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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Monday: No Mass ♦ Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 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 the parish office 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

DONATION OPTIONS

To begin donating via Weekly Offertory Envelopes or Pre-Authorized Monthly Direct Debit, please contact the parish office.

To donate by Credit Card, visit our website or use the Tip Tap Device located near the main entrance. To receive a tax receipt please register your card after your first tap. Information is available near device.

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Faith, Hope and Love

Hope is the focus of our Jubilee Year. We are invited to journey on a *Pilgrimage of Hope*. Hope is a companion of Faith and Love. We call them the “theological virtues”. They are connected in several ways. One important thread that runs through them all is trust. While we may be living in times when we feel our trust is tested on a regular basis, it is helpful to reflect on just how important it is to cultivate.

The Latin root for faith, “fidere”, means “to trust”. A faithful person is trustworthy. This ability to trust and be trusted is at the root of every relationship. Can we be disappointed? Absolutely. At some point along the path of life we are very likely to be disappointed. That’s why placing our faith in someone feels like a bit of a gamble, playing the odds. A fundamental difference, however, is that God is a source of love that is always trustworthy and faithful to us. Our faith is a response to this constant love. While faith may be disappointing in others at times, God never disappoints.

Similarly, hope can seem like a gamble. We hope that something will happen, not knowing if it will. St. Paul teaches that our hope in Christ is not a gamble, but a pledge,

a promise. God who is always faithful and who has already given us His only Son, has shown us that a new and lasting creation is His gift. Our hope, therefore, has certainty because we can rely on God’s follow-through. Our Christian hope is a journey where we learn to be trustworthy with the gift of the Father’s Son.

Pope Francis has often repeated that Jesus has come for the sick. It is love that can reassure us that the gifts we need to be faithful and to live in the hope of the Kingdom are being given to us. Think of the transforming words of Jesus when He preaches forgiveness. It is through forgiveness that trust can be restored, even elevated.

I would just like to provide the last two paragraphs of the document by the Holy Father proclaiming this year of Jubilee:

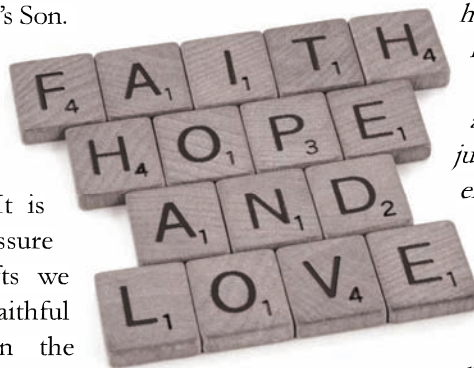
The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover

the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord’s promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: “Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!” (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

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



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1

4:30 pm ♦ † Greg Boyd

Sunday, February 2

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Thanksgiving for God's

Graces towards Chanda Cofinco

Tuesday, February 4

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, February 5

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, February 6

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, February 7

5:00 pm ♦ Magdalene & John

Francis Labrador

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	\$ 2,805	\$ 2,680	↑ \$ 125
Mth Target	\$ 20,904	\$ 18,960	↑ \$ 1,944

* 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 'tiptap' 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 'tiptap' device. An information sheet is available next to the 'tiptap' device.



ArchTO Central Region Opening Jubilee Year Masses

In addition to the Opening Jubilee Year Mass taking place here at St. Paul's on February 12th, Opening Jubilee Year Masses will also be celebrated at the following parishes:

- St. Mary's Church (588 Adelaide Street) Thurs, Feb 20, celebrated by Bishop Kasun
- St. Edward the Confessor Church (75 Churchill Ave) Tues. Feb 25, celebrated by Cardinal Francis Leo

Masses begin at 7 pm. Confessions from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. No need to register. Just come!

Vocational Seeds

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, email vocations@archtoronto.org or visit 'vocationstoronto.ca'

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'



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.

Festival of Faith for Christian Unity 2025: Reflection and Prayer, A Journey Through the Nicene Creed

Christians from various traditions in the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus Christ throughout 2025 in the Greater Toronto Area and commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. All are cordially welcomed to join the various neighbourhood events. Visit 'bit.ly/FOF2025', email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 for more information.

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'.

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