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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

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Advent: New Life

I've been here at St. Paul's for a little more than a year now. I am seeing a parish community that is rich in differing life experiences and ways of living out the Christian life. As you can see, we are beginning to take some time with our different ministries and using different occasions to mix together – chances to connect and reconnect. Each one of us has important faith to share. Working together and taking time to listen to each other is like “parish oxygen”. They breathe life into us and into our shared life as a community.

Advent reconnects us with the initial coming together when “God-with-us”, Emmanuel jumped into human history. And... it connects us to the ultimate coming together in the heavenly life. We are trying not only to prepare but already to practice something of that life now.

As we walk together through the coming Church year I hope that we have experiences that prove profound. The



voice of God can sneak up on us in a good way, so that what seems simple on the surface becomes a source of healing and new life. To hear something we know in a new way from someone else, or to hear another's person's life in faith can release a flood of grace.

COVID or other experiences may have made us cautious, but gentle renewal by the Lord whether in silent moments of prayer or in an encounter with people can

do so much. I pray each of us receives exactly the graces we need.

Thank you for all that you bring to the altar each week as we worship God and receive the Gift we are privileged to offer, Jesus Himself. May God gently give to each of us what we need to freely magnify divine love.

Blessings for a fruitful Advent Season,

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 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.

❖ NEWS

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/ 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/ or scan the QR Code.



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

Society of Sharing: Inner-City Volunteers



A ShareLife member agency, is currently seeking volunteers for various positions, including friendly visitors, medical/shopping escorts, and grocery delivery. You can make a difference in the life of a senior who is isolated and living in downtown Toronto. For more information, please contact their Recruitment & Training Specialist at 416-413-0380 or vrts@societyofsharing.org; or by visiting their website at societyofsharing.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 or scan the QR Code.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26

4:30 pm ♦ † Ron Lichacz

Sunday, November 27

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Juliet Lawrence

Tuesday, November 29

5:00 pm ♦ Bernie LeBlanc

Wednesday, November 30

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, December 1

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, December 2

5:00 pm ♦

Advent Confessions

Advent confessions will take place in the Church on Saturday, December 16, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm and 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm and December



18, from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Please take part in this spiritual healing as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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 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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