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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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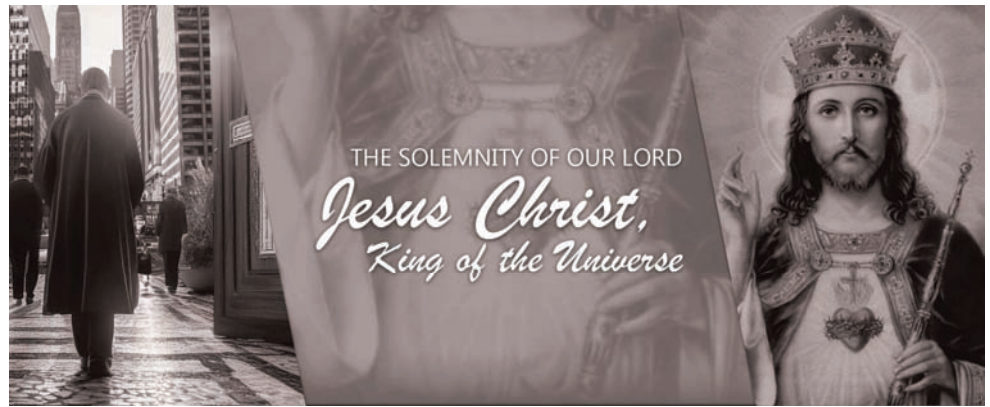
❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Living Faith Through the Week

At the end of Sunday Mass we are sent out with the words “go forth, the Mass is ended.” There’s a subtle message in that. We may think of coming to church as an hour of peace in our week, followed by a “return” to daily life, however, that’s not quite the spirit of the commission we receive. Our celebration of the Eucharist reveals our deeper identity whereby we have a direct encounter with God.

Proclaiming the Scriptures allows us to literally hear God’s Word; both “in” the words themselves, and between them, in the wordless breath of them. And if it is God’s Word it is not our possession, but something given. In the Eucharist Christ invites us to His table, where He gives Himself, and where in our story He accepted the burden of our human malice. I have the privilege of uttering the words, “Behold the Lamb of God”, just before we receive the Host. As the Letter to the Philippians proclaims, Christ emptied Himself, but by the power that is God’s alone, rose to new life.

By welcoming Christ in His Word, and receiving Him in the Eucharist, we can trust that we belong to Him, and are joined to a new life in Him. So, when we are sent out at the end of Mass, it is not to “return” to the world, but to enter the world as citizens with Christ in the new creation. We go out so the whole creation can be made new.



Wherever we are in life our true identity is there. Each of us has been changed at our very root by Christ. We are also being transformed as a people so as we live our new life we do so alongside many others. It is very consoling and encouraging. You might feel a bit solitary in living your Christian life every day. Not all our family members value it so deeply. Among our co-workers and in the larger society “religion” is seen as a category to be viewed sceptically. Living in Christ together we have a shared effect that multiplies the fruitfulness of God’s gifts. It becomes a little of the heavenly life springing up.

Therefore, how we approach everything in life has importance. When something we are doing is boring and repetitive, we might allow ourselves to reflect Christ in all things. Even when we are frustrated with one another, we might ask ourselves: can I see how my frustration arises because I care about the

person or situation? Our next step may be to breathe out our desire for control and invite the breath of the Holy Spirit to touch everyone involved, starting with ourselves. It will help us to dare to care more!

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, celebrating His New Creation. Next week we begin the season of Advent, our journey toward Christmas, a “heart-opening” time of year. May the coming weeks provide us many little revelations of how the way in which the sacred encounter with Christ we share together at Mass allows us to join Him in giving the great hope of new life to everyone. May we trust the beauty of the identity that has been conferred so lovingly on each of us.

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, November 23

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, November 24

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

11:00 am ♦ Birthday Blessings to
Leeroy Baraka

Tuesday, November 26

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, November 27

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, November 28

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, November 29

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Holiday Mass Schedule

Advent Confessions

Dec 20

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Dec 24

4:30 pm *Family Mass*
(Preceded by Carols)

7:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Christmas Day - Dec 25

8:30 am & 11:00 am

New Year Masses

New Year's Eve - Dec 31

4:30 pm

New Year's Day - Jan 1

11:00 am



TCDSB Staff Arts 51st Annual Christmas Concert

Friday, December 6th, 2024, 8 pm at St. Paul's Basilica



St. Paul's is excited to welcome back the TCDSB Staff Arts group for their 51st Annual Christmas Concert and Wine & Cheese Social, featuring conductor Anne Bolger, producer Dawn Burke and pianist Cristina Parvu. Concert only tickets are \$20 or \$35 for the concert and social. For more information or to order tickets, pick up an order form at the back of the church, visit tcdsb.org/staffarts or scan the QR code.



Winter Clothing, Toiletries and Food Drive

During December, the parish will collect **CLEAN GENTLY USED** winter clothing, such as, coats, boots, hats, gloves, warm tops and pants. We will also collect **NEW UNOPENED** toiletries, such as, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap and shampoo as well as **NEW UNWORN** socks. These donations will benefit our neighbours the Good Shepherd Ministries and the Mustard Seed. Please separate clothing from toiletries when dropping off donations in the boxes near the altar.



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. Tickets are now available at masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For more info call 416-397-6367.

Double the impact of your ShareLife donation

Until December 31st, all contributions to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500K. Please continue to donate and double the impact of your kindness by giving with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Nov 3	\$ 4,804	\$ 4,006	↑ \$ 798
Nov 10	\$ 2,924	\$ 2,716	↑ \$ 208
Nov 17	*\$ 6,663	*\$ 7,014	↓ \$ 351
Nov 24		\$ 2,507	
Mth Target	\$ 14,391	\$ 16,244	↓ \$ 1,853

**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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