



# ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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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.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

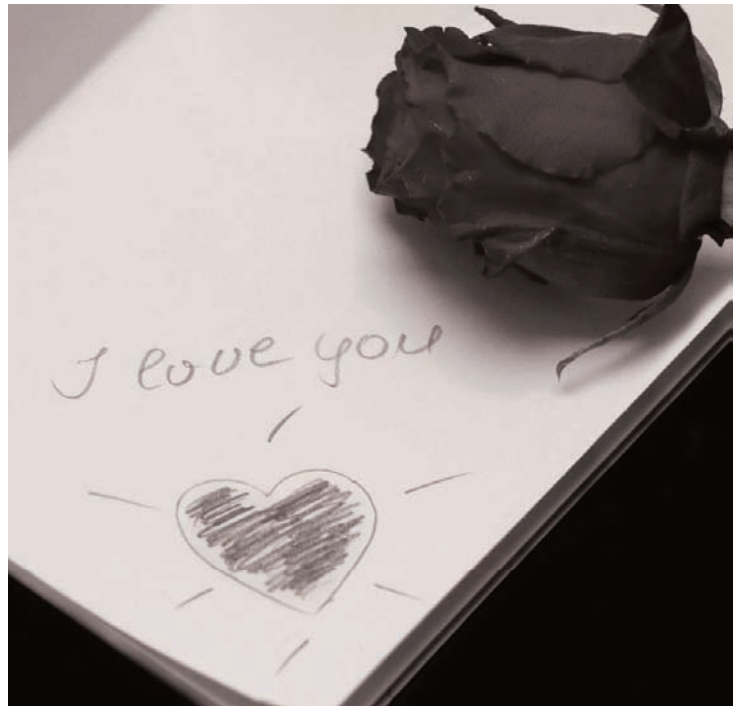
### Sacred Persons

Today's readings speak about sacred encounters with God. Isaiah hears the Lord addressing him, asking whom He should send, and Isaiah answers, "Send me." St. Paul gives us a litany of encounters with Christ, putting himself at the end of the list, as he describes the heart of our hope, Christ's resurrection. In the Gospel we hear the call of St. Peter, whose words seem to nearly echo of Isaiah, declaring that he is a sinful man and confused by the Lord's desire that Peter go with Him.

In my own life, these moments of encounter have also come unexpectedly. I think of the perceptive and caring responses of people at key moments in my life. I think of moments when I have rested in the Lord and suddenly found a new perspective. The encounters I seem to be most aware of are those where care and encouragement have been found.

This week we will have a rather secular celebration of love with a saint's name attached – Valentine. It is easy to advertise the pleasure of romantic love, but there is so much more to the love we want to give and to receive. As people whose lives are animated by Christ, we are infused with, and surrounded by Christ. Our mission in all our relationships is to recognize and engage with the all aspects of the other person, the person whom God loves and wishes to encounter, the other and ourselves.

It is hard to fully embrace all that we are, let alone show that to another person. We have all been blessed with the particular beauty of our love, our intellect, our emotions, our talents. It is an intricate dance between our openness and a healthy discipline that allows these things to come out in a way that is both integrated and fruitful for others. "Send me!"



No matter our circumstances this is a mission we all can embrace. Christ does encounter us in lots of ways; and sometimes we even notice it. Often, we don't realize that Christ is working through us, which is a good reason to invite Christ to guide us. As society slows down for a brief moment to give attention to romantic love, we should all take a moment to acknowledge love in its entirety.

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, February 8**

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

**Sunday, February 9**

8:30 am ♦ † Albina Keyes

11:00 am ♦ † Fortunato Cofinco

**Tuesday, February 11**

5:00 pm ♦

**Wednesday, February 12**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Thursday, February 13**

5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, February 14**

5:00 pm ♦ † Elizabeth Deavitt

## 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!

## Family Day Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed starting Thursday, February 13th and reopening on Tuesday, February 18th for the Family Day Holiday. Have a wonderful long weekend!

## Adoration and Social



All are welcome to join us after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, February 23rd, as we host Holy Hour (adoration) in the Church until 1 pm, followed by a social in the parish hall until 2 pm.

## Young Adult Night



We invite all young adults between the ages of 18 and 39 to join us on Tuesday, February 26th at 7 pm for an evening of faith, fellowship and food. Email [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org) for info.

## Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Feb 2	*\$ 19,487	\$ 3,709	↑ \$ 15,778
Feb 9		\$ 3,324	
Feb 16		\$ 4,559	
Feb 23		*\$ 7,207	
Mth Target	\$ 19,487	\$ 18,799	↑ \$ 688

‡Includes a One-Time \$15,000 Donation

\*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](http://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.



## 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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/FOF2025), email [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://cfstoronto.com/new-beginnings).

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