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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



### Creation Made New

While this Sunday is known by several titles—the Octave of Easter, the Second Sunday of the Easter Season, and Divine Mercy Sunday—it ultimately points to one reality: a weeklong extension of Easter Day.

We know from experience that it takes far less time to tear something down than to build it up. And yet, for us, everything changed in three days—the three days from Christ’s death to His resurrection. At a human level, this can seem almost too good to be true. Perhaps that is one reason the Church gives us eight days to celebrate Easter—to help us truly take it in!

At the Easter Vigil, we proclaimed that our redemption surpasses even creation itself: “O what happy fault of Adam, that gave us so great a Redeemer”. Entering the tabernacle of our hearts, we may discover a deep gratitude for God’s goodness. From there, we can make a kind of spiritual journey—recalling those people who have filled us with love and affection—and recognize in them signs, even ambassadors, of the greater love and renewal now given to us in Christ.

In an age that celebrates human achievement—our capacity to invent, discover, and apply new knowledge—we can admit that we sometimes misuse these gifts. Yet we often struggle to recognize our own need for rescue, preferring to think it is others who need saving. Still, at the core of our lives lies a longing for something more—a deeper, more satisfying life beyond ourselves. Much of our striving reflects this desire.

We do need God’s love. We even need to be rescued from the illusion that we ourselves are God. So easily, we expect others to conform to us. But Christ’s coming—and now His resurrection—is the Father’s response. The Father’s heart rushes toward our fragile hearts and gently places His own Son into our lives.

Throughout the Easter season, the risen Christ walks with us, assuring us that the Spirit will be given to lead us into this new life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY



### Welcome to Our Neophytes and Newly Received!

Our parish community extends a warm welcome and congratulations to our neophytes, Taiya Bono, Shamiah Campbell, Mitchell Chaykowsky, Joseph Darby, Shuyu Feng, William French, Owen McLeod, Lucius Sun,

and Luke Zhang, who were newly baptized and fully initiated into the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil. We also congratulate and welcome Jason Turnquest, who was received into full communion during the Easter Vigil.

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 11**

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

**Sunday, April 12**

8:30 am ♦ † Emile Vacheon

11:00 am ♦ Maureen & Trevor Phillips

**Tuesday, April 14**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Wednesday, April 15**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Thursday, April 16**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Friday, April 17**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## DeWitt High School Choral Choir Performance



On Sunday, April 26, parishioners are invited to remain after the 8:30 am Mass or arrive early for the 11 am Mass, to listen to a short 30-minute performance by the DeWitt High School choral choir, from Michigan, USA, as part of their Canadian tour. The school's choral program, directed by Meghan Eldred-Woolsey and accompanied by John Dale Smith, is dedicated to artistic excellence, personal growth, as both musicians and leaders, and the joy of inspiring their community through inspiring their community through music-making.

## Through ShareLife, you provide safety to those in need

Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary here in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. Like Hetvi, who came to Canada seeking refuge but found her hope shattered by her husband's control and abuse. Isolated and desperate, her cries for help initially went unheard. Because you care, she found solace through Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS), a Catholic



Charities agency you support through ShareLife. Here, she received housing support and counselling in her native language, as well as financial and legal assistance, food banks, childcare, and healthcare. The Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto is another agency you support through ShareLife, facilitating critical care for refugees. Director Deacon Rudy Ovcjak says: "On behalf of the thousands of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and native lands, and who now find refuge in Canada—a land of freedom and peace—I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support allows our office to sponsor hundreds of refugees each year, the majority of whom are Christians fleeing persecution for their faith in Christ." 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).

## Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Apr 5 <sup>†</sup>	† \$ 10,721	\$ 4,712	↑ \$ 6,009
Apr 12		\$ 4,354	
Apr 19*		† \$ 11,337	
Apr 26		\$ 3,348	
Mth Totals	\$ 10,721	\$ 23,752	↓ \$ 13,031

\* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

† Includes Easter Donations

### Upcoming Special Collections

- **April 19** - Youth Summer Activities
- **April 26** - ShareLife
- **May 3** - 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:



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**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.



## 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 host a free series of sessions for those discerning their God-given gifts and how they connect to the role of single lay men and women and the universal call to holiness. All are welcome to explore and share faith experiences of living the single life as a Christian vocation. To register contact St. Peter's at 416-534-4219 or [contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca](mailto:contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca) by April 15.

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