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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



Rejoice

This third Sunday of Advent we call by its Latin imperative: *Gaudete* (Gow-day-tay). Literally, it means, “Rejoice!”. The joy that is being called for, however, is one that is deep and not necessarily always on the surface.

God is with us! This is not a passing joy; it definitely stays with us.

There are many joys and consolations that we encounter in life. In the moments when we are having a harder time, we may reflect that these things seem to pass and we are looking for the next joy that will lift us up. We’re not living a perfected life yet, so the smaller comforts are occasionally called for and often better when they come as a surprise from someone else. This is a good reason to be in touch with the deeper joy that belongs to us in our living faith.

The joy that God is with us is more like a lasting quality in our lives and joined with our personalities. It helps us to see the

sacredness of others, to rejoice in the goodness and fruitfulness of God’s presence without being willfully naïve. This joy allows us to meet the challenges of our own lives and help with the challenges in others’ lives wisely and fruitfully and with a peace in our souls that the choppy waves of life cannot take away.

As we approach Christmas and see a new calendar year on the horizon, we can take a little time to see and rejoice in the different ways God has been and is close to us now.

As things tend to accelerate in the coming days and weeks, please take time to talk to and listen to your most intimate companion in life. Emmanuel is with us.

Let us indeed rejoice!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, December 17

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Brendan Clough

Tuesday, December 19

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, December 20

5:00 pm ♦ † Richard Turcotte

Thursday, December 21

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, December 22

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

2024 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes for 2024 are now available in the front entrance vestibule. The boxed sets are to be organized alphabetically by last name. **Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it and DO NOT use the 2024 envelopes until the new year begins.**

Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 10,450	\$ 8,126	↑ \$ 2,324
Mth Target	\$ 15,480	\$ 28,852	↓ \$ 13,372

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Holiday Mass Schedule

Advent Confessions

Dec 16

2:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Dec 20

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Dec 23

3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Dec 24

8:30 am & 11:00 am

(Regular Sunday Mass)

4:30 pm Family Mass

(Preceded by Carols)

6:30 pm & 11:00 pm

Christmas Day - Dec 25

8:30 am & 11:00 am

New Year Masses

New Year's Eve - Dec 31

8:30 am & 11:00 am

(Regular Sunday Mass)

4:30 pm

New Year's Day - Jan 1

10:00 am



Holiday Office Closure

The parish office will be closed between Friday, December 22, 2023 and Friday, January 5, 2024 for the holidays. Emails and voicemails will be returned once the office reopens on Monday, January 8, 2024. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Double the impact of your ShareLife donation

Until December 31st, all contributions to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500K. Please continue to donate and double the impact of your kindness by giving with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at 'sharelife.org/donate'



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 Mass

Join us this weekend, after all Masses, for our Advent Social and celebrate this wonderful time of the year in fellowship and cheer! Following the 11 am Mass the children from our Little Saints program will be performing some songs and decorating our parish hall Christmas tree. All are welcome!



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