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He Lives!



Alleluia, Alleluia!!

❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



CHRIST IS RISEN!

Alleluia!

**MAY THE VICTORY OF
THE RISEN CHRIST AND HIS
CONQUERING OVER DEATH BRING
PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO YOU AND
THOSE YOU MOST HOLD DEAR!**

*Wishing you a
Happy and Blessed Easter
from Fr. Bob and the Parish Staff*

The Resurrected Jesus is Present to Us

Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen! In Him, we have been made new, a part of His New Creation. God's Word tells us that we have been made in the image and likeness of God, but that we turned away when we wanted to become gods ourselves. Christ redeems us, brings us back. While we still have the vestiges of that fall, we have already been made new and have the privilege of joining Christ in His work of redeeming the whole of Creation.

In order to cooperate with grace, we need to recognize the sacredness of all we do. We remain creatures with all the foibles that go with that. However, even those foibles can become a means to reflect the goodness and the love of God. How can God use the things I struggle with? How can I use my struggle to benefit others and give God glory? Can I learn patience? Can I see in my doubts and insecurities the tenderness of God's love seeking to heal me?

Today, however, we have an unreserved sense of gratitude. Let us rejoice, letting go for a moment, the struggles of life, and

giving thanks for the closeness that God has chosen to share with us, and with the whole universe. Alleluia! Alleluia! The whole of the next week is one continuous Easter Day. Give thanks every day! Rejoice in being in this wonderful school of divine love.

I especially congratulate those who have received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. You can share this joy with all of us and help us to be renewed in the new life we have received.

And for those who are still looking forward to these sacraments, your time is near. To our young people who will receive Holy Communion for the first time, please know that God is so very close to you. You can tell God everything. Today we are celebrating the goodness of the life you have been given, a life with God forever. To our Confirmation candidates, you have begun to meet the beauty and the challenges of life. As you reflect on these things remember that God has particular gifts to share with you that will help you

to meet life with love, courage, freedom, confidence, joy and generosity. As St. Paul so often says to the communities he writes to, the peace of God is yours. Welcome that peace in your souls.

For those in the pews this weekend, please remember you have a beautiful calling that grows from your being made new, and that you can manifest that in all things, even the situations that seem hard to deal with. Let the risen Lord surround you at all times. Peace be with you!

In your prayers, please also remember those suffering from the lack of charity in this world. And in a little corner of your prayers please remember me and all those who serve the parish family and its mission whether staff or those in ministry. May the Lord help our work to be fruitful in the budding forth of the Kingdom.

Easter blessings on all of you!

Fr. Bob

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19

For the People

Sunday, April 20

For the People

Tuesday, April 22

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, April 23

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, April 24

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, April 25

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Apr 6	\$ 4,712	\$ 3,989	↑ \$ 723
Apr 13	\$ 4,354	\$ 3,478	↑ \$ 877
Apr 20*	\$	\$ 6,793	\$
Apr 27	\$	\$ 3,954	\$
Mth Target	\$ 9,067	\$ 18,213	↓ \$ 9,146

*Includes Easter Donations

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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.



Welcome to Our Neophytes, Newly Received and Initiated



Our parish community extends a warm welcome and congratulations to our neophytes, Michael Fong, Kabishana Jeya, Basak Sari, and Masal Sari, who were newly baptized and fully initiated into the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil. We also congratulate and welcome Oluayemi Baale and Henos Tuimeezgi, who were received into full communion, Ifelere Baale and Armando Lemos, who completed their sacraments of initiation and finally Bella Baale, who was baptised during the Easter Vigil.

Office Closed for Easter Holidays



The parish office is closed for the Easter holidays. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, April 23. Have a blessed Easter long weekend.

A Day With Mary – Registration Open

May 31, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm; Villanova College, King City



Online registration is now open for *A Day With Mary* taking place May 31 at Villanova College in King City. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities – something for everyone. For more information and to register, visit 'archtoronto.org/mary'.



St. Paul's School Fundraising - Final Sunday

Sunday, April 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 27, following the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses. Please stop by and help support these students and the school!

Thank you for being a beacon of hope



On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website. Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

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