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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

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# ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## The Liturgical Year

We are approaching the end of another liturgical year. The Solemnity of Christ the King holds up to us Christ's victory over sin and death and the ultimate reign of Christ over a creation made new. As we have heard over the last several weeks, the Word of God has proclaimed this through the writings of St. Paul and in St. Luke's Gospel.

And, when the following Sunday arrives, we will start a new year with the First Sunday in Advent. This takes us back to anticipating the intervention of God in human history through the Word becoming flesh – the birth of Jesus. It also carries with it the echo of that view toward the fulfilment of the Kingdom that we have been hearing over these last several weeks – Christ's second coming. We can feel ourselves walking shoulder to shoulder with those early believers who keenly felt that God's saving work would be completed soon. And we can visit again the first joy of faith when we

ourselves realized that God did come to dwell with us and show us the way to life.

The whole arc of the liturgical year is meant to take us on a journey with Christ. It is a continuing meditation on the heart of our life. The earliest believers pined for it. Unlike our modern time-conscious days, believers wanted to hear MORE!

The calendar is designed to help us hear more. Each year is devoted to one of the first three Gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke. So, we will start to proclaim Matthew's Gospel when Ordinary Time starts after the Christmas season. The first reading each week is meant to go with the Gospel. The second reading works its way through the letters and in the Easter season, walks us through the Acts of the Apostles. Sometimes, the second reading echoes something of the Gospel and sometimes it is on its own. We hear John's Gospel through the Easter season every year.

The way to prepare for Sunday, then, is to read the Gospel and meditate on it, and

then to read the first reading, followed by a reading of all the readings as they are proclaimed on Sunday, including the psalm text that complements the first reading. The deeper voice of the Scriptures will then sneak up on us and when they are proclaimed on Sunday, we will hear them with fresh ears and heart.

There are several apps that allow you to follow the readings as they are proclaimed at Mass. Living with Christ has an app that will give you the translation we use in Canada. I use iBreviary which contains the Liturgy of the Hours as well as daily Mass readings. Universalis is also another good one. Word Among Us also has an app. You can obtain a hard copy of the readings by subscribing through Novalis to Living with Christ or the Sunday readings by purchasing a Sunday paperback Missal. We also have Living with Christ for sale at the front of the church for your convenience.

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.

- 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.

### Lessons & Carols

*Presented by Together in Worship Canada*

Please join us on Friday, December 9th at 7 pm for a concert featuring the Together in Worship Canada Choir, conductor, Vincent Cheng and organist, David Simon. Coffee will be served in the parish hall following the concert. A suggested \$20 free will offering is appreciated. Please visit [www.tiwc.ca](http://www.tiwc.ca) for more information.



tiwc.ca

### Winter Clothing and Toiletries Drive

The parish is collecting **CLEAN GENTLY USED MENS** winter clothing, specifically, coats, boots, hats, gloves and warm tops and pants. We are also collecting **NEW UNOPENED** toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap and shampoo as well as **NEW UNWORN** socks. These donations will benefit the Good Shepherd Ministries and the Mustard Seed (part of Fontbonne Ministries). Please separate clothing from toiletries when dropping off donations in the boxes near the front altar.



## ❖ NEWS

### Free Webinar: Estate Planning from a Catholic Perspective

*Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 9:00 am*

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

To register, send us an email to: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org). Please include 'webinar November 19th' in the subject line and provide your name in the body of a message. Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member. You will receive a link a couple of days before the webinar.

### Shepherds' Trust Collection



There will be a second collection on this weekend 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.

### Healing after Abortion

*Day of Prayer and Healing for Women*

On Saturday, November 19th from 9 am to 5 pm, the Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing after abortion. This day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. Contact the Sisters of Life for more information and location details: 416-463-2722, [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

### 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](http://catholicregister.org/writingaward) or scan the QR Code.



### Mass Intentions

*Saturday, November 12*

4:30 pm ♦ † Anthony Pham

*Sunday, November 13*

8:30 am ♦ Leonila Nerizon

11:00 am ♦ For the People

*Tuesday, November 15*

5:00 pm ♦

*Wednesday, November 16*

5:00 pm ♦

*Thursday, November 17*

5:00 pm ♦ Marie Rose LeBlanc

*Friday, November 18*

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](mailto:stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org).

### Advent Retreat - A beautiful way to prepare for Christmas

*Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,  
1617 Blythe Rd, Mississauga*

All women are invited to an Advent Day of Retreat on Saturday, November 26th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$45 which includes coffee and lunch. Eucharist will be celebrated during the day. For more information please call 905-278-5229.

### 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](http://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.



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