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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



### ShareLife

As Catholics we can take for granted the very natural way we reach across space and time in this world to help one another. While we hear charities appeal to people's sense of care, for us this is something very natural. It is part of the reason we are here worshipping together.

I was in high school when Archbishop Philip Pocock withdrew our Catholic agencies from the wide civic fundraising effort called the United Way. He did so because of our respect for life. Since then, ShareLife has represented the fact that Christ's care for every person from the first moment until natural death is made present through the cooperation of so many of us. We have people who work at our Catholic agencies responding to family life needs, the special needs of immigrants and refugees, children and young parents. Our seminary recently received permission from the Holy See to grant pontifical theological degrees enhancing the service it can provide to the Church not just in Toronto but beyond. Youth ministry efforts are

laying foundations for deeper living of faith and renewal of ministry. The Pastoral Mission Fund provides dioceses and religious communities around the world the opportunity to fund projects that will help deepen the presence of the Church and the proclamation of the Gospel. The work of Development and Peace helps with projects that raise the living conditions of people much in need of support. In other words, ShareLife has very broad shoulders and lets us be present to so many others.

It is an asset of inestimable value that we have the privilege of working together in this way. Far from being something we take for granted let us treasure and support it so that we can be a sign together of the genuine care of the Church. People will see something of Christ as we do it.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

# ❖ NEWS

## Parish Collection Summary

March	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,345	\$ 4,912	↓ \$ 2,568
Mth Total	\$ 8,437	\$ 9,978	↓ \$ 1,541



### **Palm Sunday / April 2**

4:30 pm (Saturday Vigil)  
8:30 am & 11:00 am

### **Holy Thursday / April 6**

(No 5:00 pm Mass)  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm  
Adoration until 9:30 pm

### **Good Friday / April 7**

The Lord's Passion  
1:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

### **Holy Saturday / April 8**

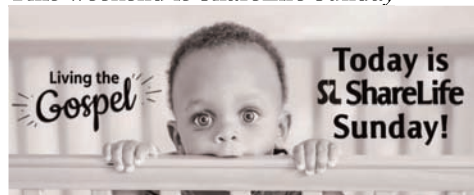
Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm  
(No 4:30 pm Mass)

### **Easter Sunday / April 9**

8:30 am & 11:00 am

## 5th Sunday of Lent

*This weekend is ShareLife Sunday*



ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins:

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

Our parish goal this year is \$46,000. Please give using a ShareLife envelope, or online through our parish website.

## 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.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 25**

4:30 pm ♦ † Jose Faller

**Sunday, March 26**

8:30 am ♦ † Alex, Zina & Aruans  
11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, March 28**

5:00 pm ♦

**Wednesday, March 29**

5:00 pm ♦ † Patrick Mullen

**Thursday, March 30**

5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, March 31**

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

## Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis Leo

*Tuesday, April 11th at 7 pm;*

*Blessed Trinity Parish, 3220 Bayview Ave*



Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place on April 11th at 7 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

# ❖ NOTEWORTHY



With a dimly-lit church, a rarely-seen candle holder, and somber tones, "Tenebrae" (Latin meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') is a unique and special service, adapted from 9th century medieval Roman Catholic practices, marking the days of Holy Week with readings, music and candles extinguished one by one.

This Friday, March 31st, at 7:30 pm, we invite you to experience the Tenebrae service, sung by the St. Michael's Choir School Alumni Choir and set to music composed by the school's founder, Msgr. John Edward Ronan. There will be a good will collection taken at this event. All are welcome.



Please join us on April 7th, at 7:30 pm, as our parish hosts artistic director, Mark Wood-Salomon, organist, David Simon and the Together in Worship Canada (*TWCA.ca*) Choir, as they enable our reflection on Christ's death through word and music, with works by Fauré, Allegri, Victoria, Lotti, and Lobo, performed by some of Toronto's finest musicians.

Save by purchasing tickets in advance at [bit.ly/3KJUCip](https://bit.ly/3KJUCip) or from parish staff after Mass or during office hours. Tickets will also be available at the door for full price: Adults: \$25; Child/Senior: \$20.



## Donate Online



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