



ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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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

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

A Sacrifice of Praise

Last weekend we observed Thanksgiving Day and this weekend the Church is celebrating World Mission Sunday. At the Eucharist, we participate with Christ in His self-gift to us and for us: "Take and eat, this is my Body". As the Church, together, we pour ourselves out in a gift of praise of God. This is a religious act. As part of this event, Christ makes Himself present in the Eucharist, His is very life that we might receive life.

So much of what we do outside of what we think of as religious is like this too. If we want a deep relationship, we pour ourselves out in some significant way, placing ourselves in the care of another person or even a group of people. And they, give something of themselves. The test is how whole is the gift and how healthy is it? Is it life-giving? Does it open us to be more able to share and give of ourselves? As I have mentioned several times in homilies, the formal interview of a couple preparing for marriage includes a question as to whether the relationship is loving, caring and equal, resulting in a true partnership. Things that result in relationships that are less than equal, loving or caring can have a hold on us because they fill some gap and help us cope, but they do not liberate us to wholly love and be loved.



Over and over in the Gospels we read of Jesus' healing, of raising people to life and freedom. This is certainly an important reason why the truth of the Gospel becomes recognized and accepted. We are seeing the Universal Church now being enriched by the gifts of love, hope and strong bonds in faith from earlier generations of missionaries. These Churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America are now sharing their vitality with the world. It is part of what makes even our local Church here in Toronto alive!

We are together in that missionary spirit. In a secular society whose policies are often more directed by quantitative sociological analysis than by the fruits of

actual and healthy relationships the vitality of our faith and how we support one another in living it can have a great effect. Is it possible to see a renewal, a very healthy, mature and generous renewal of the life of faith in Canada, in our own part of the world? Yes. It is. World Mission Sunday reminds us of how we are united by the one Holy Spirit. As much as our technological society has to offer, the spiritual freedom our faith offers allows us to give and receive life in more a whole and healthy way.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ Housekeeping

New to our St. Paul's Community?

Welcome to St. Paul's Basilica! If you've recently, or not so recently, joined our parish community, please take a moment to fill out a parish registration form. There are many benefits to registering at the parish. It enables easier and more accurate donation tracking so you receive a tax receipt. It allows us to verify your information if you need a reference or are planning to celebrate or be part of a sacrament in the future. We can even transfer your records to another parish if you move. Forms are available at the back of the church or in the parish office.

Moving / Moved?

If your mailing address has changed we kindly ask that you notify the parish office by phone at 416-364-7588 or email at stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org, so we can ensure our records are up-to-date and there are no delays in issuing tax receipts.

Different Ways to Give

There are many different ways to donate to the parish.

1. **Envelopes:** If you use the visitor's envelopes and wish to receive a tax receipt, **please ensure that your name and address are clearly written.** Registered parishioners can request envelopes with assigned donor numbers linked to their records.
2. **Direct Debit:** You can sign up to have your donation debited monthly directly from your bank account or credit card. You can choose where to direct your donation within the parish or request an additional amount be debited for months with special archdiocesan collections.
3. **Securities:** By donating stocks, bonds or mutual funds you can avoid capital gains allowing you to give more.
4. **Time & Talent:** Donations don't always have to be monetary. Consider volunteering your time or abilities with a parish ministry or event.

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 19

4:30 pm ♦ † Sharon Vernon

Sunday, October 20

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Joyce Agnes Pinto Lobo

Tuesday, October 22

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, October 23

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, October 24

5:00 pm ♦ † Jade Nelly

Friday, October 25

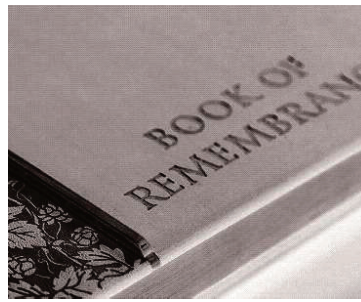
5:00 pm ♦ Robert & Regina James

46th Wedding Anniversary

All Saints Day and All Souls Day Mass Schedules

On November 1st, All Saints Day, the parish will celebrate Mass at 5 & 7 pm. On November 2, All Souls Day, the parish will celebrate Mass for All Souls at 10 am.

Please note that the Saturday 4:30 pm Mass will be the normal Sunday Vigil Mass.



Praying for Our Beloved Dead in November

A Book of Remembrance will be available at the front of the church throughout the month of November, when we traditionally pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved. All are welcome to offer prayers for the faithful departed by writing the names of deceased family and friends in the book. Names in the book will be remembered at all Masses throughout November.

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 breakfast room 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.



Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Oct 6	\$ 3,826	\$ 2,450	↑ \$ 1,376
Oct 13	\$ 3,336	\$ 3,499	↓ \$ 164
Oct 20		*\$ 6,184	
Oct 27		\$ 2,648	
Mth Target	\$ 7,161	\$ 14,780	↓ \$ 7,619

** Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations*

Thank you for supporting our parish!

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.

Donate Online

Credit card or direct bank account debit donations are an easy way to help support our parish. Tax receipts are emailed immediately for a single donation and mailed at the end of the year for recurring gifts. Scan the QR code or visit stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org and hit the Donate button. Check that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



World Mission Sunday Special Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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