



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

Journeying to the Manger

This weekend our Archbishop will be made a member of the College of Cardinals. The ceremony takes place on Saturday, and a few hours before we celebrate our first Mass this Sunday, a Mass will be celebrated with all the Cardinals present in Rome. The Holy Father will celebrate the Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. For us, that feast has been transferred to Monday.

At the formal investiture on Saturday Cardinal Leo will learn of his “titular” church. He will become an honorary pastor of a parish in Rome. Cardinal Leo has a particular closeness to Our Lady. His appointment was announced on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and his installation as Archbishop occurred on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. As Cardinal, he will celebrate his first Mass, along with the Holy Father, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

On December 12th we also have the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is patroness of the Americas. On this feast day our Canadian bishops have invited all of us to pray for healing and reconciliation with our First Nations peoples. With these feasts of Our Lady, we celebrate the way in which God’s grace acted in her, and through her, for the

benefit of us all. In her example we see her listen, pray, sometimes act and often be with others, especially be with her Son. In the work of healing and deepening relationships all these things are needed in the right measure, at the right time, with sensitive engagement, with love and respect. As we welcome Jesus anew into our consciousness, let us allow Him to shape us and guide us with the example of Mary.

In spousal relationships there are times to communicate abundantly with words and other times to do so with actions or even with quietly allowing one another some space. In what will surely be a long journey of reconciliation with our indigenous peoples may the gift of Jesus bring peace to them this year, and help us to be ready to learn and to support the work of the Holy Spirit in renewing the life of our diverse First Nations.

In the next few weeks, as we approach the Manger, may we also be renewed and discover the richness of our life in Christ more and more deeply. Whether we are young and building our lives, in the middle years striving to be of service in Christ, or older seeking to be united more intimately with Christ, this is a blessed time.

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

Sanctuary Lamp

Armando & Antonietta Tiano,
Teresa Tiano, and Giuliana Marrelli

Saturday, December 7
4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, December 8
8:30 am ♦ For the People
11:00 am ♦ † Joan Shenoy

Tuesday, December 10
5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, December 11
5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, December 12
5:00 pm ♦

Friday, December 13
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



Registration for Sacramental Preparation Now Open

Families with children ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation next spring can pick up a registration package from the back of the church or parish office. Parent information meetings for First Holy Communion will be held on December 12th at 7 pm and December 14th at 10 am. Information sessions for Confirmation will be held January 9th at 7 pm and January 11th at 10 am. Please note children preparing for Confirmation should attend the meeting along with their parents.

Double Your ShareLife Donation

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

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Dec 1	\$ 6,101	\$ 5,030	↑ \$ 1,071
Dec 8		\$ 10,450	
Dec 15		*\$ 8,530	
Dec 22		\$ 21,328	
Dec 29		\$ 2,682	
Mth Target	\$ 6,101	\$ 48,020	↓ \$ 41,918

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Thank you for supporting our parish!

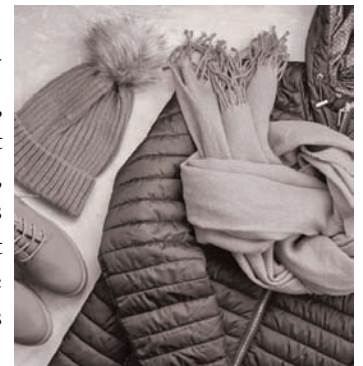
Donate Online

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.



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.



Christmas Carols & Fellowship

All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of Christmas Carols and Fellowship on December 15th, after the 11 am Mass. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall. This is a great chance to come together and share in the holiday spirit!

2025 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes for 2025 are now available in the front entrance vestibule, organized alphabetically by last name. **Please double check that the box you pick up has your name and DO NOT begin using the 2025 envelopes until January.**



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