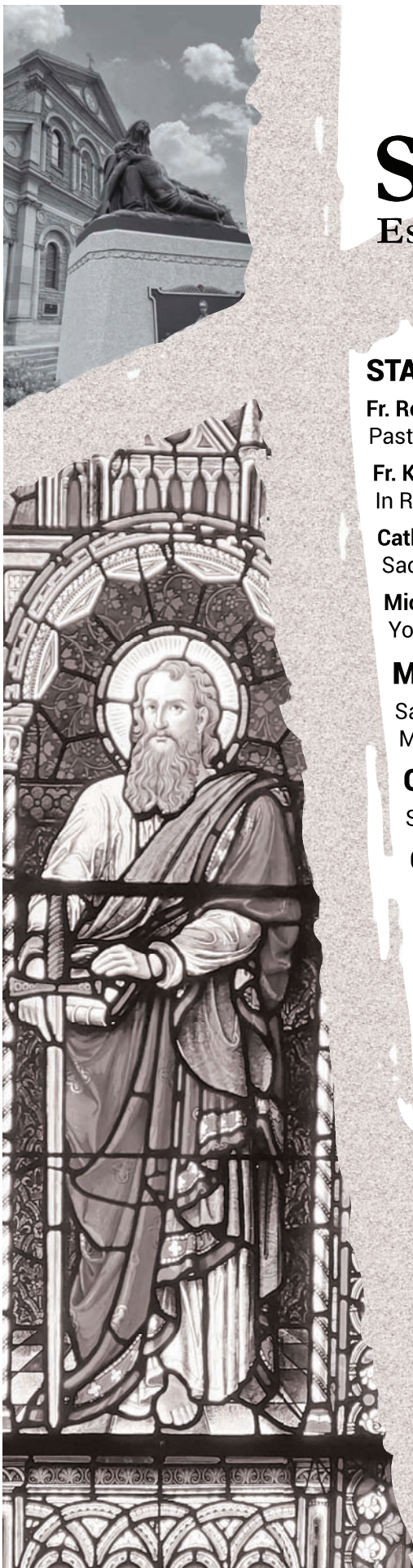




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## MASS TIMES

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.

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## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



### Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship

This is World Mission Sunday, when we unite ourselves with members of the Church throughout the world who are dedicated to the proclamation and nourishment of the Gospel. In the 21st century, the Church has widened its vision. Rather than focusing solely on places where the Gospel was previously unknown, Pope St. John Paul II invited us to embrace a renewed understanding of the Church's mission.

The Good News is transformative; yet in many parts of the world, the intentional living of the Christian faith has diminished in both intensity and appeal. The Holy Father, however, was not merely reacting to this decline. He recognized how easily faith can become confined within comfortable structures. This was, after all, one of the major criticisms Jesus directed at the religious leaders of His time.

As one of the fruits of the Holy Father's initiatives during the Great Jubilee (2000), the Third Millennium of Christianity, the Church was invited to enter into a renewed period of New Evangelization.

In Catholic theology, we make a distinction between evangelizing—helping people to receive the Good News—and catechizing—helping them to understand it. Together, these make up what we call

formation: living, implementing, and integrating the new life we have received in Christ. This process allows the inner transformation of faith to shape every part of our lives.

Our hope is that we all become disciples of the Lord Jesus, participants in the Church's mission, moved by grace to live and embody the Kingdom that the Lord tells us is “near at hand.”

It is therefore not enough for us, as Catholics, merely to proclaim the Good News, nor to reduce our mission to the uttering of all moral and ethical implications of our faith. Our true mission compels us to help one another toward a deeper reception of faith in the person of Jesus Christ.

We are all vulnerable. To whom do we choose to reveal ourselves? Such openness requires deep trust. In the Gospels, it is always striking to witness the depth of encounter between Christ and those He heals. What unfolds in the space between His words—and in the silences that surround them? St. John Henry Newman, soon to be named a Doctor of the Church, captured this essence in his famous phrase, *cor ad cor loquitur*—“heart speaks to heart.” The Lord's heart speaks to us, and our hearts respond to Him.

The journey of conversion is not a single moment on a line but the ongoing flow of grace within living relationships. Evangelization, therefore, is always in dialogue with learning and takes place within an atmosphere of formation—an environment that nurtures each person's “Yes” to God.

This is why something profoundly important takes place in parish life. Your presence here to offer God praise at Mass is a vital part of it. Yet this praise does not end when you leave the church; it continues and blossoms in daily life, in the midst of all the people you encounter.

The “newness” of the New Evangelization lies simply in recognizing that the Holy Spirit is alive and breathing within us, leading us to live our faith more fruitfully.

Let us give thanks for those who dedicate their lives to the proclamation of the Gospel and to the formation that sustains it. May the Lord help us to become mature missionary disciples, enabling others to live the Good News more deeply. And let us rejoice in the new life we have received.

In Christ

*Fr. Bob*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 18**

4:30 pm ♦ † Karel & Raymonde Uhler

**Sunday, October 19**

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Austin Starr

**Tuesday, October 21**

5:00 pm ♦

**Wednesday, October 22**

5:00 pm ♦ † Fr. Marcel Lahaie

**Thursday, October 23**

5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, October 24**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## Parish Collection Summary

|            | 2025     | 2024      | Diff       |
|------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Oct 5      | \$ 3,417 | \$ 3,826  | ↓ \$ 409   |
| Oct 12     | \$ 4,198 | \$ 3,336  | ↑ \$ 862   |
| Oct 19*    |          | \$ 6,120  |            |
| Oct 26     |          | \$ 2,526  |            |
| Mth Target | \$ 7,615 | \$ 15,807 | ↓ \$ 8,192 |

\* 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!

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**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.



## Upcoming Special Collections

### Parish Preservation Fund

Our monthly Preservation Fund collection will be held **November 1 & 2**. This collection helps cover the ongoing maintenance needed to preserve and care for our beautiful Basilica, ensuring it remains open and welcoming to all.



### Shepherds' Trust

The annual Shepherds' Trust collection will be held **November 15 & 16**. This collection supports the needs of elderly and disabled priests so they can lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.

We thank you in advance for your support, generosity and continued commitment.

## Register your child for Sacramental Preparation

Families with children between the ages of 7 and 15, who are ready to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation next spring can pick up a registration package from the back of the church or the parish office. The First Holy Communion parent meetings will take place Sunday, October 19th, at 9:30 am and Monday, October 20th, at 6 pm. Confirmation parent & candidate meetings will take place Sunday, October 19th and November 9th, at 10:15 am. Please see the registration package or email Micah, at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org), for info.

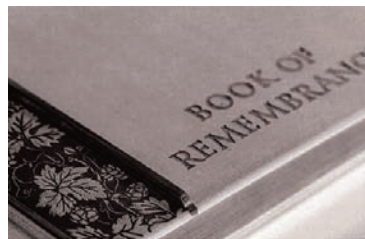


## All Saints Day and All Souls Day Mass Schedules

On Saturday, November 1st, the parish will celebrate Mass for All Saints at 10 am. **Please note that the Saturday 4:30 pm Mass will be the normal Sunday Vigil Mass. There will not be a separate Mass for All Souls Day.** The Sunday 8:30 am and 11 am Masses on November 2nd will be celebrated for All Souls.



## Praying for Our Beloved Dead in November



A Book of Remembrance will be available at the front of the church throughout the month of November, when we traditionally pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved. All are welcome to offer prayers for the faithful departed by writing the names of deceased family and friends in the book. Names in the book will be remembered at all Masses throughout November.

## In Loving Memory:

**A Choral Prayer Service in Honour of the Faithful Departed; November 4th at 7:30 pm**

On Tuesday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m., St. Peter's, in collaboration with Together in Worship Canada, will host a Choral Prayer Service in honour of the Faithful Departed. The evening will feature music by the Canadian Vocal Ensemble—Mosaic, under the direction of Vincent Cheng, along with reflections and guest speakers. All are warmly invited to attend this prayerful gathering. While the service is free of charge, those who wish may make a suggested free-will offering of \$10, which will be gratefully received.



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