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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
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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

A Chorus of Praise!

It was wonderful last Sunday to see so many people showing their love of God and their love of our parish community. In my 11 months here, it was my first opportunity to take in the joy of seeing people working together in such a dramatic way. Before the anniversary celebration I had fussed over the tone of the event. Were we going to make it a large public event with public officials? We explored that a bit and it certainly would normally have been the right thing to do. As time went on, however, I became more convinced that it was important for this event to be for us. We are coming out of the pandemic and connecting and reconnecting with one another and just beginning to envision our life together in the months and years ahead. And, I had not yet got to know very many of you either. For me, this has been a great opportunity to get to meet more of you and receive a little of the spirit of the parish.

As you may know, Cardinal Collins is now at an age where his retirement may be accepted by the Holy Father. From



his first days as the Archbishop of our Archdiocese, he has had a deep devotion to the example of our first Bishop, Michael Power. This was a chance to journey with him and with our own story more deeply and to appreciate how those early times could shed light on the charisms we need now. For me, at least, it was moving to have our present Archbishop connect with our parish, the first home of our first Bishop at a time when he may well be reflecting on his own ministry among us.

For us, I believe that last Sunday will prove to have been a very fruitful day for

the development of pastoral life here. By working together, you have shown me the dynamics that will help me to discern not only what our next steps will be but something of the trajectory of our life together in the coming years.

The first step will be the renewal of some of our ministries and the development of a few new ones. On the immediate horizon will be workshops with lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and ushers. We will also be restarting our altar servers.

My thanks go first to the Holy Spirit for bringing us together in such a beautiful way and for your generous responses. Those of you who stepped up and pitched in and those of you who did what I sometimes call “ministry of the pew” – all of you contributed in important ways! Did you hear the level of engaged and prayerful participation? It was very noticeable. In heaven we are to be a chorus like that ... except, of course, even more so. The Mass was indeed food for us now and for the fulfillment of our hope.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Sacred Architecture Walk & Talk with Fr. Bob



Join young adults (ages 19-35), on October 2nd, 2022, for a creation walk & talk in Toronto with Fr. Robert (Bob) O'Brien, Pastor of St. Paul's Basilica, as we learn to interpret the

sacred architecture and other buildings in Toronto in a more revealing way. The talk will include references to various buildings in Toronto, bolstering it with a bit of history and the sorts of buildings that inspired them. The walk will begin promptly at 3:30 pm (please arrive 10 minutes early), starting from the Hockey Hall of Fame at 30 Yonge St., and end at St. Paul's Basilica at 6 pm. Food and refreshments will be served in the parish hall and Fr. Bob will be open to Q&A after the walk. No registration required. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at amanda@ocytoronto.org /437-900-1683.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30, 2022

National Day For
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



This year's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will take place on Friday, September 30, 2022.

Cardinal Collins will preside at the 7:30 a.m. Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica with participation from Indigenous members of the community. All are welcome in person or via livestream at: stmichaelscathedral.com/live/ or scan the QR code.



The Archdiocese of Toronto will also hold a special collection next weekend October 1st and 2nd to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. You can donate through our parish or online anytime at: archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation or scan the QR code.



Thank You to everyone who made last weekend's Anniversary Mass a success!

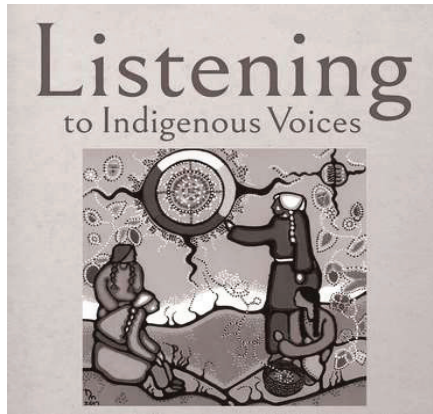


A very big THANK YOU to all our planners, coordinators, liturgists, musicians, staff and especially the volunteers, who worked so hard to make our 200th Anniversary Mass a resounding success!

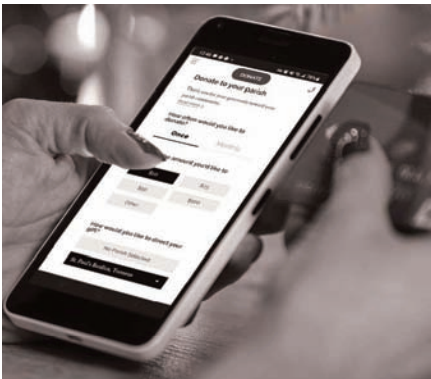
Lecture Series – Listening to Indigenous Voices

The Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice has 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 monthly encounters and reflections. The next sessions will

take place at 7pm on Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, at St. Peter's Church. To learn more visit stpeterstoronto.ca or scan the QR code.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 24
4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, September 25
8:30 am ♦ † Jeffery King
11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, September 27
5:00 pm ♦ Jan & Camila Nowakowski

Wednesday, September 28
5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, September 29
5:00 pm ♦

Friday, September 30
5:00 pm ♦ † Joan Ayoung Chee

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.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On October 8-9, St. Paul's will welcome Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians",

who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscious prayers and will have many handcarved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. To learn more visit HolylandChristians.ca



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