



ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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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



Conversion of St. Paul

On Wednesday we celebrated the Conversion of St. Paul. His conversion was dramatic. That may be the biggest thing we remember about it. Reading his letters and following him through the Acts of the Apostles reveals many other things. Here are a few.

1. He collaborates. Conversion results not only in his vibrant personality shining through his evangelizing work, but clearly, he enjoys being strongly connected to others who are building up the Christian life. His letters show his care for his communities and his awareness of the personalities found in them.
2. He is not weighed down by his past. He has accepted Christ and is able both to see his past and build on the forgiveness he has received. His conversion is deepened so that he can see the greater gift that now outweighs his failings.
3. The effect of conversion is that he is able to be flexible, to exert energy and use his gifts in the service of the Good News with differing groups of people. His own basic sense of security helps him to be flexible allowing him to be moving all over the place and adjusting himself to all kinds of situations.

4. The famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians on love gives a kind of vision of mature Christian living that combines the heart, the interior, with the practical elements of living. He points to conversion that continues through time. There is an acceptance of the truth of being put at rights with God by Jesus, while learning to reflect that in attitude and behaviour.

St. Paul emphasizes that the Good News is a gift – not something we have merited on our own. We are called to respond to it. His response is to write his letters and preach the Good News.

If there was one letter to read, my own choice would be the First Letter to the Corinthians. It contains a clear message of the Good News and provides solid advice.

May the gentle breath of the Holy Spirit bring to our hearts the Gospel of Peace. May the living Word penetrate our deepest recesses so that we can trust in His promises.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Social Committee Start-up!



We are currently recruiting volunteers for a new parish Social Committee. Members of this new committee will be responsible for planning, preparing and hosting social events under the guidance of parish staff. Some useful skills include brainstorming ideas, planning logistics, preparing food/desserts, setup/cleanup, serving and volunteering the day of. Parish events currently in planning include monthly coffee & dessert socials and a summer festival.

If you feel you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact the parish office with your name, contact info and ways you can help!

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,037	\$ 910	↑ \$1,127
Mth Total	\$ 8,899	\$10,889	↓ \$1,990

Mary, Mother of God School

Now Registering for 2023/2024

Mary, Mother of God Private School (JK-12), located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area, is now interviewing for September 2023. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition, especially devoted to Our Lady, they are an affordable private school, with an excellent academic program, dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes. Visit marymotherofgodschool.org or call 416-531-7897 for more info.

Kindergarten Registration!

Registrations are now being accepted for children, born in 2019, to begin Junior Kindergarten at St. Paul's School this September. For more information or to apply, visit tcdsb.org or scan the QR



Games and Fellowship

February 10th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall

On Friday, February 10th, the parish is hosting a fun evening of games and fellowship! Join fellow parishioners for games such as Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess and more, including some light snacks and refreshments. All adults are welcome and feel free to bring your favourite games!



Lift Jesus Higher Rally

*March 4th, 2023 from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Metro Toronto Conventino Centre*



Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual rally, hosting separate events for Adults and Youth, that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration.

The Adult rally will feature keynote speakers Ralph Martin and Chris Stefanick and Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins. The Youth event, created for those between 13 and 18 years old, runs concurrently and is supercharged through great music, inspiring skits, fabulous testimonies and talks.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit ljhr.ca or scan the QR code.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28

4:30 pm ♦ † John Pius Straney

Sunday, January 29

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Anita Isabel Luedke

Tuesday, January 31

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, February 1

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

Thursday, February 2

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, February 3

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

Mass Intention Scheduling

Intentions are accepted for all parish Masses, contingent on availability. The offering is \$20 for a specified Mass date and \$10 for an unscheduled intention. If you would like to order a Mass intention, please contact the parish office at 416-364-7588 or stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org.

2023 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 will be available at the back of the church next weekend. The boxed sets will be organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

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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