

# ST. PAUL'S BASILICA EST. 1822~FIRST CATHOLIC PARISH IN TORONTO

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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; Registraition 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

#### Welcome, ... Welcome, ... Welcome!

Gathered by Jesus Christ and offering to God the Father the praise that is our conscious response to the unfathomable gift of the Good News, we rejoice in the holiness and generosity of all those who have passed on to us the fruits of that redeeming love.

The pandemic for us has been, like many parish communities, a time when our common life has slowed down. For those especially who have been isolated there has been a need for faith and trust that Jesus will support and guide them. With this celebration today we are coming out into the light once more. We are being given the chance to see our relationship with God and with one another in new ways. And we have a longer perspective ... how the living faith has been passed with care from one generation to the next. If we have awareness that there are present and future struggles, we are also aware that the answers come through the charisms, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, present and active among us. Help us, O Lord, to be part of this renewal of life



1901 - New St. Paul's Parish with Old St. Paul's Parish in the background.

one another in your Son's name.

(Landmarks of Toronto Volume 4 by J Ross Robertson - 1904) and faith by encouraging and supporting

It was 200 years ago that the Vicar Apostolic of Upper Canada, who would later become the first Bishop of the Diocese of Kingston, Ontario, the Most Reverend Alexander MacDonnell, erected St. Paul's Parish to serve what was at the time known as the Town of York, the new capital of Upper Canada. We are very aware now that this land had been home to the Mississaugas of the Credit and other Indigenous Peoples over a much longer period of time.

That pastoral care which motivated the

erection of St. Paul's as a parish in 1822 has since, like the city itself, become much more cosmopolitan. Wanting to lift from our collective memories all that is good and useful for the present and for the provision of a lively faith into the future, we are abundantly aware of the sacredness of the gifts we have received and those that have been placed into our stewardship for the glory of God.

Today we welcome to his oldest parish, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, our Archbishop. We are also blessed to have among us at the anniversary Mass representation of a number of religious communities, as well as the presence of three former pastors and the living connections of faith that each represents.

I hope this celebration solidifies for all of us the abundant graces that are ours, and that it readies us for the generous work ahead to follow the example of St. Paul running our race for the crown of unfading glory.

In Christ,

# NOTEWORTHY

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

# SEPTEMBER 18тн, 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

#### Faith & Reason Lecture Series at the Newman Centre

Rod Dreher, NY Times best selling author, will be discussing his book, Live Not By Lies. For more information or to purchase tickets scan the QR Code or visit https://bit.ly/3RsfBq7











#### 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.



#### **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.

# Statement on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II



With all Canadians, the parishioners of St. Paul's Parish mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We thank God for her years of faithful service, and we pray

that the Lord will grant her eternal rest. May she rest in peace.

#### **Mass Intentions**

*Saturday, September 17* 4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, September 18 8:30 am ♦ 11:00 am ♦ For the People

*Tuesday, September 20* 5:00 pm ♦

*Wednesday, September 21* 5:00 pm ♦

*Thursday, September 22* 5:00 pm ♦

*Friday, September 23* 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.

### **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.

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