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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

## Imminence and Transcendence

As we focus this weekend on our journey to Christ's Kingdom, we might begin with St. Paul's expression that we live "in Christ". Christ is everywhere among us, and our life is in Him, the New Adam. We also reflect on the reality of His living among us, and raising us to new life. As the Preface for the Feast of the Ascension proclaims, "Where He has gone, we hope to follow."

The first of these examples shows us that God is everywhere, is imminent. The second shows that God causes our lives to be transcendent. The state of our life is changed, along with the whole of creation. Both these dimensions are really important for us to appreciate.

One of the great eastern Church Fathers, St. John Chrysostom, describes us becoming "divinized", made holy by God's grace, God's acts of love and mercy. There is a union, a communion here, but we also remain distinct. We are not God. Many of the parables Jesus uses to describe the Kingdom reveal an ampleness or abundance, pure goodness, good in itself. In this milieu, how could we do anything but give glory and all our love to God?

This preserved identity that we can look forward to in the Kingdom goes beyond, transcends the way we experience life now. While this is true in its fullness when our life here on earth has come to its end, it is already true in our lives now to the extent that we are already participating in Christ's reign. That means, what we do on earth is important! It's why we talk about the moral life at all. What we do now has eternal implications.

In the Feast of the Ascension we celebrate and observe Jesus' return to the Father. We know that the body we have will decay. As we get older, we begin to experience it already. Yet we proclaim the resurrection of the body! It is purely speculative to say very much about what this resurrected body means, but we can say that it implies respect to our present bodies and the honouring of God's dominion over our bodies and souls. Since we only know an embodied life, we are told we shall have bodies for all eternity. Potentially, without the limitations of time or space, what does that really mean? We must leave it to God.

Several years ago I made a short trip to Dundas, Ontario, where many of my O'Brien ancestors settled. I visited the cemetery of St. Augustine's Parish there and found a number of my relatives whose names I heard spoken of but who had already died when I was growing up. It gave me a connection, a place to go and touch. That's what Jesus did for His apostles before returning to the Father. This reverence we have for the bodies and souls of our loved ones is also important.

Christ, as St. Paul says will be "all in all". It is a distinctive mark of Christianity that the omnipresence of God, God's imminence is accompanied by our transcendence and the great miracle of Jesus' willingness to meet us and hold our hands and bring us face-to-face with the Father.

As we pray for our loved ones over this month, let us appreciate the deep connection we have with them and the ways we are manifesting the life of the Kingdom already.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*



# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 2**

10:00 am ♦ † All Souls

4:30 pm ♦ † All Souls

**Sunday, November 3**

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Aileen Menez

**Tuesday, November 5**

5:00 pm ♦

**Wednesday, November 6**

5:00 pm ♦

**Thursday, November 7**

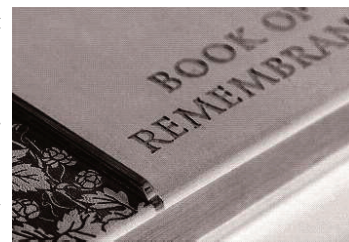
5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, November 8**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## 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.



## Liturgical Ministries Week: Formation Webinars



The Archdiocesan Office of Formation for Discipleship will be hosting a series of formation webinars for new and experienced Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. Each webinar is designed to provide practical training for effective and fruitful service, offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation, and highlight the importance of each ministry to support the life of a parish community and its necessity in building the Kingdom of God. 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;**  
Register at [bit.ly/LW-RegisterNov2024](https://bit.ly/LW-RegisterNov2024)
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Webinar: November 12; 7-9 pm;**  
Register at [bit.ly/EMCHW-RegisterNov2024](https://bit.ly/EMCHW-RegisterNov2024)
- **Ministers of Hospitality Webinar: November 14; 7-9 pm;**  
Register at [bit.ly/HW-RegisterNov2024](https://bit.ly/HW-RegisterNov2024).

## Congratulations to...



Congratulations to Antonella Chilombo and Mia Vanier, two of our parish's Altar Servers presented with awards for their service by Bp. Kasun last weekend.

## 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	\$ 2,526	\$ 2,648	↓ \$ 122
Mth Target	\$ 15,807	\$ 14,780	↑ \$ 1,027

\* 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](https://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.



## ❖ Housekeeping

### New to our Parish 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](mailto: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:** Registered parishioners can request envelopes with assigned donor numbers linked to their records. You can also receive a tax receipt when using the visitor's envelopes by **ensuring your name and address are clearly written.**
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.

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