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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 Bishop

**What is a bishop?** A successor of the apostles. A witness to the Good News and to Christ, the Risen Lord, who came to earth, suffered, died and then rose returning to God the Father.

**What does a bishop do?** The bishop's role is described by three aspects: teaching, sanctifying and providing governance of the Church in a particular place. The first requires prudent judgement about the way of presenting the whole of our faith to help people adopt it more deeply. The second is a call to personal witness in the bishop's own way of life as well as leading the local Church in prayer. This is most obvious at the Mass, the other sacraments and the Prayer of the Church at the cathedral or other parts of the diocese.

**How are bishops sent to dioceses?** The appointment of bishops is reserved to the Holy Father and he uses his department for bishops, the papal ambassador in any particular country as well, as other sources of advice to determine who he may decide to appoint.

**Cardinal Collins has retired as Archbishop of Toronto. What does his retirement mean?** It is helpful first to remember the difference between ordination and holding an office in the Catholic Church. Cardinal Collins has retired from the office of being the Archbishop of Toronto. He is still a member of the College of Cardinals and could potentially vote in a future papal election. Currently, he still holds a number of appointments also to departments at the Vatican. He remains a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Assembly of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario. Until the new bishop comes he is the administrator of the Archdiocese.

**The Holy Father appointed Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Is he our bishop right now?** The appointment has been made, but Bishop Leo will come to the Archdiocese and present the papal appointment letter. We call this process "taking possession" of

the diocese. Once he has done that, he becomes our Archbishop. There will be a Mass at the Cathedral where the priests, deacons, religious, and a part of the faithful will take part to receive him and see him installed in his "cathedra" his chair which represents the presence of his ministry. We are waiting for a date to be published for this to take place.

**Archbishop-Designate Leo – who is he?** You may have read about him already on the website of the Archdiocese ([archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org)). He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Montreal who has had a wide set of experiences and an impressive education. In Canada, he has most recently served as auxiliary bishop in Montreal and before that served as General Secretary of the national conference of bishops. He is the youngest archbishop we have had since the appointment of Cardinal McGuigan in 1934. He could be our shepherd for 24 years.

In my article two weeks ago, I talked about ways the Church is "big" and "small". When we realize that there are only three levels in the basic structure, the Universal Church, the diocese and the parish, we can appreciate how important it is to work together to build up the Kingdom. Archbishop-Designate Leo will have a lot to absorb and then arrange to help us do that. He will build on the work of Cardinal Collins and he will have insights and priorities of his own. May he be guided by the Holy Spirit.

So, as we give thanks for the prayer, hard work and service of Cardinal Collins and welcome Archbishop-Designate Leo let us call on our patron, St. Paul, to inspire them and us to evangelize and to be receptive humble, and joyfully serve the Gospel in Christ's name.

In Christ,

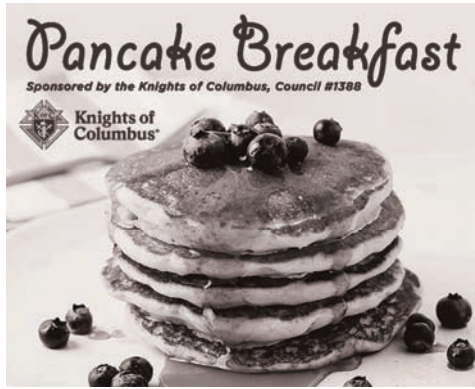
*Fr. Bob*



## ❖ NEWS

### Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus, council 1388, will be hosting a pancake breakfast next **Sunday, February 26th** after the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Masses. Please join fellow parishioners in the parish hall and enjoy a free serving of pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs along with coffee, tea and juice. All Are Welcome!

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 1,897	\$ 3,474	↓ \$ 1,577
Mth Total	\$ 5,604	\$16,618	↓ \$11,014

### Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Recent earthquakes and aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused devastation in both countries. The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- » The Donate button at the top of our parish website, or scan the QR code;
- » The Development Office at 416-934-3411;
- » Parish collections, making cheques payable to: **St. Paul's Basilica - Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief**



### Healing after Abortion – Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

*Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 9am to 5pm*

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space and will include a witness of mercy, reflection, prayer, opportunity for Confession, and Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. Please contact the Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 for the location details and more information.

### Happy Family Day!

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for the Holiday. Wishing everyone a happy and safe Family Day Weekend!

### 2022 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2022 will be mailed out the week of February 20th. We appreciate your generosity in supporting your spiritual home. Thank you!

### Lift Jesus Higher Rally

*March 4th, 2023 from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Metro Toronto Convention 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](http://ljhr.ca) or scan the QR code.



### Mass Intentions

*Saturday, February 18*

4:30 pm ♦ † Veronica Ball

*Sunday, February 19*

8:30 am ♦ † Charles & Giovanna Zuzek

11:00 am ♦ For the People

*Tuesday, February 21*

5:00 pm ♦

*Wednesday, February 22*

12:30 pm ♦

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

7:00 pm ♦

*Thursday, February 23*

5:00 pm ♦

*Friday, February 24*

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

### The Beginning of Lent



This year Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday). The 40 days of Lent are a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. The parish will have three Masses on Ash Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes. These will be at 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings in the Church after the 5:00 pm Mass.

### 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 dropdown menu when signing up.



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