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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

Music and Spirituality in Lent

Each season in the Church's liturgical year has music associated with it. Certain hymns traditionally sung at different times of the year might immediately spring to mind. Personally, I like many of the Advent hymns. However, musical association also extends to the different parts of the Mass and pieces meant to accompany the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Prayer of the Church or the Breviary.

Although my contributions have been sparse in the last few years, I have a blog called, Fr. Bob's Music Blog, 'frbobmusic.blogspot.com'. Most of the articles explore this relationship between music and spirituality. Not all the music mentioned is sacred, nor even perhaps virtuous sometimes, but the music I write about speaks to different dimensions of the spiritual life. I've also posted a few videos, which I recorded during the pandemic, to provide some pastoral support to my parishioners at the time. Observing how many people walk about the world wearing headphones these days, we would have to conclude that there is some spiritual dimension that people are responding to.



Music is revelatory and it can be used to open us up to the beauty of our inner longings which, in turn, can be or enhance our prayer.

We are going to have three concerts in the coming weeks. At least two of them I can make some comment about. The "Tenebrae" Service is a ritual of light in reverse. There are Scripture readings and meditations that encourage us to receive the weight of Christ's gift in His passion and death. After each, a candle is extinguished, until we meet the silence of Christ in the tomb.

The settings of the Mass for a funeral (requiem Mass), deals musically with those realities of life, death and resurrection.

Treatments can vary from movie soundtrack-like heaviness to ethereal and angelic. The Duruflé Requiem leans to the lighter side, elevating hopefulness accompanied by an undertone of clear seriousness. The music is very layered, helping us into a mystical consideration of the eternal realities.

For our liturgies from Palm Sunday to Easter, music and silence perform these same important tasks. Take time as you worship this coming Holy Week to "get into" the music which really helps us to be open in our souls to what the Lord so wishes to share with us.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY



With a dimly-lit church, a rarely-seen candle holder, and somber tones, "Tenebrae" (Latin for 'darkness/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.

On **Friday, March 22, at 7:30 pm**, we invite you to experience the Tenebrae service, sung by students and alumni of the St. Michael's Choir School, and set to music composed by the school's founder, Msgr. John Edward Ronan. This is a solemn liturgical service, open and free to all. However, a free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.

March 16-17, 2024



Please join us on **Good Friday, March 29th, at 7:30 pm**, as our parish hosts the Together in Worship Canada Choir, with conductor, Matthew Larkin and organist, Manuel Piazza, as they enable our reflection on Christ's death through Duruflé's Requiem Op. 9 and other featured works by Anerio, Lappano, Stainer and more, performed by some of Toronto's finest musicians.

Save by reserving tickets in advance from parish staff after Mass, or contact the parish office to reserve your spot. Adult tickets are \$20, \$15 for Students/Seniors and \$70 for Groups of Four(4). Tickets will also be available at the door for full price: Adults: \$25; Child/Senior: \$20.

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am ♦ † Lourdes Selvanayagam

11:00 am ♦ † Jay Williams

Tuesday, March 19

5:00 pm ♦ † Otoniel Barbosa

Wednesday, March 20

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, March 21

5:00 pm ♦ † Gabriel Cooke

Friday, March 22

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Mar 3	\$ 5,585	\$ 4,182	↑ \$ 1,403
Mar 10	\$ 2,268	\$ 1,910	↑ \$ 358
Mar 17		\$ 6,272	
Mar 24		\$ 2,757	
Mar 31			
Mth Target	\$ 7,853	\$ 15,121	↓ \$ 7,268

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Lenten Reconciliation Services

During Lent Reconciliation Services will take place:

- » Every Saturday from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm or by appointment
- » Wednesday, March 20 - 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Donate Online



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This Weekend is ShareLife Sunday!



ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish’s annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. *We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal this year is \$75,000.* Please give by using a parish ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays after the 5 pm Mass

The 40 days of Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer.

Journey through Lent Videos

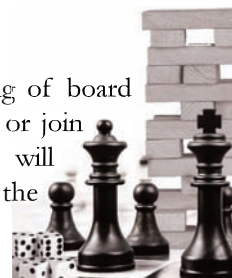
Every week during Lent the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will release a video reflection from their series entitled “Journey through Lent 2024”. To view the videos visit cccb.ca/lent or scan the QR code.



Young Adult Board Game & Social Night

March 23 at 6:30 pm

Come out and meet other young adults (19+) for a fun evening of board games and fellowship in the parish hall. Bring your own games or join in a game brought by others. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Suggested donation: \$5. Donations help us cover the cost of this event and to continue offering events like this in the future. Email mmacmullen@archtoronto.org for more info.



Holy Thursday / March 28

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30 pm

Adoration until 9:30 pm

Good Friday / March 29

The Lord’s Passion

1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Holy Saturday / March 30

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday / March 31

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Concert in Honour of Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada

March 21st, 2024 at 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us on March 21st, at 7 pm, as our parish hosts the Heralds of the Gospel for a free concert in honour of St. Joseph’s 400th Anniversary as Patron of Canada.

The performance features the angelic voices of Mississauga’s Guiding Light Academy Children’s Choir, accompanied by an organist and trumpetists from the Heralds religious community, violinist Eddy Marciano and Tenor Romulo Delgado. The programme will include a variety of popular hymns, honouring the earthly father of the Infant Jesus, form around the world, alongside explanations highlighting the historical and spiritual context of each hymn. For more info call 1-800-674-3410 or email heralds@heralds.ca

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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