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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

## The 11th Hour

On Monday we will mark Remembrance Day, which began as “Armistice Day” following World War I. The date and the time were chosen because the agreement to end hostilities (the armistice) was signed on November 11th, 1918, at 11 o’clock in the morning – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. What had been an unspeakable horror had finally come to an end. Sadly, since 1918, we have had and continue to have unspeakable horrors visited upon humanity.

There are no shortage of paths to possible “solutions” proposed. From one perspective many of those solutions are working. Things could be worse. From another perspective we have obvious failures where innocent people have paid and continue to pay the price.

As believers in the transformative power of Christ we sigh and pray that the peace that the world itself cannot give might make its way into the hearts of many more people. Christ has come to be the surgeon, the healer of our world. Many years ago, G. K. Chesterton’s quip was that Christianity had yet to be fully tried. Who of us is prepared to walk the path that Christ walked? We edge toward it, hopeful that the demand will not overwhelm us. Most have still have a way to go to really entrust ourselves to God.

As much as war is a dreadful thing we can admire those who willingly offered themselves for the democratic institutions that allow us to participate fully in our society. Since the end of World War II many more people have come to live on this planet of ours. It is far harder to build than it is to tear down. How are we being called to listen more intently to one another to hear what will reflect Christ and show love to our neighbour? Those in public office, the bureaucracy that serves the laws that we make, and all of us whether citizens or perhaps aspiring citizens have to serve the good of others.

We are blessed that in the Church there is a great diversity of roles. The Holy Spirit is at work with us to strip away all that needs to be let go of, and to release the breath that brings life. Jesus breathed on them and said, “Peace be with you!” If we are serious then we have to develop the discipline to actually seek direction and change in our lives. We have to have the docility, the freedom, to receive what the Lord wishes to impart.

Often, people who might not even have any conscious faith can show us more eloquently the importance of living our vocations generously by showing their commitments in the way that they live. Like the early witnesses to the faith, we



have to show graciousness in the face of today’s challenges and move steadily and attentively forward.

I am sure my own father who was involved in a number of battles in World War II saw the world he knew being blown apart. I admire his faith and the faith of so many others in all times and places, including the present, who enter into the renewal of life. We need to be mature enough to find a way forward together. The alternative is that more innocent people will suffer and in some way at our own hands if we are indifferent. Remembrance Day certainly gives us all occasion to reflect on, pray about and take steps in the direction of living committed Christian lives.

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](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:** 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, November 9*

4:30 pm ♦ † Clarita Velasquez & Mayakovsky Velasco

*Sunday, November 10*

8:30 am ♦ Massimo Osland

11:00 am ♦ For the People

*Tuesday, November 12*

5:00 pm ♦

*Wednesday, November 13*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

*Thursday, November 14*

5:00 pm ♦

*Friday, November 15*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## The Shepherds' Trust Collection

Next weekend, our second collection will be for the Shepherds' Trust, which supports the needs of elderly and disabled priests so they can lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your support helps retired priests maintain an independent lifestyle or ensures access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your generosity.

## Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Nov 3	\$ 4,804	\$ 4,006	↑ \$ 798
Nov 10		\$ 2,716	
Nov 17		*\$ 7,014	
Nov 24		\$ 2,507	
Mth Target	\$ 4,804	\$ 16,244	↓ \$ 11,440

*\*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](http://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.

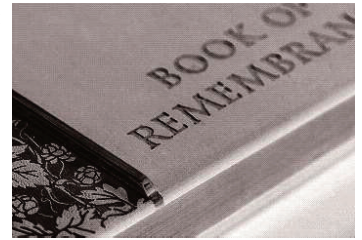


## We Remember...

On November 11th, we remember, in thanksgiving, those who made, and who continue to make, the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. May we keep all those who are overseas in our prayers, that they may return home safely.

## 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'](http://bit.ly/LW-RegisterNov2024)
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Webinar: November 12; 7-9 pm;** Register at ['bit.ly/EMCHW-RegisterNov2024'](http://bit.ly/EMCHW-RegisterNov2024)
- **Usher Webinar: November 14; 7-9 pm;** Register at ['bit.ly/HW-RegisterNov2024'](http://bit.ly/HW-RegisterNov2024)

## GLORIA! St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert

*Saturday, December 14 at 7 pm: Massey Hall*

St. Michael's Choir School presents GLORIA! A magical blend of secular and sacred choral repertoire to usher in this Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59th annual Christmas concert, packed with exceptional works including Vivaldi's Gloria, Carol of the Bells, and The Star Carol. With close to 300 voices, 5 choirs consisting of students, and alumni, taking the stage, this year's programme is sure to be one of the best yet! Tickets are now available at [masseyhall.com](http://masseyhall.com). Please use Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For more info call 416-397-6367.



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