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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



Praying Together During The Jubilee

The objective of the Church is quite different from most other entities. It is not expansion for expansion's sake. While we love to see more people gathered to Christ, our proclaiming of Him is meant to co-operate with God's own action. Although it is far easier to measure success in numbers, we are looking for saints! We are in a quality business, not quantity. This runs against the grain of the highly marketed world we live in, where stimulation, marketing and transactions rule the day.

We need to be engaged in our faith, however, the ways in which we personally express our faith should also allow others to use their own spiritual and human gifts. Unlike many areas of our culture, we do not use our gifts to say, "Hey, look at me!", but rather to follow the example of John the Baptist in allowing Christ to be greater, and us to be smaller.

Last weekend I mentioned that the Holy Father has published an app for the Jubilee year as a way of linking us together in prayer. The English name of the app is simple; **Click To Pray** and is available for both Apple and Android platforms. I've taken a little time to survey the app. It provides a structure to pray at the beginning, middle, and end of each day. The content comes from a variety of spiritual traditions within the Church, and includes Ignatian spirituality, prayers for mental health, the daily readings from Mass, and the prayer intentions of the Holy Father. You can also share your prayers with others on the app. One distinctive feature is that this app DOES NOT COLLECT DATA! How surprising in this day and age! It is simply a platform to pray together.

There are other apps that have more prayers available. I use *iBreviary* and *Divine Office*. I know many people use *Hallow* and *Universalis*. These are all praiseworthy. The *Click To Pray* app is simple and allows a very direct way for us to share in our identity as members of the whole Church. There is also no cost or required subscription to use *Click To Pray*.

Whichever way you choose to pray, please remember not only your own intentions and needs, but those that will serve the Gospel in every place. Not only do we learn that we are not alone when we pray in this way, but we actively share in deepening the life of the whole Church.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY



Jubilee Year Opening Mass

The final Opening Jubilee Year Mass for the central region of the Archdiocese will be celebrated:

» *St. Edward the Confessor Church* (75 Churchill Ave) Tues. Feb 25, celebrated by Cardinal Francis Leo

Mass begins at 7 pm. Confessions from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. No need to register. Just Come!



Ash Wednesday Masses

March 5, 2025 at 5 pm & 7 pm

Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church which begins on Ash Wednesday. On Wednesday, March 5th, the parish will celebrate two Masses, at 5 pm and 7 pm, for the distribution of Ashes. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 22

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Baby Jeremiah Boyd

Tuesday, February 25

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, February 26

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, February 27

5:00 pm ♦ † Faustino Millare

Friday, February 28

5:00 pm ♦ † Nelly Millare

2024 Tax Receipts Mailed

2024 Parish Tax Receipts have been processed, and assuming Canada Post is on time, you will receive them in the mail on or before Friday, February 28th. Please contact the parish office if you do not receive your receipt or if an error is present.

Chalice Child Sponsorship Weekend

All Masses on March 1st & 2nd, 2025

On March 1st and 2nd, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit *'chalice.ca'* for more information about Chalice and its mission.

Adoration and Social



All are welcome to join us after the 11 am Mass this 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 for info.

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Feb 2	‡\$ 19,487	\$ 3,709	↑ \$ 15,778
Feb 9	\$ 3,455	\$ 3,324	↑ \$ 131
Feb 16	*\$ 5,995	\$ 4,559	↑ \$ 1,436
Feb 23		*\$ 7,207	
Mth Target	\$ 28,937	\$ 18,799	↑ \$ 10,138

‡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 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.



Annual Manresa Weekend Lenten Retreat for Men

March 14 - March 16, 2025; Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre, Pickering, ON

The theme is: *The Wisdom of Henri Nouwen: Guidance for the Lenten Journey*. Nouwen was able to help people connect with their vulnerabilities, to grow in trust and intimacy. This retreat will consider common themes in his writing, such as being the beloved of God, giving and receiving forgiveness, growing in hope, and accepting one's limitations; with a focus on providing ways to incorporate these ideas into our prayer lives. For info or to register visit *'manresa-canada.ca/events'*.

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'*.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

March 29th, 2025 from 9 am to 5:30 pm; Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual rally that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration.

There will be several inspirational speakers for the Adult rally and for those between 13 and 18, the Youth rally will be supercharged through great music, inspiring skits, fabulous testimonies and talks. Attendees will have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and The Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto will celebrate Mass. For more information or to purchase tickets visit *'lshr.ca'*.

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