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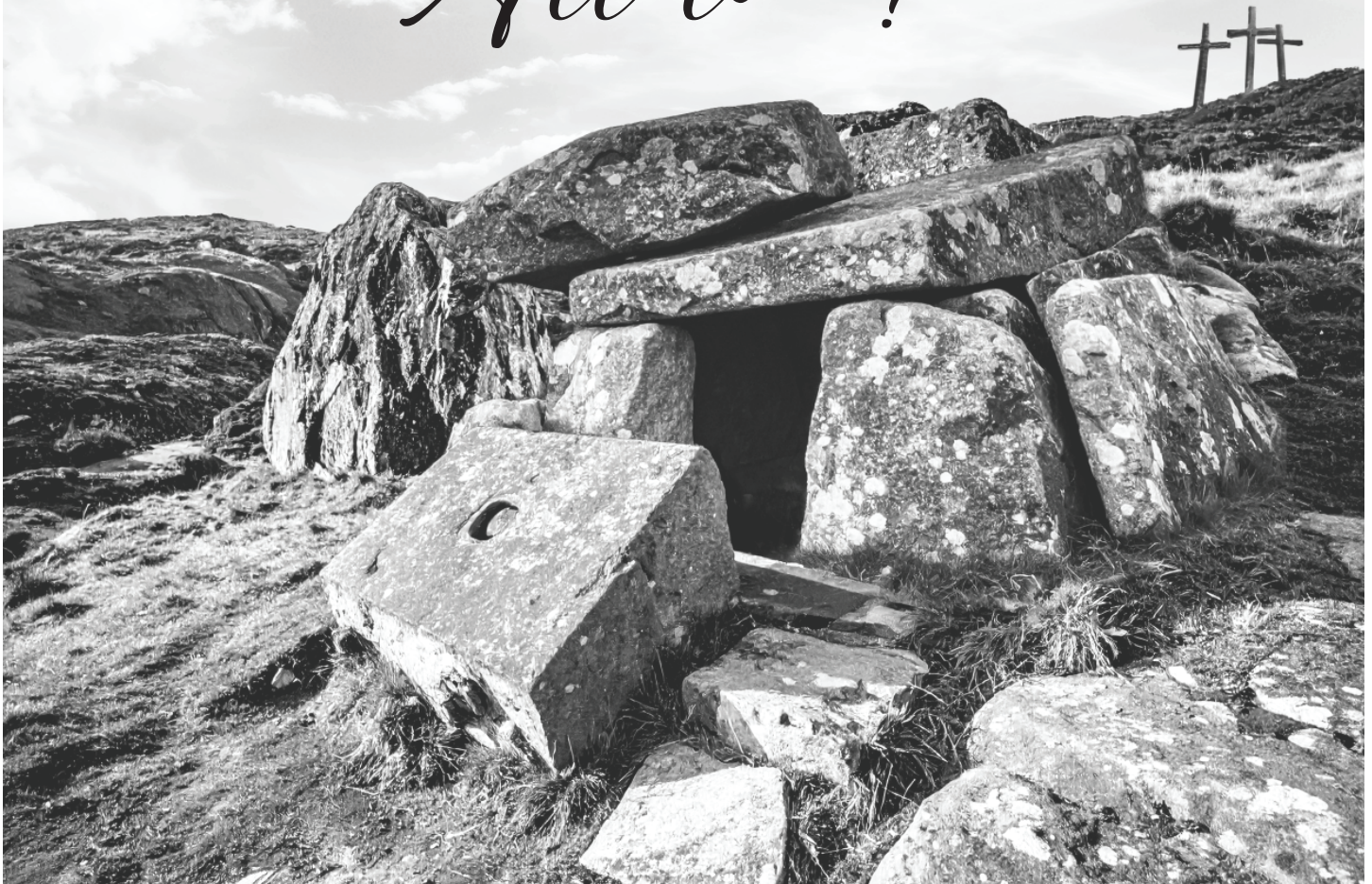
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**Fr. Robert O'Brien: Pastor**

**Mass Times:** Saturday: 4:30 pm | Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am  
Monday: No Mass | Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

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*Alleluia!*



## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



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**MAY THE VICTORY OF  
THE RISEN CHRIST AND HIS  
CONQUERING OVER DEATH BRING  
PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO YOU AND  
THOSE YOU MOST HOLD DEAR!**

*Wishing you a  
Happy and Blessed Easter  
from Fr. Bob and the Parish Staff*

### At the Table of the Risen Lord

On Holy Thursday evening, we came together to commemorate the first celebration of the Eucharist, when Jesus, after giving praise to the Father, told those gathered with Him to take and eat, and to take and drink, saying, “This is my body... this is my blood.” Shortly afterward, we symbolically accompanied Him to the Garden of Gethsemane, carrying the Eucharist to a chapel prepared in the parish hall. How could our thoughts have been on anything but His love in the face of His impending suffering and death?

And now, today, the sun rises and we come again to the table of Christ’s Passover. Only now, it is Christ risen from the dead who speaks those same words to us. We offer our gift—our praise—addressed to God the Father through Christ. As Christ says, “Peace be with you!” in today’s Gospel, we receive His peace because we receive Him.

Perhaps we are more aware than ever that life offers no guarantees. We must learn to meet both the joys and the challenges before us. Yet Jesus is far more than an example. He feeds us, gathers us to

Himself, and sends us forth to do the same after each Mass. We are called to make the Father’s love known, for we have received the Son, and He has breathed the Holy Spirit upon us. We are given more than courage—we are given peace to face whatever lies ahead.

If you are blessed to share a meal with family or friends today, take a moment to reflect on the sacredness of that simple, deeply human act. God, who is with us, now invites us into His home. Having entered fully into the highs and lows of human life, He has overcome death and all that leads to it. Today, we are invited to be keenly aware that in receiving Him, we are united to the new life He came to bring.

It is for this that we give thanks! Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Holy Saturday, April 4**

8:00 pm ♦ For the People

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, April 7**

5:00 pm ♦ † Wilfred Sheridan Hughes

**Wednesday, April 8**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Thursday, April 9**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Friday, April 10**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## Thanks for Helping during Holy Week!



Our parish community extends a special word of thanks and gratitude to all those who helped make our Holy Week celebrations so prayerful. Especially our **Musicians**, for providing the beautiful music, the **Lectors**, **Eucharistic Ministers**, **Altar Servers** and **Ushers** for their endless service and dedication, and our **Sacristans** who help make sure the liturgies run so smoothly.

## Office Closed for Easter Holidays

The parish office will be closed between Thursday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 7. Regular office hours will resume on April 8. Have a blessed Easter long weekend.



## Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
<b>Mar 1</b>	\$ 5,227	\$ 4,404	↑\$ 823
<b>Mar 8</b>	\$ 4,010	\$ 2,344	↑\$ 1,666
<b>Mar 15*</b>	\$ 6,640	\$ 6,500	↑\$ 140
<b>Mar 22</b>	\$ 2,832	\$ 2,496	↑\$ 336
<b>Mar 29</b>	\$ 3,959	\$ 3,351	↑\$ 609
<b>Mth Totals</b>	\$ 22,668	\$ 19,094	↑\$ 3,574

\* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

### Upcoming Special Collections

- **April 12**- Preservation Fund
- **April 19**- Youth Summer Activities
- **April 26**- 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:

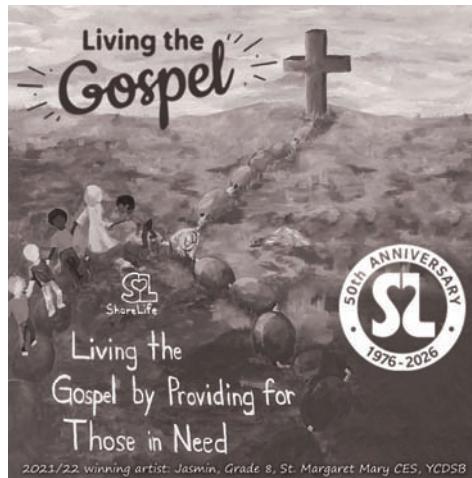


**Online:** Scan the QR or visit [stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org](http://stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org) and select the Donate button. Ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica" is selected from the parish drop-down menu.

**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.



## Wishing you a blessed Easter from ShareLife



This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. We witness how you live the Gospel wholeheartedly, opening your heart to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. It is through your love that our family of faith is strengthened. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter, blooming with hope. The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Thus far we have raised \$14,000 toward our goal **\$55,000**. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## Celebrating the special Jubilee year of St. Francis

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has invited all Catholics to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi with the celebration of a special Jubilee Year. Information regarding our diocesan celebrations may be found in the Latest News section of [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org) or by scanning the QR code.



## Introductory Sessions for Celestial Singles

**April 18, May 30, June 13, 20 & 27, 2026 at 5 pm; St. Peter's Parish, Toronto**



St. Peter's Parish will be hosting a series of introduction sessions for those who want to discern their God-given gifts and how they connect to the single male and female lay person's role and one's universal call to holiness? All are welcome to explore and share faith experiences of living the Single life as a Christian vocation. Admission is free but registration is required. For more info or to register contact St. Peter's at 416-534-4219 or [contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca](mailto:contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca). Registration deadline is April 15.

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