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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

Holy Peregrinations: Pilgrims of Hope During the Jubilee

This weekend we are being visited by 14 young men beginning their studies for potential ordination to the priesthood. They represent a variety of dioceses spanning the country. Prior to entering theological studies these students are spending a spiritual year in which they deepen their understanding and experience of prayer, pastoral life, apostolic work and the beauty of the varied vocations that contribute to the life of the Church. They are joining our altar servers and choir members at the 11am Mass. Please feel welcome to chat with them and remember to pray for them in the coming weeks and months.

On February 12th at 7pm we will be hosting a Mass to officially mark our beginning as a pilgrimage church during the Jubilee of Hope. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, our regional auxiliary bishop, will preside and people from other parishes will also be present. As part of the pilgrimage experience as well, we will have 4 priests present to help with the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:30pm (after our regular weekday Mass) up to Mass time at 7pm.

Especially, if you are a regular usher, please consider helping out that evening. You can let me know when you see me at Mass. The readings have yet to be sent over, and other details are being worked out. I will communicate these things as we go along.

I would like to add a couple of thoughts about pilgrimages. First off, it is an ancient tradition – people travelling to holy sites. Both the journey and the arrival are important. There is also something about the physical aspect of it. The popularity of The Camino in Spain even with non-religious people testifies to this. When we leave our regular routine behind and begin to rely on others, especially strangers, graced things often happen. Of course, this needs to happen in safety. The Camino has the symbol of the shell to tell people they are on the right route to the Shrine of St. James and there are hostels along the way as well as other pilgrims who help each other when needed. This physical aspect of spirituality is often neglected. We think about words, but many of us, in fact, need things to be physical for them

to seem real and to become foundational in our lives. You might consider visiting some of the other designated churches in our part of the Archdiocese during the Jubilee. They include, St. Michael's Cathedral, St. Mary's at Bathurst and Adelaide and St. Edward's Church in Willowdale, near Yonge and Finch.

The last part of pilgrimage I will mention is something we are happily familiar with at St. Paul's: hospitality! What a difference when we are welcomed. It can be an important part of our transformation into that whole person bound for the Kingdom that we all want to be. So, I would just encourage you to see being hospitable to visitors and pilgrims as an inherent part of our mission here at St. Paul's. This Jubilee Year will be significant and spiritually fruitful for all of us because of the welcome we show to others.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Please join us in celebrating our

JUBILEE YEAR Opening Mass

**FEBRUARY 12TH, 2025
7 PM MASS**

Confessions from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm
Mass presided by Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB



❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 18

4:30 pm ♦ † Veronica Ball

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Thanksgiving for the health of Wall-E, Cody and April

Tuesday, January 21

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, January 22

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, January 23

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, January 24

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Jan 5	\$ 5,742	\$ 5,912	↓ \$ 169
Jan 12	\$ 5,571	\$ 3,715	↑ \$ 1,856
Jan 19		*\$ 6,653	
Jan 26		\$ 2,680	
Mth Target	\$ 11,314	\$ 18,960	↓ \$ 7,646

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Kindergarten Registration!



Starting January 22, families with children born in 2021 can apply for Junior Kindergarten at St. Paul’s School this September. Visit tcdsb.org/kindergarten or scan the QR for info.



Youth Ministry Start Dates

After taking a break over the holidays, our EDGE program will restart on Friday, January 24th, Little Saints restarts Sunday, January 26th, and the first Young Adults meeting in 2025 will take place on Tuesday, January 28th.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 9:00 am

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the ArchTO estate planning team invite you to join this free webinar to learn about how to avoid issues with your Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code, visit qrco.de/WebFeb01



Totus Tuus Toronto

Do you have a desire to give yourself totally and radically for Jesus? Join this life-changing mission! Totus Tuus Toronto invites post-secondary students and recent graduates to discern the call to serve young people this summer. Apart from receiving a fair wage, the true value of this experience is growing in virtue and your relationship with God. The opportunity involves a three-month commitment from June to August. After a month of training and formation, these leaders are sent out to serve as missionaries in parishes. Share your love for God in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. The deadline to apply is January 31st.

Jubilee of Youth

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Rome, Italy from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package.

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9 am to 4 pm, at the Old Mill, Toronto

Get inspired, meet like-minded women and discover your mission at the Catholic Moms Group annual Lenten Dynamic Women of Faith Conference. This year’s speakers will include Annie Kart, Lisa Canning, Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI, Dr. Stephanie Kafie and Dorothy Pilarski. The conference includes a light lunch and Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB. To register or for more information visit DynamicWomenFaith.com.

New Beginnings Program

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers a variety of online drop-in and in-person support sessions for anyone wanting to share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental forum. New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement. To learn more or register visit cfstoronto.com/new-beginnings.

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