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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

The Kingdom of God is Near

At the heart of our faith is the beautiful truth that God the Son has given Himself to us and for us. When we receive Holy Communion, it is Jesus Himself whom we receive. He says, “Take and eat; this is my body.” This only truly makes sense when we recognize it as a divine gift.

Certainly, we experience the beauty of mutual love, but eventually we grow weary. Jesus tells us that He is real food for us—food that is never exhausted. He introduces this reality when He speaks to the woman at the well about living water. The living waters of Baptism fill us permanently. At times, this can be difficult to believe, because life involves so much toil. Our relationship with God is not magic; it doesn't necessarily take away life's challenges.

The faithfulness of God's love for us, and the initiative of Jesus, God the Father's Son, ground us. We have the foundation we need to say “yes,” ever more deeply, to the shared life that we will one day experience fully. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we become a tabernacle—the dwelling place of the Lord. As you walk out of the church today, you are literally carrying Jesus within you. Even if you have not yet received your First Holy Communion, your participation in the Eucharist allows you to make a spiritual communion with the Lord, whose desire



to give Himself to you is so very clear.

Jesus becomes the divine gift who nourishes us into a life of intimacy with God. Holy Communion is also the highest peak of life on earth. Even when we don't feel it, or when we feel distracted or burdened, we know that the Kingdom of God has come near. How are the things of everyday life connecting us to this peak of dwelling in Christ? That question may help us to adjust how we live, so that our lives increasingly reflect the intimacy God desires for us. We hope to find ourselves quietly growing in our assent to this.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, when we commemorate the establishment of the Eucharist.

That liturgy becomes the hinge point in our journey with Jesus through His Passion. It is what allows us to accompany Christ on Good Friday and to endure the silence until the Vigil of Holy Saturday night.

We can say, as we do at Christmas, “Come, Lord Jesus.” And may the Holy Spirit fill the hearts of us all.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Stations of the Cross



The 40 days of Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer.

Lenten Reconciliation Service



Reconciliation Services will take place:

- » Every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm, or by appointment
- » March 21 from 2:30 pm to 4:15 pm
- » March 25 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Lenten Resources

To assist you this Lenten Season please avail yourself of the numerous Lenten resources found on the Archdiocese of Toronto website, archtoronto.org/lent. There you will find a Lenten Message from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, a variety of Online Retreats and Reflections, Lenten Activities for Families, and much more.



SCAN ME

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28

4:30 pm ♦ † Janet Colley

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Health of Savannah Ryder

Tuesday, March 3

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, March 4

5:00 pm ♦ † Hilda Tipay Marquez

Thursday, March 5

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, March 6

5:00 pm ♦ † Tom Stuckey

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Feb 1	\$ 4,126	\$ 4,487	↓\$ 361
Feb 8	\$ 2,745	\$ 3,455	↓\$ 710
Feb 15*	\$ 6,808	\$ 5,995	↑\$ 813
Feb 22	\$ 2,195	\$ 2,405	↓\$ 210
Mth Totals	\$ 15,874	\$ 16,342	↓\$ 468

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **March 22** - ShareLife
- **April 3** - Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)
- **April 5** - Easter Sunday
- **April 12** - Preservation Fund

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.



What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

1. Give up sin
Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

2. Fast
An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.

3. Pray
Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4. Do good works
Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.

5. Give alms
Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.

6. Abstain
Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

7. Do meditative reading
Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

8. Control desire for possessions
Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

9. Control desire for entertainment
Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10. Carry out duties in life
Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!

Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Living Lent"

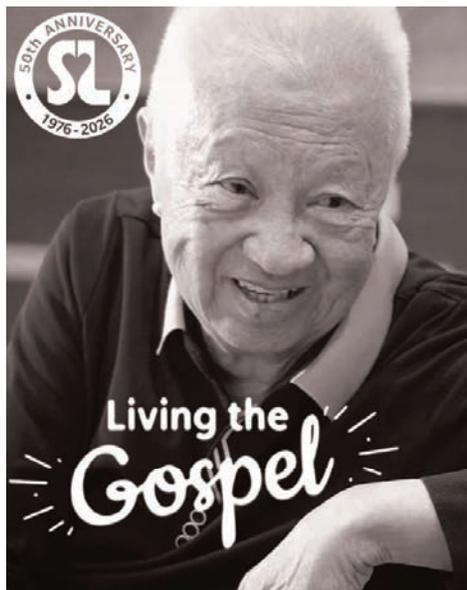
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2025 Tax Receipts Mailed

2025 Parish Tax Receipts have been processed and mailed. Please contact the parish office if you do not receive your receipt by March 2nd or if an error is present.

Through ShareLife, you bring hope to those who need it most



David is a senior who faced overwhelming loss and uncertainty. His wife passed away, his health declined, and he felt forgotten. But in his deepest sorrow, he found hope. When he turned to his pastor, he was guided to Catholic Family Services of Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife where he was welcomed with open arms. Because of your kindness, David found the support he needed to heal, regain stability, and rediscover his sense of purpose. But unfortunately, there are many more like him—seniors facing isolation, families struggling to put food on the table, refugees trying to rebuild their lives, and young parents fighting for a brighter future. Through ShareLife, you help over 40 Catholic agencies bring hope to those who need it most.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Our parish goal this year is **\$55,000**. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

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