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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

Mass is celebrated at the Good Shepherd Centre - 412 Queen St. East,
Monday to Friday: 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 10:00 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
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in September
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;
Please call during office hours

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Hallowed Be Thy Name

Today we come to the end of the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly called “Christ the King”.

Spiritually, this is a good time for us to take an inventory of the graces God has sent our way this year. Where has the food for our journey come from this past year? In what ways do I find myself being drawn closer to God? There are riches here for each of us and perhaps quite a few that we will share over time.

Our next big step is into the Advent season when we prepare for the dual comings of Christ. We return to the crib for the birth of Emmanuel, God-with-us, and we straighten our pathways to be ready for

the second coming of Christ when our pilgrimage will reach its fulfilment.

These two realities are where our human preparations also find their home. Some of us will be preparing to visit family or to be visited by family or friends. And if we are not preparing for those things maybe we should still prepare to make the arrival of Christmas a time of beauty and of hope. If this is a difficult time of year then we need to walk gently and to realize how Jesus is the physician who can heal us in ways that we do not expect. One way to think about this is to reflect on how our wounds can be a source of healing for others. Our own perseverance can be real food to help others cope and build hope.

God’s providing love will sneak up on us too. God wants us to taste of that divine love now.

In the Gospels, Jesus often cites His closeness to those who suffer. The first shall be last and the last first. But we are not called only to wait for the completion of salvation by Christ. We are called to share in this saving work. As we approach Christmas let us provide little Epiphanies of the love of God-with-us as we meet one another.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Winter Clothing, Toiletries and Food Drive

During the month of December, the parish will collect **CLEAN GENTLY USED** winter clothing, such as, coats, boots, hats, gloves, warm tops and pants. We will also collect **NEW UNOPENED** toiletries, such as, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap and shampoo as well as **NEW UNWORN** socks. These donations will benefit our neighbours the Good Shepherd Ministries and the Mustard Seed. Please separate clothing from toiletries when dropping off donations in the boxes near the altar.



Advent Cheer Coffee Social

December 16 / 17, 2023 after all Masses

Join us on Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17 in the parish hall, after all Masses, for our Advent Social. Come celebrate this wonderful time of the year in fellowship and cheer! All are welcome! If you wish to help to setup or donate some Christmas themed baked goods, please contact the office.

November 25-26, 2023

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25

4:30 pm ♦ † Antoine Pham

Sunday, November 26

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Mike Faykos

Tuesday, November 28

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, November 29

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, November 30

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, December 1

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Little Saints: A Catholic Children's Program

Sundays from 12 pm - 2 pm



October 2023 - Little Saints pose in their Saint inspired Halloween Costumes

Open to all elementary school aged children, each Sunday will focus on a different Saint or a Saint based theme with fun games and arts & craft projects to enhance the learning experience. This is a great way to meet other children, form friendships and learn a bit more about our Catholic Faith.

Parents are welcome to stay with their children or sit in on the Alpha program while the children work. Meet in the parish basement after the 11 am Mass. Light snacks are provided. All are welcome!

Christmas Ornament Creations

On **December 10th**, the Little Saints will be creating their very own Christmas ornaments which can taken home or placed on a tree here at the parish.

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. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.



A Christmas Concert by Villa Charities and Coro San Marco

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm; Columbus Centre: 901 Lawrence Ave. W.



Celebrate the festive season with a live performance of holiday music by Coro San Marco. Under the baton of Daniele Colla, pianist Adolfo De Santis, violinist Carina Charmaine Sandejas and talented vocalists, will perform a selection of traditional Christmas music sure to get you in the holiday spirit. For more information or to purchase tickets visit 'villacharities.com/culture' or scan the QR code.



St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert: Choirs of Angels

December 2, 2023 at 7 pm, Massey Hall, Toronto



The Elementary Choir sings at St. Paul's Basilica, October 17th, 2014. Photo credit: SMCS Yearbook

A musically rich blend of both secular and sacred carols to usher in the Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 86th year, and this year's concert is sure to be one of the best yet. St. Michael's Choir School graduates are some of Canada's most celebrated professional and amateur musicians and are known for music of the highest caliber. For more information or to purchase tickets scan the code or visit 'masseyhall.mhrth.com'



Double the impact of your ShareLife donation

From now until December 31, all contributions to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. Though our parish has surpassed our goal by \$6,500, we ask that you continue to donate and double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at 'sharelife.org/donate'

Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 5,414	\$ 5,809	↓ \$ 395
Mth Target	\$ 6,722	\$ 13,153	↓ \$ 1,017

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Donate Online



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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