

# 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.

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## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



### Being and Becoming Whole

Whether in science or the marketing world, our lives tend to get sliced up into small pieces. There are good reasons for this. It would be difficult, for example, to address the complex aspects of our bodies if we did not have people studying very specific parts in depth. In daily living as well, our own needs and social interactions propel us to manage many different things in order to sustain life and relationships.

In our often-hurried existence, however, we can forget that each of us is one whole person. Psychologically, we absolutely need to “hang together” emotionally, and this is just as important spiritually as well.

This weekend we hosted a special annual Mass on Saturday morning, gathering and celebrating those in consecrated life who have made vows and promises, dedicating themselves to God and to the Church. These vocations are an important sign of the fruits and a fundamental means through which the Holy Spirit works in the world. The whole premise is striving to make a total gift of self. For that to happen, we need to be people of integrity, where the whole and the parts truly “sing” together.

That harmony is at the heart of every healthy life. Of course, there are areas where integrity seems hard to achieve, and we can easily lose sight of the forest for the trees. It is tempting to focus on what we perceive as unsatisfactory and allow that to obstruct the outward-looking attitude required to develop a positive mindset.

Whether we are young and growing into the next stage of life, or older and coming to terms with our limitations, remembering not to “slice ourselves up” into disconnected parts is essential. Being whole allows us to glimpse our goal and to discover

the goodness God has planted deep within us. Whether we are trying to understand our bodies or our emotions, it is fundamental to accept that God has loved us—and continues to love us—in our entirety.

Many religious communities include years of spiritual formation before final vows are taken. One reason for this is to help candidates make a fuller offering of themselves. While there is a clear parallel in marriage, any of us living Christian lives can learn to give ourselves more fully.

Over the years, I have met a small number of people whose life journey has made them so comfortable in their own skin, and so attentive to others, that spending even a short time with them feels like a sacramental experience of divine love. Nothing suggests that this richness is reserved for some other time or place. It can happen at work, at school, at home, and even on the TTC.

As the child Jesus was presented in the Temple and dedicated to the Father’s plan, so too can we find a unity of purpose in our own lives through our union with Christ. At times we will tend one part of the garden; at others, we will allow God to draw the parts together and propel us outward, so that we may arrive—by grace—at the communion that is our destiny.

May God grant each of us the grace we need to become whole in Christ.

Blessings,

*Fr. Bob*

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 31**

4:30 pm ♦ † Rose Yeung

**Sunday, February 1**

8:30 am ♦ † Martin Long

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, February 3**

5:00 pm ♦ Petar Sardelic Kraljevic

**Wednesday, February 4**

5:00 pm ♦ † Terrence Michael Green

**Thursday, February 5**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Friday, February 6**

5:00 pm ♦ † David Coules

## 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	\$ 2,117	\$ 2,805	↓\$ 688
Jan Totals	\$ 20,443	\$ 20,904	↓\$ 461

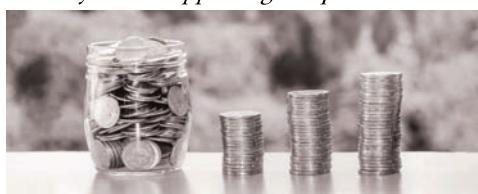
\*Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

### Upcoming Special Collections

• **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)

Our next **Young Adult** event will take place on **February 8th** from **3 to 6 pm**. We invite those aged 19 to 39 (or those young at heart!) to 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](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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