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Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
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Mass is celebrated at the Good Shepherd Centre - 412 Queen St. East,
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Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

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- ♦ Baptism; Two months in advance
- ♦ Marriage; Registered parishioners at least one year in advance
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in September
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

A Little Background Ahead of Archbishop Leo's First Visit to Our Parish



I'd like to look at two areas that might help prepare the soil for our new Archbishop's visit to the parish: a little about his own background, and a little about what it is to be the Archbishop of Toronto.

While most of our bishops have some graduate study of theology or a related area in their background, Archbishop Leo has a varied set of experiences. He comes from Montreal and as you may have gathered from a family with Italian heritage. He grew up with three languages, Italian, French and English. His journey to the priestly life followed right after school. After ordination, he served in several parishes. The coming together of his pastoral life, spiritual life, and able mind, resulted in his being invited to study in Rome where he attended the institution that prepares diplomats for the Vatican. Along the way, and during his time in Rome, he accumulated graduate studies in canon law, theology, international law, spiritual direction and his special love the area of theology concerned with Mary.

He worked in several embassies of the Holy See around the world before he returned to Montreal and worked in formation at the diocesan seminary, helping to prepare men for priestly ordination. Following that he worked for the national conference

of bishops in Canada, and finally as the chief administrative official for the Archdiocese of Montreal. In the fall of 2022, he was ordained as auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Montreal and in February of 2023 he was named our new Archbishop here in Toronto. Despite his apparent ease in elevated matters, I am sure you will see the heart of the priest and pastor only grew in the years since he had served in a parish.

Now, especially as we think about the challenges facing the Church, I would like to paint a bit of a picture. There are the general stats for our archdiocese that make it clear that to be its leader is not easy. We have 225 parishes, 250 lay movements and organizations, a large number of religious orders and societies of apostolic life, and something approaching 2 million Catholics. To provide the services, guidance, and the necessary working relationships for all that, we have only about 150 employees working at the Archdiocese Chancery Office. I know when I was in the Lay Ministry Office, we estimated volunteers across the Archdiocese to be about 30,000. Overall, despite the outside view that the Church is a materially rich monolithic organization, the truth is

we try to do a lot with a little. That is certainly the nature of our parishes, but also of our diocesan offices. The way we become effective is by working together. This gives us the connective tissue, if you like, that makes our Christian living more fruitful. Our tendency in society is to lay upon the shoulders of those in authority the expectation that they can solve problems for us, without realizing that we all have some part to play. As we wrestle with trust it is the responsibility of each of us to give others reason to trust that it is possible to do the good we desire, with God's help. While the Church needs to address all kinds of areas of its life, these things will not happen positively without us. Every pastor hopes and prays that the people who make up the community will be able to work together for good. As Archbishop Leo comes to us at the beginning of his ministry here in Toronto, let's encourage him by showing we are ready to work with him to make Christ's creative and redeeming love real throughout our community.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

A Visit from Archbishop Leo

Saturday, November 18th, 2023 at 4:30 pm

St. Paul's Parish is pleased to extend a warm welcome to Archbishop Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, who will be visiting the Basilica on Saturday, November 18th and celebrating the 4:30 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend.

November 4-5, 2023

Remembrance Day, November 11

On November 11th, we remember, in thanksgiving, those who made, and who continue to make, the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace,

and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. May we keep all those who are overseas in our prayers, that they may return home safely.



❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4

4:30 pm ♦ † Floyd Savory

Sunday, November 5

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Nilda Valencia

Tuesday, November 7

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, November 8

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, November 9

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, November 10

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

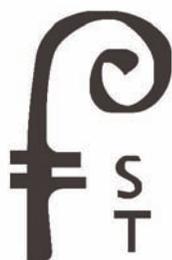
Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Your assistance is requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit archtoronto.org/consultation or scan the QR code, to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.



The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection, November 19, 2023



There will be a second collection on November 18/19, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Mass of Memory Cancelled

Unfortunately, following last week's announcement that we would once again be hosting the Annual Mass of Memory, we were informed by the organizers that due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be unable to proceed with the Mass this year. Both the organizers and St. Paul's have high hopes of continuing this traditional Mass and look forward to having it next year.

Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,648	\$ 2,586	↑ \$ 61
Mth Target	\$ 18,292	\$ 15,724	↑ \$ 2,568

Thank you for supporting our parish!

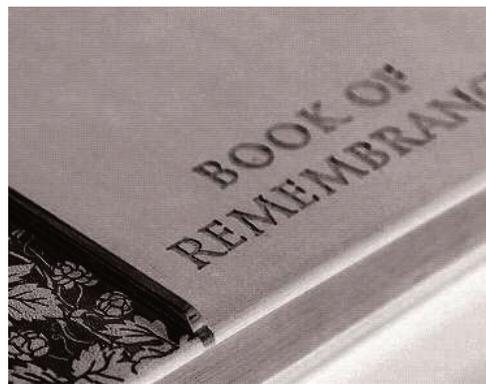
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Don't carry cash or even own cheques? Want to collect miles or points on your credit card? A single or monthly donation through your credit card is a great option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for a single donation and at the end of the year 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.



Praying for Our Beloved Dead in November



The Book of Remembrance is now available at the front of the church for the month of November, when we traditionally pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved. All are welcome to offer prayers for the faithful departed by writing the names of deceased family and friends in the book or by using one of the All Souls Day donation envelopes. These names will be remembered at all Masses throughout November.

Join the Knights of Columbus



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If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Please consider joining our council - Council 1388 - by visiting ontariokofc.ca and join online for free. For 'preferred local council' type in 1388 or Shane Beal Council #17500, if you are a U of T student. For more information, visit kofc.org or email Ross at ross4015@gmail.com.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9 am

This free webinar will discuss topics including how to avoid problems in your Will, problems with the Powers of Attorney through proper Estate Trustee selection, how to create your own legacy and about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code or visit QRCO.de/nov18.



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