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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 the autumn
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;
Please call during office hours

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Living Church

What images do we have of the Church? Many of us default to the institutional image. We are an organization. This is a very limited view. If we read St. Paul, for example, we don't see much evidence of any institutional kind of talk. Partly because we don't talk about it, this most familiar way of speaking about the Church is short on detail.

This week the Holy Father opened the second session of the Synod on Synodality, a world-wide consultation that is resulting in many conversations in Rome in the next couple of weeks.

When I went to seminary, now, a very long time ago, I discovered the Church had a whole academic and theological language (or even languages) that were very new to me. When I became a pastor, I quickly discovered one aspect of ministry I had not really expected. I was often seen as the solver of problems. I've been active in our Archdiocese long enough to know that this is often the role the Archbishop is cast into as well. And when we watch coverage of the Vatican, pointed questions are asked in the expectation, or at least the hope, that the Pope has the answer. Let me share a little of the story of how we are connected across the Church.

First, there are just 3 levels throughout most of the Church: the parish, the diocese and the Holy Father. It's kind of attractive in that there is a certain immediacy because of that. This comes with some important challenges as well. Each level needs to be oriented to cooperate, collaborate and follow through. Even with such a large membership we are not far from one another.

Second, we may have an exaggerated view of how many people work at each of these levels. The Vatican has something in the neighbourhood of 2,500 people in its bureaucracy. By comparison, the City of Toronto has more than 41,000 employees. The Archdiocese of Toronto, Pastoral Centre has something over 120 employees. St. Paul's has about 10 of us who doing things full-time or part-time.

Third, there is a rich tapestry of people engaged in the mission of the Church. In Rome, for example, the men and women's religious communities from all over the world are present. Some are involved in teaching or learning at the pontifical universities; others are administering their communities. In our Archdiocese, we have religious women and men involved at parishes and in other ministries of



outreach. At the parish level, most ministry is done by people who offer their time.

The Synod is a way for the Church to have a complex conversation in the hope that we will learn from one another and co-operate more effectively with the Holy Spirit and with each other. This has been a major theme of the Holy Father. Across the Church we need to listen deeply and to help one another to receive what Christ has revealed.

When a sports team has its first practice it is not yet ready to anticipate the right moves to be effective on the field. There will be discussion about whether the Synod is a success or not, but most comments are likely to miss that this is just a step along an important path.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Youth Ministry Update



Youth Ministry programs have resumed, including a new program for high school students and a new time slot for our Little Saints. Contact our youth minister, Micah, at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org for information.

- Our parish will be starting a new program, **Life Teen**, for high school students, will take place the 3rd Friday of the month from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.
- The **EDGE** program, open to students in grades 5 to 8, takes place the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 6 - 8 pm.
- The **Little Saints** program, open to all elementary school aged children, takes place on Sundays at a **NEW TIME - 9:45 - 10:45 am**.

Breathing Space: Seniors' Caregiver Program

Starting in October, Catholic Family Services Toronto will host an online program for Caregivers of Seniors. "Breathing Space" is a 7-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide support and resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment. To learn more phone 416-921-1163 ext. 2230 or email csumaway@cfstoronto.com.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 9:00 am

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the ArchTO estate planning team invite you to join this free webinar to learn about how to avoid issues with your Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code, visit 'qrco.de/WebOct24'



❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

† Bridget & John Brosnahan

Saturday, October 5

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, October 6

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Safe Travels for
Dr. Vickie Sugarman

Tuesday, October 8

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, October 9

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, October 10

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, October 11

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention



Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Sep 1	\$ 3,293	\$ 3,598	↓ \$ 305
Sep 8	\$ 2,661	\$ 2,866	↓ \$ 205
Sep 15	\$ 3,317	\$ 2,898	↑ \$ 418
Sep 22	*\$ 6,786	*\$ 6,149	↑ \$ 637
Sep 29	\$ 3,016	\$ 3,511	↓ \$ 495
Mth Target	\$ 16,056	\$ 19,023	↓ \$ 49

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Upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive

September 28th to October 13th, 2024



The parish is collecting non-perishable food on behalf of the Good Shepherd, who help provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Most needed are canned foods such as tuna, tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, soups and vegetables. Dry goods needed include cereal, granola bars, bagged rice, condiments, tea and coffee. Boxes for food are available at the front of the church through thanksgiving weekend. You can also donate financially by scanning the QR code or visiting goodshepherd.ca/donate.



Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection



This weekend we will have a special collection as part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, scan the QR code or visit: archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.



Office Holiday Schedule

The parish office will be closed Friday, October 11th and Monday, October 14th for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Have a wonderful long weekend!



Queen of the Apostle Renewal Centre Retreats

1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

The Queen of the Apostle Renewal Centre invites both men and women to experience the following retreats, facilitated by centre team members and concluding with a Mass.

- » October 24th - God’s Healing Love: A retreat day for cancer patients and caregivers.
- » October 26th - Marian Retreat

The cost for each retreat is \$45, which includes coffee/tea, muffins and a hot lunch. Registration for both begins at 8:30 am. For more information please contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or email office@qoa.ca.

Adoration and Social



All are welcome to join us after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, November 3 as we host Holy Hour (adoration) in the Church until 1 pm, followed by a social in the parish hall until 2 pm.

Young Adult Night



We invite all young adults between the ages of 18 and 39 to join us on Tuesday, October 29th at 7 pm for an evening of faith, fellowship and food. Email mmacmullen@archtoronto.org for info.

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