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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

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# ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## Vocations for Life: The Doctors Gilchrist

I don't suppose it happens that often that you read about a pastor's past experiences. Each parish can be like a little cosmos of its own. But the fact is, that one of our privileges as priests is to move from one community to another and to carry with us the goodness of the people we have served.

At my last parish, St. Gregory the Great, in Oshawa, there is a couple, now well into retirement, who practiced medicine in the city for many years. Dr. Bill Gilchrist practiced as a pediatrician, ministering to young children and their families and Dr. Gillian Gilchrist served aging people in the city. Dr. Gillian was the catalyst behind the development of the first hospice in the Region of Durham. And what I found most impressive was not only the nature of the work they chose and faithfully practiced for many years but the matter-of-fact way they pursued it and understood it to be an expression of their faith.

At the end of the month, Cardinal Collins



Drs. William "Bill" and Gillian Gilchrist

will make a trip to visit them to present them with the Papal "Bene Merenti" medal. The literal translation is "well-merited". When we proclaim that we are in favour of life from conception to natural death it remains for us to put substance behind these words, lest those without faith think that they are just words.

The dignity of each person includes that they are not alone but loved and cared for whether vulnerable at the beginning of life or approaching death. One thing our faith really proclaims is that fact that we are not

alone. What a wonderful thing in a society where many people feel very lonely. Is this one reason why we want so much to be "in control" and are fearful of actually being in the care of someone else? Parishes can be incubators of profound community. Think not only of the human connection you have with others in the parish but also of the oxygen that these profound spiritual connections give you.

I am very proud of the way in which many Catholics live their vocations. The Doctors Gilchrist happen to have had vocations that not only have done great good but also demonstrate for others the impact of living our faith in the pro-life arena. I hope it is an inspiration for some.

And one other important facet of the story. They did all these things as a married couple, supporting each other, learning from each other, praying together, and loving one another and God through life.

Thank you Dr. Bill and Dr. Gill!

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.



### 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 altar.

**Indigenous Artisan Marketplace 2022**



*Fri to Mon - Nov 18th to Dec 5th, 11am-7pm  
NCCT:16 Spadina Rd, Toronto*

Looking for Christmas gift ideas? The annual Indigenous Artisan Marketplace at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) features a wide array of art, jewelry, food and other goods produced by Indigenous artists and artisans. Free Admission. Visit [ncct.on.ca/](http://ncct.on.ca/) or scan the QR code for details



**St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert: Sing Noël**

*Saturday, December 3 – 7 p.m. EST  
Massey Hall: 178 Victoria St, Toronto*

A musically rich blend of both secular and sacred carols to usher in the Christmas season.

A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 85th year, and this year's concert is sure to be one of the best yet. St. Michael's Choir School graduates are some of Canada's most celebrated professional and amateur musicians and are



known for music of the highest caliber. For tickets and information, visit [masseyhall.mhrth.com/](http://masseyhall.mhrth.com/) or scan the QR Code.



The Elementary Choir sings at St. Paul's Basilica, October 17th, 2014. Photo credit: SMCS Yearbook

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**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 19*

4:30 pm ♦ † Barbara Majthenyi

*Sunday, November 20*

8:30 am ♦ For the People  
11:00 am ♦ Fillippo Carnevale

*Tuesday, November 22*

5:00 pm ♦ Joanne Devore

*Wednesday, November 23*

5:00 pm ♦ † John Trushun

*Thursday, November 24*

5:00 pm ♦

*Friday, November 25*

5:00 pm ♦

**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.

**2022 ShareLife \$1 Million Matching Gift Program**

From Nov 1 to Dec 31, all contributions to the ShareLife Campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million. To participate, donate by credit card online (see below article) or use one of the ShareLife envelopes at the back of the church.

**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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