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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

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Evangelizing

This week I have been at our annual seminar of priests serving in parishes. Our topic has been evangelizing and supporting our parishes in being vital. Evangelizing might suggest standing on a street corner or these days being on YouTube, but what we were talking about centred on encountering God and learning to allow God to lead us in life, together.

One of our presenters this week has been from “Alpha” which we ran last year (and probably will run again), along with other groups with experience across the country. On the whole, the presentations have been a good sharing of fruitful faith.

I’d like to say a few things about evangelizing and its consequences that have accumulated in my heart and mind over these 35 years of priestly life. It is my conviction that the faith IS alive in us, and while each of our stories is unique, we are also formed in so many ways and by so many people. It is clear, however, that a lot of noise can get in the way, distractions, reactions to things we find uncomfortable and the deep emotions we may feel around the painful parts of our lives. As a parish family we have to be intent on deeply listening to and respecting one another, to provide avenues of welcome for the love of God among us.



The other big conviction I have is that there is great richness of the faith here in Toronto. Few places on the planet have such diversity. We have access to what has given birth and nurtured the faith in so many places. There is beauty, intelligence and the inexpressible intimacy of life with God in all this. The Lord becomes present to us through one another while we resonate as living sacraments of Christ to serve the bringing forth of the Kingdom.

One thing that each of us could do this week is take time to reflect on the story of how life with God has been shared with us. Even if our daily lives look a lot different than past generations in our family, the fire is there! It would be good to share also something of that story with someone else this week. It might be

a child or a friend who knows you well or someone who just appreciates you for being you.

Too often we become anxious and that can turn our faith into something of fear. How different it is when we are freely living our relationship with God. Then faith shows itself as a source of true liberation.

As I write this, I am still at the seminar and praying for the fruitfulness of the Holy Spirit among us. May we all be blessed to happily allow God’s life to transform us to be full citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem.

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 26

4:30 pm ♦ † Jean Anderson

Sunday, October 27

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Joseph Allen Poirier

Tuesday, October 29

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, October 30

5:00 pm ♦ † George Maugeri

Thursday, October 31

5:00 pm ♦ † Jillianne Gabriel

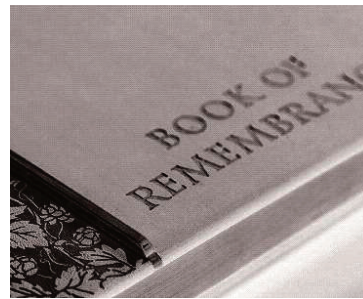
Friday, November 1

5:00 pm ♦

7:00 pm ♦

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.

Liturgical Ministries Week: Formation Webinars



The Archdiocesan Office of Formation for Discipleship will be hosting a series of formation webinars for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. While these webinars may contain elements which are not present at St. Paul's, we encourage those interested or currently engaged in these ministries to consider attending.

Lectors Webinar: November 11; 7-9 pm;

This webinar is for new and experienced lectors, those serving at Sunday or weekday liturgies. It is designed to provide practical training for service in this ministry and will offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation. Register at bit.ly/LW-RegisterNov2024.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Webinar: November 12; 7-9 pm;

This webinar is for new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who serve in parishes at Sunday or weekday liturgies. It is designed to provide practical training for service in this ministry and will offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation. Register at bit.ly/EMCHW-RegisterNov2024.

Ministers of Hospitality Webinar: November 14; 7-9 pm;

This webinar is for new and experienced ushers and greeters. It is designed to offer practical tips for effective, fruitful service, highlighting the importance of hospitality ministry to support the life of a parish community and its necessity in building the Kingdom of God. Register at bit.ly/HW-RegisterNov2024.



Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Oct 6	\$ 3,826	\$ 2,450	↑ \$ 1,376
Oct 13	\$ 3,336	\$ 3,499	↓ \$ 164
Oct 20	*\$ 6,120	*\$ 6,184	↓ \$ 63
Oct 27		\$ 2,648	
Mth Target	\$ 13,282	\$ 14,780	↓ \$ 1,498

** Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations*

Thank you for supporting our parish!

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.



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