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Feast of the Holy Family

90 - 1

❖ A Message from the Pastor

Concluding the Holy Year of the Jubilee of Hope

As I have preached several times this year, our hope is not based on a wish or a feeling, but on the faithfulness of God and on God's life-changing plan to share Jesus with us—a gift whose entry into our lives we celebrate during this Christmas season. On this wonderful Feast of the Holy Family, it is fitting to pause and truly appreciate that, together in Christ, we are the Family of God.

This year of grace has been an important chapter in our ongoing renewal as a Church, calling us more deeply into our mission to become truly one in Christ. The Church does have institutional aspects—visible structures that help hold us together in Christ—but these are not the Church's essence. God's Word offers us richer and more life-giving images: the Body of Christ, a pilgrim people journeying toward the Kingdom, even "friends" of the Lord once we have been schooled in discipleship. While it is often easier to focus on our individual efforts at holiness, the cumulative impact of grace expressed in our life together as Church is Christ made present to others, and it is our shared offering to God.

Each of us has something essential to contribute. I hope and pray that as we approach 2026, all of us in the Church will grow ever more committed to the shared gift we have received in Christ, so that we may truly become a family made holy in His name.

As you spend time together with your friends and families—or even if you are separated from your loved ones—entrust your them to the Lord. Whatever imperfections may be present, do not allow them to stand in the way of God's grace and love. May each of us discover the peace that Christ breathes upon us.

May the Holy Family show us how to live together in the name of Jesus Christ. May our own families grow in the love and care that the Holy Family shared during their life on earth, as preparation for our eternal home. And may the closing of this Jubilee Year assure us once again of the Lord's generous love, strengthening us and confirming us in a hope that is firm and enduring.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ News

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 27
4:30 pm ♦ † Rose Yeung

Sunday, December 28
8:30 am ♦ Thanksgiving for Maria Angela Galang Mendoza
11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, December 30
5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, December 31
4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Thursday, January 1
8:30 am ♦ For the People
11:00 am ♦ † Karl Kuda

Friday, January 2
5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Dec 7	$ 6,388	$ 6,993	↓$ 239
Dec 14	$ 5,492	$ 7,008	↓$ 1,516

Due to the bulletin publication schedule over the holidays, parish collection summary from Dec 21 to Jan 4 will be provided in the January 11, 2026 bulletin.

Mth Target	$ 11,880	$ 33,390	↓$21,510

Upcoming Special Collections
- ***January 1*** - Feast of Mary
- ***January 4/5*** - Preservation Fund

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.

SCAN ME For Online Donations

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.

SCAN ME For TipTap Card Registration

Holiday Mass Schedule

2026 New Year Blessings!

May God be with you and your families through this New Year and fill your lives with comfort, love and cheer. May this day and the days ahead, hold many blessings for you and yours. Happy New Year!

Fr. Bob and the Parish Staff

New Year Masses

New Year's Eve - Dec 31
4:30 pm

New Year's Day - Jan 1
11:00 am

Jubilee Year Closing Mass

December 28, 2025 at the 11:00 am Mass

The Jubilee Year will end on January 6th, 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany. We invite you to join us in celebrating the Closing of the Jubilee Year on December 28, 2025 at 11:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

Holiday Office Closure

The parish office is closed for the holidays. Emails and voicemails will be returned once the office reopens on Monday, January 5, 2026. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Letter of Thanks from the Archbishop of Toronto

As the Holy Year of Jubilee comes to a close, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo has written to express his heartfelt gratitude to the St. Paul's Basilica community for its role as a pilgrimage church during this sacred year. He gives thanks for the parish's hospitality in welcoming pilgrims, offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the various Jubilee-related liturgies and events that fostered prayer, hope, and renewal. He notes that St. Paul's generous participation helped many encounter Christ's mercy and truly live the call to be Pilgrims of Hope. The full letter is available at the back of the church for anyone who would like to read it in its entirety.

2026 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes for 2026 are now available in the front entrance vestibule, organized alphabetically by last name. **Please VERIFY that the box you pick up has your name on the label and DO NOT begin using the 2026 envelopes until January.**

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