



# 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

## CONTACT

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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



### The Conversion of St. Paul

Today we celebrate our great patron, St. Paul! Because so much of the New Testament is attributed to him, we are given a more textured and personal picture of his life and faith than we have for any of the other apostles. We encounter someone who is physically strong, willing to exert himself, alert and attentive, able to process what he hears and sees. Above all, Paul is firmly convinced that his life belongs to God and that it has been fundamentally changed through his relationship of faith in Jesus Christ.

His conversion is not only dramatic; we are able to see its lasting fruits through his letters and in the Acts of the Apostles. I have always been struck by the fact that St. Paul is not weighed down by grief over his past faults. As we read in the Acts, he was present at the stoning of St. Stephen and had actively pursued the arrest of Christians. He even acknowledges that he approved of these actions at the time. Yet we do not see him living in denial of his past, nor do we see a fleeting, euphoric response to his conversion. Instead, we encounter a mature faith—one that understands that he has received the forgiveness and healing that come through Christ.

The letters we have are only a small portion of St. Paul's life's work. His missionary activity alone spanned fourteen years, and like our own vocations, the countless small, everyday interactions were of great importance. Through them, the Gospel took root and communities were formed.

St. Paul also shows us how to allow the Holy Spirit to work. He proclaims the Gospel faithfully, while allowing others to nurture the faith and permitting communities to develop the spiritual and human gifts needed to maturely embody the growth of the Kingdom. We too, need to recognize when the goodness and graciousness of God's gifts are flowing freely—and to rejoice when they do.

For me, this offers a clear vision of parish life. When we are working together naturally and good fruits are present, it is truly a wonderful thing. As St. Paul famously reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians, the many gifts are ordered toward a harmonious whole. Every single person contributes something essential to our common good. When I served as Director of Lay Ministry for the Archdiocese, I often spoke of the importance of the "ministry of the pew." And it truly is important! When we come to worship on Sunday, we bring with us our life's experiences from the week. When we leave, nourished by Jesus, we are sent forth to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near.

May St. Paul, who has so lovingly brought us the Good News, intercede for us with his sincere and faith-filled heart, that we too may be generous sharers of the new life we have received.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 24**

4:30 pm ♦ † Rose Yeung

**Sunday, January 25**

8:30 am ♦ † Gemma Doyon  
11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, January 27**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Wednesday, January 28**

5:00 pm ♦

**Thursday, January 29**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Friday, January 30**

5:00 pm ♦ † John Nagy

## Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Jan 4	\$ 7,649	\$ 5,742	↑\$ 1,519
Jan 11	\$ 3,762	\$ 5,571	↓\$ 1,810
Jan 18*	\$ 6,916	\$ 6,785	↑\$ 130
Jan 25		\$ 2,805	
Jan Totals	\$ 18,326	\$ 20,904	↓\$ 2,577

\*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](http://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.



## Fr. Bob's on Vacation

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026 to Thursday, February 12, 2026**

Fr. Bob will be away on vacation from January 28th to February 12th. During this time Fr. Michael Lehman and Fr. Philip Gonsalves, OFM Cap, will be celebrating the parish Masses. For sacramental (baptism, marriage etc.,) inquiries please contact the parish office after Fr. Bob's return.



## Kindergarten Registration!



Families with children born in 2022 can now apply for Junior Kindergarten at St. Paul's School this September. Visit [tcdsb.org/kindergarten](http://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:

- **LifeTeen** (Gr. 8-12) - **February 6; 5:30-8 pm**
- **EDGE** (Gr. 5-8) - **February 13; 6:30-8:30 pm**

Interested in getting involved? Please contact Micah at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org)

## 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](http://archtoronto.org/marriage).



## Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

**Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 9:00 am**



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the ArchTO estate planning team invite you to join this free webinar to learn about how to avoid issues with your Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code, or visit [qrco.de/WebFeb7](http://qrco.de/WebFeb7)



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