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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

Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life

On the weekend of February 8th and 9th, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will celebrate “Marriage Sunday”. There are a few characteristics of living marriage that I will reflect on briefly here:

Mutual self-gift: Each person is making a gift their entire selves to the other. It is done both in giving and in receiving, when we allow ourselves to be embraced fully by the other. It includes things that are pleasurable and painful. This self-giving and receiving with the other, allows us to be fully ourselves. For a truly moral life aimed toward God it is this whole self that must be engaged.

Commitment: This might be the word we are most nervous about. Don’t people change? There are blessings and challenges here. A blessing is that we are allowed to be ourselves and knowing that we can venture more deeply in life, love and faith. Hopefully, we learn more about ourselves over time. This is why in any long-lasting relationship (not only marriage), intentional communication, listening and careful speaking along with taking the time to “read” each other’s body language and behaviour is so



very important. Without it, we can see ourselves as falling out of love, when, in fact, we may have the opportunity to see that the so-called unlovable parts of us are able to be loved – loved by God and loved by another. It takes both people to follow through, but the results can be a much deeper relationship.

Generosity: When we are striving to be whole persons and relate to others, with respect, dignity, and love, we will bring forth hope. When we give and receive, recognizing that all is a gift from God, we will be naturally outward-looking and this will allow grace to flow to others and to us.

Children: We easily idealize and make a story for ourselves about how our life should be. So, we have much anxiety around children, the possibility of them,

or the challenges that accompany them. While our lives have become more predictable, with everything from quality healthcare to pension and unemployment schemes, we are more reticent about having children. It could even be global concerns about population. Who of us, when we were small did not want to be a wonderful gift in the eyes of our parents? There is an identity we gain when we are a family together. Even without children, we have the need to be joined as a family. That can fuel a new kind of generosity. Just like a deep relationship of spouses, children are a joy and challenge to us. They make us “work out” in the gym of life and help us to be resilient, hopeful and trusting. One day it is our children who will care for us.

For those who have jumped in with both feet in the life of marriage, I wish to you the blessings of lives filled with the texture of love and a wee taste of the beauty of the Kingdom.

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 25

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, January 26

8:30 am ♦ † Aileen Menez

11:00 am ♦ Thanksgiving for God's Graces towards Mark Galera

Tuesday, January 28

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, January 29

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, January 30

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, January 31

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	*\$ 6,785	*\$ 6,653	↑ \$ 133
Jan 26		\$ 2,680	
Mth Target	\$ 18,099	\$ 18,960	↓ \$ 861

*Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Thank you for supporting our parish!



Cashless Donations

With fewer people using cheques or cash, here are some new ways to donate!

Online at stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org or scan the QR code or and hit the Donate button. Check that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.

Tip Tap - Simply tap your card on the 'taptap' device, located at the back of the church, to donate. If you would like to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year, you can register your physical card by scanning the QR Code next to the 'taptap' device. An information sheet is available next to the 'taptap' device.



Kindergarten Registration!

Families with children born in 2021 can now apply for Junior Kindergarten at St. Paul's School starting this September. Visit tcdsb.org/kindergarten or scan the QR for info.



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



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Camilleri

February 9, 2025 at 2:30 pm - St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

As part of the Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a Mass honouring married couples and allowing the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ wedding anniversary will be given special recognition and may register for reserved seating. All other seating is 1st come, 1st served. For more information about Marriage Sunday, to reserve seating, and get the Mass livestream link, visit archtoronto.org/marriage.



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 at Catholic Family Services of Toronto

CFS - 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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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