



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

CONFESIONS

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.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Hearts on the Move

Change is a constant in our lives. We all pass through important moments as we journey from one stage of life to another. Some changes are visible and obvious; others unfold quietly, often without our noticing. It is said, for example, that children can recognize two languages at just six months of age—long before they are able to speak. A great deal is happening in the minds of infants!

Parents will tell you that half a year is a long time in a child's life. Children themselves know that by the end of a school year they are quite different from who they were back in September. Adolescence brings even more change and challenges. Young people are searching for a sense of identity and for ways of relating that give them stability. Having grounded adults with secure identities around them provides nourishment at this crucial time.

Adulthood brings with it the capacity to accept responsibility for others. This is a fundamental building block of a meaningful life and, in our faith, one of the primary ways we express Christian love. For young adults especially, it can be wise to seek responsibility not only in work but also in life. Doing so fosters connection, provides experience, and helps develop the maturity needed both to navigate life well and to grow into a deep spiritual life.

As we age, further transitions emerge. Children move out. Jobs change. Loved ones become frail or die. Families relocate. Our own physical, emotional, or even intellectual limits begin to reveal themselves. Long-unattended emotional matters may bubble to the surface. Especially for those who have not faced

major challenges before, these changes can throw us for a loop. The first step is simply to pay attention and to give ourselves the time and space needed to absorb what is happening.

All of these changes invite not only the possibility of a deeper conversion to Christ, but also a more profound discernment of how we are called to live the Gospel in each phase of our lives.

When I was a young priest—energetic but inexperienced—I regularly visited a nursing home resident who was bedridden and mostly non-verbal. Over time, I learned to spend the first few minutes simply smiling, and I was always greeted with a beautiful smile in return. When it came time for Communion, this person would suddenly be able to say some of the responses. It struck me deeply that this physically weak person was, in fact, much stronger than I was—and that they were bringing Christ to me as much as I was bringing Christ to them. This experience revealed to me how deeply meaningful our lives are meant to be. Now, as I begin to experience some of the effects of aging myself, the memory of this person remains a true gift.

During Ordinary Time, we journey with Jesus through His public ministry—proclaiming the Gospel and forming His disciples. As we move through the Scriptures, let us bring the important realities of our own lives to prayer and allow the divine Word to speak to us.

May the peace of Christ be with us all, now and always!

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 17

4:30 pm ♦ † Rose Yeung

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † John Nagy

Tuesday, January 20

5:00 pm ♦ Clayton Cathcart

Wednesday, January 21

5:00 pm ♦ † Branko Deronja

Thursday, January 22

5:00 pm ♦ Vincent Deronja

Friday, January 23

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Jan 4	\$ 7,649	\$ 5,742	↑\$ 1,519
Jan 11	\$ 3,762	\$ 5,571	↓\$ 1,810
Jan 18*		\$ 6,785	
Jan 25		\$ 2,805	
Jan Totals	\$ 11,411	\$ 20,904	↓\$ 9,493

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **February 1 & March 1** - Preservation Fund
- **March 22** - ShareLife

Thank you for supporting our parish!



Cashless Donations

With fewer people using cheques or cash, we are pleased to offer several convenient ways to donate:

Online: Scan the QR or visit stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org and select the Donate button. Ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica" is selected from the parish drop-down menu.

TipTap: Tap your card against an amount on the device at the back of the church to make a donation. For a year-end tax receipt, register your physical card by scanning the QR code beside the TipTap device.



Kindergarten Registration!



Starting January 21st, families with children born in 2022 can apply for Junior Kindergarten at St. Paul's School this September. Visit tcdsb.org/kindergarten or scan the QR for info.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry News

Youth seeking to grow in community and deepen their Catholic faith are invited to participate in our youth ministry programs:

- **EDGE** (Gr. 5-8) - **January 23; 6:30-8:30 pm**
- **LifeTeen** (Gr. 8-12) - **February 6; 5:30-8 pm**

Interested in getting involved? Please contact Micah at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org

Our next **Young Adult** event will take place on **February 8** from **3-6 pm**. Come out for a tour of our historic Basilica and a presentation on the life of our patron, St. Paul.

Celebration of Marriage Mass

Sunday, February 8, 2026; 2:30 pm - St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday, Bp. John Boissonneau will celebrate a special Mass honouring married couples, with recognition of milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+). All are welcome, and couples may renew their vows during the Mass. Limited reserved seating is available for milestone anniversary couples. Registration and details at archtoronto.org/marriage.



❖ HOUSEKEEPING

New to our Parish Community?

Welcome to St. Paul's Basilica! If you've recently, or not so recently, joined our parish community, please take a moment to fill out a parish registration form. There are many benefits to registering at the parish. It enables easier and more accurate donation tracking so you receive a tax receipt. It allows us to verify your information if you need a reference or are planning to celebrate or be part of a sacrament in the future. We can even transfer your records to another parish if you move. Forms are available at the back of the church or in the parish office.

Moving / Moved?

If your mailing address has changed we kindly ask that you notify the parish office by phone at 416-364-7588 or email at stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org, so we can ensure our records are up-to-date and there are no delays in issuing tax receipts.

Different Ways to Give

There are many ways to support the parish.

- Envelopes:** To make tracking donations easier, request an assigned donor number and/or pre-printed weekly envelopes. For donation tracking & tax receipts without a donor number **CLEARLY PRINT your full name and address** on the envelope.
- Direct Debit:** Donations can be debited directly from your bank or credit card and directed to a parish or archdiocesan fund.
- Tip Tap:** Simply tap your card on the device amount to donate. For a tax receipt, register your card.
- Securities:** By donating stocks, bonds or mutual funds you can avoid capital gains allowing you to give more.
- Time & Talent:** Donations don't always have to be monetary. Consider volunteering your time or abilities with a parish ministry or event.

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