

# 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



### The Final Days of Lent

Holy Week, especially the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, bring our journey with Jesus to a solemn culmination of the Lenten Season. Our Lenten practices have been aimed at freeing ourselves to be present with Jesus in the here and now. In our prayer, we have asked the Lord to heal us so that we might reflect His love. We have prayed for others, many of whom we know and many whom we do not know but whose sufferings we are aware of. During each of the Sundays in Lent, as we celebrate Christ's resurrection, we give thanks for all that is good.

In denying ourselves some of life's ordinary pleasures, we were reminded not to take what we receive for granted, and freedom from believing that physical things will make our lives meaningful or give us peace in of themselves. Hopefully,

we have found encouragement, within this little bit of discipline, to share what we have received more easily. Like St. Francis, maybe we have found a greater freedom in simplicity as well – in our hearts, in the comings and goings of our lives, in the way we receive others' words and welcome.

Perhaps taking some initiative to share with the needy has, hopefully, borne fruit. We have been concretely reminded of the infinite worth of each person, regardless of whether walking together is easy or difficult. We have found value in giving, noting that it frees us somehow.

All these things help us not only to learn to rely on God more, but they break down something of what separates us from one another. It is in this spirit that we arrive at these solemn days. Our silence has lots of content and meaning. From

the celebration of the First Eucharist at the Last Supper, through the procession to the Garden, and the grand silence that follows, we experience the movement of the Holy Spirit, drawing us closer to Christ's heart. On Good Friday, as we commemorate the Crucifixion and death of Jesus, we contemplate the change that comes to the whole creation in Christ's silence in the tomb.

It is quite right to say this is the culmination of Lent. Finally, on Holy Saturday night comes a force greater than nature itself, as Jesus emerges from the darkness and leads us into His light. May you all have a blessed Holy Week!

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 12**

4:30 pm ♦ † Nick Yustin & Millie Yustin

**Sunday, April 13**

8:30 am ♦ † Claud Kavanagh

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, April 15**

5:00 pm ♦ Nadine Harris

**Wednesday, April 16**

5:00 pm ♦

**Thursday, April 17**

For the People

**Friday, April 18**

For the People

## Parish Collection Summary

|                   | 2025     | 2024      | Diff        |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Apr 6</b>      | \$ 4,712 | \$ 3,989  | ↑ \$ 723    |
| <b>Apr 13</b>     | \$       | \$ 3,478  | \$          |
| <b>Apr 20</b>     | ‡\$      | *\$ 6,793 | \$          |
| <b>Apr 27</b>     | \$       | \$ 3,954  | \$          |
| <b>Mth Target</b> | \$ 4,712 | \$ 18,213 | ↓ \$ 13,501 |

‡Includes Easter Donations

\*Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

**Thank you for supporting our parish!**

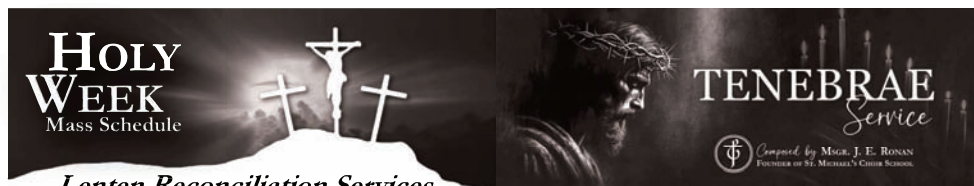


## Cashless Donations

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.



## Lenten Reconciliation Services

April 11 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

April 12 from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

Every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm, or by appointment

## Holy Thursday / April 17

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm

Adoration until 10:00 pm

## Good Friday / April 18

The Lord's Passion - 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Tenebrae Service - 7:30 pm

## Holy Saturday / April 19

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm

## Easter Sunday / April 20

8:30 am & 11:00 am

With a dimly-lit church, a rarely-seen candle holder, and somber tones, "Tenebrae" (Latin meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') is a unique and special service, adapted from 9th century medieval Roman Catholic practices, marking the days of Holy Week with readings, music and candles extinguished one by one.

On **Friday, April 18, 2025 at 7:30 pm**, we invite you to experience the Tenebrae service, sung by the St. Michael's Choir School Alumni Choir and set to music composed by the school's founder, Msgr. John Edward Ronan. This is a solemn liturgical service, open and free to all. However, a free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.

## St. Paul's School Fundraising

**Sunday, April 13 & 27, following Mass. Sponsored by St. Paul's Grade 6/7 Students**

In order to raise funds for their upcoming camping trip, grade 6/7 students from St. Paul's School will be selling a small selection of items, including baked goods, handcrafted bookmarks and bracelets on Sunday, April 13 and 27, following the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses. Please stop by and help support these students and the school!

## Needs of the Holy Land Special Collection

Our collection on Good Friday, April 18, is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

## Office Closed for Easter Holidays

The parish office will be closed for the Easter holidays, starting Thursday, April 17 and Tuesday, April 22. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, April 23. Have a blessed Easter long weekend.

## You empower youth to embrace God

Your devotion enables the Office of Catholic Youth to fulfill their mission of helping youth and young adults to encounter, love and serve Jesus Christ. Through your loving support of ShareLife, young people are empowered to become Christian leaders who know Christ and have a growing relationship with Him. Aspiring youth and campus ministers, like Laura, form spiritual habits through workshops and formation retreats. They learn practical methods to engage the youth of today and help them deal with everyday pressures. "These formation sessions have equipped me with a firm foundation in the faith," she says, "enabling me to pass on authentic Catholic teachings to the young people in my care." Thus far we have raised **\$9,000** toward our goal of \$55,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website. Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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