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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

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

More Remembering ...

This week we will observe Remembrance Day. Originally, it was called “Armistice Day” to commemorate the date and time of the cessation of hostilities at the end of World War I, “the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month”. The Canadian response to this observance was to erect monuments in virtually every town and city in the country, many with the names of local men who had lost their lives. To these monuments were added the names of those who lost their lives in World War II and in the Korean War. In France, Canada also constructed what remains our largest monument located at Vimy Ridge. The French Government ceded the territory around the monument to Canada, and it is still staffed with Parks Canada employees. The monument at Vimy is on a scale similar to the Washington Monument and is much larger than any other Canadian one.

As we remember now, also those who have fallen in the many conflicts since this one, we might well reflect on the moral urgency of peace. Are we not



capable as human persons to navigate our relationships in such a way as to be free of state-sanctioned violence? That's tough. Would that it were so! As we get more people on the planet the aching need to succeed, however, becomes more obvious. In our world where viewpoints are so easily attacked, the process of encouraging the kind of moral conversation that may yield tangible results is hard. And we know that many people, including many civilians are paying with their lives in the Ukraine, in some countries in Africa and elsewhere. Each of us has some role to play in proposing a way of life that accords not only with physical freedom from violence but is also in accord with the Divine Law,

the Way of the Lord Jesus. What can I do to build Christ's Kingdom so that no evil consequence is visited on others? Each of our vocations is important to at least strive in this direction.

And we have another remembrance coming up on November 21st. It will be 200 years since the arrival of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto. You will hear more about this as we get closer to the date. Suffice it to say, for now, that they have been pioneers here. Catholic higher education was developed with the co-operation also of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Loretto Sisters) and the Congregation of St. Joseph who still have an important presence on the St. Mike's campus at U of T.

As we continue to pray for our deceased loved ones, we can include those who have fallen in war and the deceased religious who have played such an important part in building up the Christian life in our own part of the world.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Ministry Training Workshops



The parish will be hosting ministry training workshops in the coming weeks, intended for **ALL volunteers who are CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN or are INTERESTED IN the parish ministry.** The goal of these workshops is to ensure that all volunteers, both new and existing, are familiar with and following the current procedures and responsibilities for performing the ministry. Workshops will also include practical run-throughs, scheduling / time expectations, and ensure that all screening requirements and checks are up to date.

- Ushers and Greeters – Saturday, November 12, at 1:30 pm
- Lectors – Saturday, December 3, at 1:30 pm
- Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 10, at 1:30 pm
- Altar Servers (Part 1) – Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 am
- Altar Servers (Part 2) – Saturday, February 11, at 10:30 am

Please register with the parish office if you plan on attending. If you are unable to make the scheduled date, please notify the office as alternate dates may be scheduled based on numbers.

Remembrance Day



On November 11th, we remember in thanksgiving those who made and who continue to make the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. May we keep all those who are overseas in our prayers, that they may return home safely.

Shepherds' Trust Collection

There will be a second collection on November 12/13, for The Shepherds' Trust. The Trust's mission is to ensure elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

❖ NEWS

21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest

High school students (13-19 yrs) in the Toronto Catholic School Board are invited to participate in this annual event commemorating the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the theme **“Do good; seek justice” (Isaiah 1:17)**. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

The deadline is January 16th, 2023. For more information and resources, visit catholicregister.org/writingaward or scan the QR Code.



Time to register for First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation



It's that time of year to begin registrations for this year's Sacramental Preparation Programme. We are accepting registrations for children wishing to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation next spring.

To register or for more information, please contact the parish office.

Film Screening: Waban-Aki: People from where the Sun Rises

When: November 9th - 6:30 pm

Where: The Mary Ward Centre, 70 St. Mary St.

Join The Mary Ward Centre, The Jesuit Forum, & Regis College for an imaginative encounter towards Truth & Reconciliation. Dr. and Elder, Bob Philips (Great Bear) will be facilitating discussions to help deepen the appreciation for this film. Free to attend, though a good

will offering is appreciated. For more information or to register please scan the QR code or visit <http://tiny.cc/wabanaki>.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 5

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, November 6

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, November 8

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, November 9

5:00 pm ♦ Gail Ann Ferguson

Thursday, November 10

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, November 11

5:00 pm ♦ † Members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty

Fall Shapiro Virtual Lecture: “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Jewish-Christian Dialogue”

When: Monday, November 7th at 8 pm



Lawrence H. Schiffman

The renowned annual fall lecture of the Bernardin Center at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago will

this year focus on the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls for Jewish-Catholic dialogue. Dr. Lawrence H. Schiffman, the Judge Abraham Lieberman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and Director of the Global Institute for Advanced Research in Jewish Studies at New York University, will explore how the discovery and study of these ancient scrolls marks a turning point in understanding biblical history and offer great potential for dialogue today. Plan to attend this event packed with insights on the emerging consensus in interpretation between Jewish and Christian scholars and their impressive witness of collaboration that has fostered the publication of entire corpus of the scrolls. These and other developments are a testimony to the ongoing progress of mutual understanding between our respective faith communities.

To participate, register at: <https://bit.ly/3MmyOYW>.



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