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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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STEWARDSHIP

HARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE

Follow-up to Last Week's Financial Report: Stewardship

I hope you found the financial report in last week's bulletin helpful. It is part of helping us all to work together in support of the mission of the Church and of the Gospel. When we say we are "stewards", we are recognizing that any of the gifts we have do not only come from God, but belong to God still. We have the privilege of using them for God's glory and the material support we provide for the parish is part of that.

While we might think about the scope of the responsibility we share in the care of our beautiful parish church, we should also be reflecting on how we are reaching out to extend the Good News, proclaiming it, with our deeds and our words.

As we face the challenges of doing these things fruitfully, we should know we have reason for hope as we live out our mission together. I often remember in what a small way the Church began – how few believers there actually were. While there might be many points of view right now to describe it, I perceive that most believers understand that the witness the Church gives must somehow be authentic. At the least, this means that we must work together. A real sense of how we have received gifts from the Lord pushes us in that direction. Whether we remember someone like Dorothy Day whose very authentic life

raised up hope for many disenfranchised people or we think about Mother Teresa whose direct service built a fire of love that has resulted in that charism spreading around the world, it is good to note that these people were not discouraged by all the countersigns that also existed at the same time.

If we can gain that kind of fire to magnify Christ's presence right here, then many things which we do not see as possible may in fact happen. Some of them may not happen while we are still here at St. Paul's, but they will happen if each of us is committed to that authenticity and ready to share our gifts, spiritual, practical and material. We give because it is what we are built to do. It is good.

As I mentioned last week, you will be hearing more about the administration of the parish and our approach to our financial responsibilities over time. This will be a contributor to a clear vision of the way in which we can promote the Gospel, praying and working side-by-side.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Bake Sale This Sunday!

Sponsored by St. Paul's Grade 8 Students



This Sunday, March 12th, following the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses, grade 8 students from St. Paul's School will be hosting a bake sale for parishioners. Please stop by, pick up something sweet and help support these students and the school!

Lenten Day of Retreat

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, will be hosting a Lenten Day of Retreat on March 18th from 9am to 3pm. The cost, including lunch, is \$45. To register email office@qoa.ca.

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Parish Collection Summary

March	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 4,182	\$ 2,101	↑ \$ 2,081
Mth Total	\$ 4,182	\$ 9,978	↓ \$ 5,796

Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

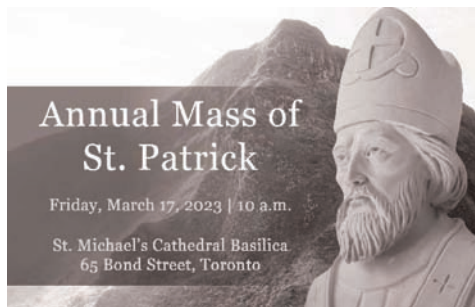
Recent earthquakes and aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused devastation in both countries. The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts 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**



Annual Mass of St. Patrick

Friday, March 17, 2023 at 10 am
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at stmichaelscathedral.com/live or use the QR code.



Lenten Reconciliation Services

Reconciliation Services will take place:

- » Every Saturday from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm or by appointment
- » Sunday, March 19 - 9:45 am to 10:45 am
- » Tuesday, March 21 - 5:30 pm to 7 pm

3rd Sunday of Lent

Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters



ShareLife Sunday is March 26 and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

Please give by using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 11

4:30 pm ♦ Anne Megahy

Sunday, March 12

8:30 am ♦ Thanksgiving Mass for Arcadio Nerizon

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, March 14

5:00 pm ♦ Anton Pham Van Ngoc

Wednesday, March 15

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

Thursday, March 16

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, March 17

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

Stations of the Cross



The 40 days of Lent are a special time of spiritual renewal 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 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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