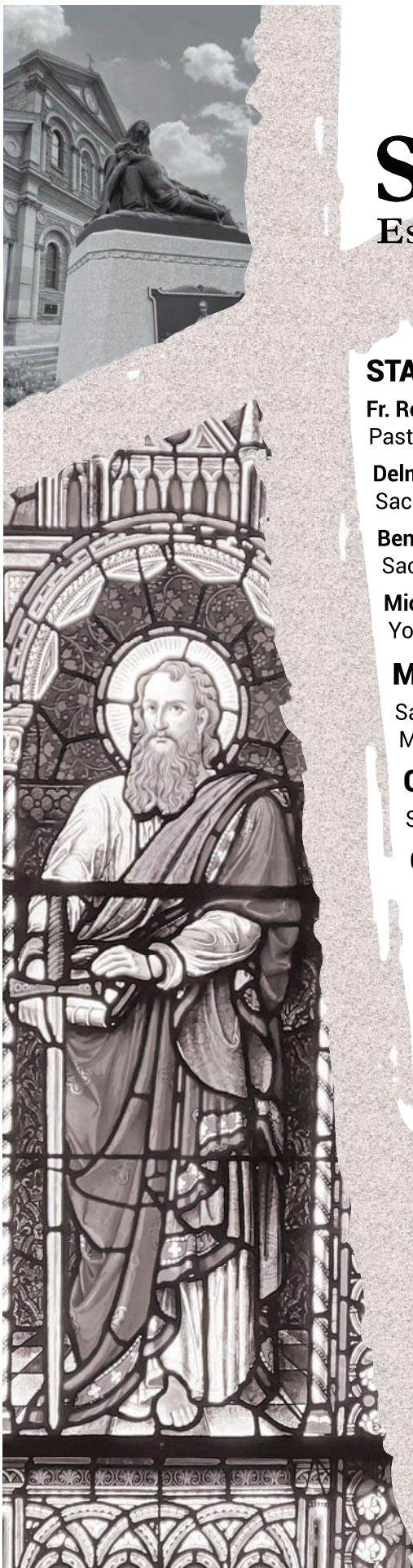




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MASS TIMES

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 or by appointment

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

In Christ

With this weekend, we begin the month in which we give special attention to praying for those who have died. This reminds us that we are not merely terrestrial beings. Perhaps our instinctive sense that we are part of something greater than what we can see with our eyes is absolutely right! The problems of the world may seem to argue against that transcendent instinct, yet we can still choose to return to that deep desire for meaning we remember from the days of our youth.

Last week, I mentioned that the Archdiocese has invited us to reflect on the importance of palliative care. Our medical and personal needs at the end of life call for a different kind of care. So much of modern medicine is devoted to cure—to eliminating illness or reversing decline. We often place high hopes in the wonders of medical research, yet we remain mortal. Our bodies can be hurt beyond repair, or simply wear out as cells lose their resilience. We don't like to talk about this reality.

As Christians, however, this part of life is as important as our conception and birth—and, in a radical way, even more so. We are called to reflect on the importance of taking



care of one another during this sacred time. When we are caring for a loved one, we can take time to honour them in the midst of their weakness. Over the years, I have known many people who, in their frailty, revealed a kind of strength and beauty we too easily take for granted when we are well and strong.

When we say to the Lord, “Into your hands I commend my spirit,” we are allowing God to care for us. We will be happier, I think, if we know that God has given us teammates to care for us when we are vulnerable. In our own backyard, we have a testimony to this in the Journey Home Hospice, which provides palliative care to homeless people who are dying. This initiative of St. Elizabeth

Healthcare, supported by ShareLife, gives at least some homeless people a home where they may find peace in the final days of their earthly lives. For all the sorrows many of them have endured, I have often reflected that these may be among the very ones who, God willing, will welcome us to our true home.

Our real life is in Christ—begun now, but coming to its completion. May the Lord sustain us and build us into a great communion of saints.

In Christ

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY



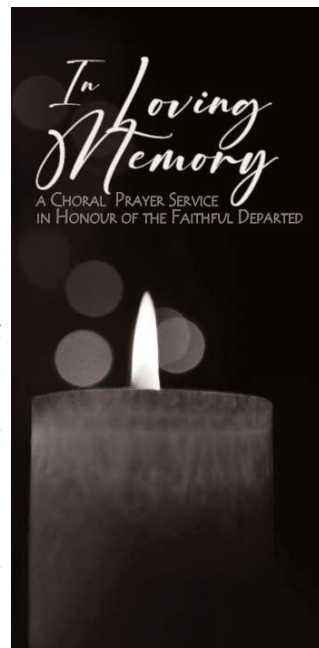
Offertory Envelope Boxes & Donation Numbers

We are beginning preparations for the 2026 offertory envelope boxes. We've noticed that many parishioners regularly contribute using the pink guest envelopes found in the pews. If this is you, we encourage you to consider registering for a box of numbered offertory envelopes or a parish donation number. Each number is linked to your parish record, making it easier to record your donations and issue end-of-year tax receipts. It also saves you from having to write your name and address each week. To learn more or to sign up, please contact the parish office.

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. Paul'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.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 1

10:00 am ♦ All Saints
4:30 pm ♦ All Souls of the Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 2

8:30 am ♦ All Souls of the Faithful Departed
11:00 am ♦ All Souls of the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 4

5:00 pm ♦ Patricia Potochniak

Wednesday, November 5

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, November 6

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, November 7

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*	\$ 6,361	\$ 6,120	↑ \$ 240
Oct 26	\$ 3,489	\$ 2,526	↑ \$ 963
Mth Target	\$ 17,465	\$ 15,807	↑ \$ 1,657

* 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.



Upcoming Special Collections

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.



Parish Preservation Fund

Our monthly Preservation Fund collection will be held **December 6 & 7**. This collection helps cover the ongoing maintenance needed to preserve and care for our beautiful Basilica, ensuring it remains open and welcoming to all.

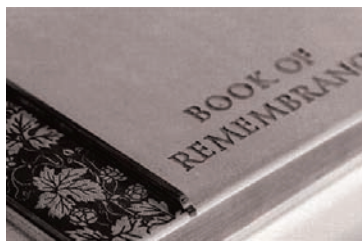
We thank you in advance for your support, generosity and continued commitment.

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 have already taken place. Confirmation parent & candidate meetings will take place Sunday, November 9th, at 10:15 am. Please see the registration package or email Micah, at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org, for info.



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.

Renew Toronto



RENEW Toronto – an annual conference for all young adults aged 18 - 39, takes place on Christ the King weekend, November 21st to 23rd in Whitby. It is an opportunity to grow in faith with like-minded people in a similar stage of life. For more info, or to register visit 'renewtoronto.org' or scan the QR code.



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Archdiocese of Toronto

Raising a Saint:
Interview with
St. Carlo Acutis'
Mother



Eucharistic Miracles
of the World Exhibit
at St. Catherine of
Siena Parish



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