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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

Alyson Sobol, Principal ♦ Tel: (416) 393-5204

❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Consecrated Life

During this past week we observed the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commemorating the time that Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. They dedicated Him to God as was traditional for the first-born male. As often happens, feasts are an occasion to come in contact with different branches of life within the Church.

Every year on February 2nd we celebrate the Word Day for Consecrated Life. What is consecrated life? Many of us might say, "Oh, you mean religious sisters." Well, it is not quite that specific. Religious communities include women and men. Think of groups whose names you may know: The Sisters of St. Joseph, the Congregation of Notre Dame, the Jesuits, the Franciscans and the Basilians.

While diocesan priests make promises of chastity and obedience, religious communities take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Collectively, we call these vows a commitment to the evangelical counsels. Contemplative communities may also take a vow of "stability", meaning that they stay within that one community.

Each community embodies a particular spirituality, often established by the community's founder, and a particular work or apostolate ("witness"). You may be familiar with the active communities that founded so many of our schools, for example. There are also more recently established communities like the Sisters of Life whose mission is to be present to nurture life

when we are most vulnerable at its beginning stages. Something like 25% of our parishes are led by priests from religious communities. In a group like the Companions of the Cross, we are witnessing a community that is in its maturing phase, having been only recently recognized as a religious community of diocesan rite. After a period of time, the community may apply to have its statutes recognized by the pope and become a religious community of pontifical rite.

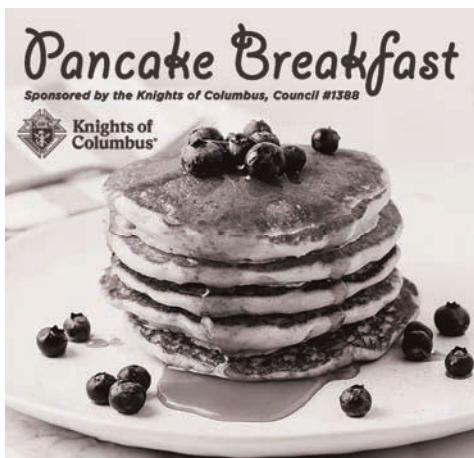
The Holy Spirit is alive in the Church and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are alive among us! One hope we have in the Church is that these gifts may flower to bring forth the richness and depth of faith that will bring many to life in Christ. When we find our own commitment growing, working and praying together, the fruits and the seeds of consecrated life are showing themselves.

Consecrated life has been responsible for the evangelizing and nurturing of our faith in most of our homelands. Let us take time to pray for the present members of religious communities and for the work of the Spirit in raising up new communities with the charisms, spirituality and apostolates that will most fruitfully lead us to the Kingdom.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY



Pancake Breakfast

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus -
February 11th following each Mass*

The Knights of Columbus, council 1388, will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 11th after the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Masses.

Please join fellow parishioners in the parish hall and enjoy a free serving of pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs along with coffee, tea and juice.

All Are Welcome!

Adoration Night

Friday, February 9th at 7 pm



Join us on Friday, February 9th as we host an evening of Eucharistic Adoration. The evening will begin at 7 pm with a short talk followed by an hour of Adoration and ending with light refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall. All are Welcome!

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3

4:30 pm ♦ † Stephen Ball

Sunday, February 4

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Baby Jeremiah Boyd

Tuesday, February 6

5:00 pm ♦ Gord McCarroll

Wednesday, February 7

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, February 8

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, February 9

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Jan 1	\$ 2,371	\$ 1,610	↑ \$ 761
Jan 7	\$ 3,541	\$ 2,746	↑ \$ 795
Jan 14	\$ 3,715	\$ 6,542	↓ \$ 2,827
Jan 21	\$ 6,653	\$ 2,037	↑ \$ 4,616
Jan 28	\$ 2,680	\$ 2,174	↑ \$ 506
Mth Target	\$ 18,960	\$ 15,108	↑ \$ 3,851

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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.



Ash Wednesday Masses

February 14, 2024 at 5 pm & 7 pm



Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church which begins on Ash Wednesday. On Wednesday, February 14th, the parish will celebrate two Masses, at 5 pm and 7 pm, for the distribution of Ashes. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass.

Introducing EDGE - A Middle School Youth Ministry

First & Third Fridays of the Month from 6 pm - 8 pm in the Parish Hall



EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry experience created to provide a fun and safe place for youth to find Catholic community, discover answers to their questions about faith, and encounter Jesus in a personal way.

St. Paul's EDGE ministry will run on the first and third Friday evenings of each month, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

All youth in grades 5 - 8 are invited to join EDGE beginning Friday, February 2nd in the parish hall.

For more information speak to Micah, our Youth Minister, at the main church entrance or email him at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.

Kindergarten Registration!



Registrations are now being accepted for children, born in 2020, to begin Junior Kindergarten at St. Paul's School this September. For more information or to apply, visit tcdsb.org/kindergarten or scan the QR code.



Celebration of Marriage Sunday Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 3 pm; St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto



As part of the Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a Mass honouring married couples and allowing the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ wedding anniversary will be given special recognition and may register for reserved seating. All other seating is 1st come, 1st served. For more information about Marriage Sunday, reserved seating registration, and the Mass livestream link, visit archtoronto.org/marriage.

2023 Tax Receipts



Tax receipts for donations received in 2023 have been mailed out and should arrive no later than February 16th. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or concerns regarding your receipt.

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