention Scheduling

Mass Intentions are accepted for all parish Masses, contingent on availability.

The offering for a scheduled / announced date is \$20 per Mass and \$10 per Mass for an unscheduled / unannounced intention.

To schedule a Mass intention, please call the office at 416-364-7588 or send an email to stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org.

200th Anniversary Celebration Volunteer Sign-up

Forms are available at the back of the church for those who would like to help during our 200th Anniversary Celebration on September 18th. You will be contacted with more information on the specific tasks and scheduling closer to September 18th.

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