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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

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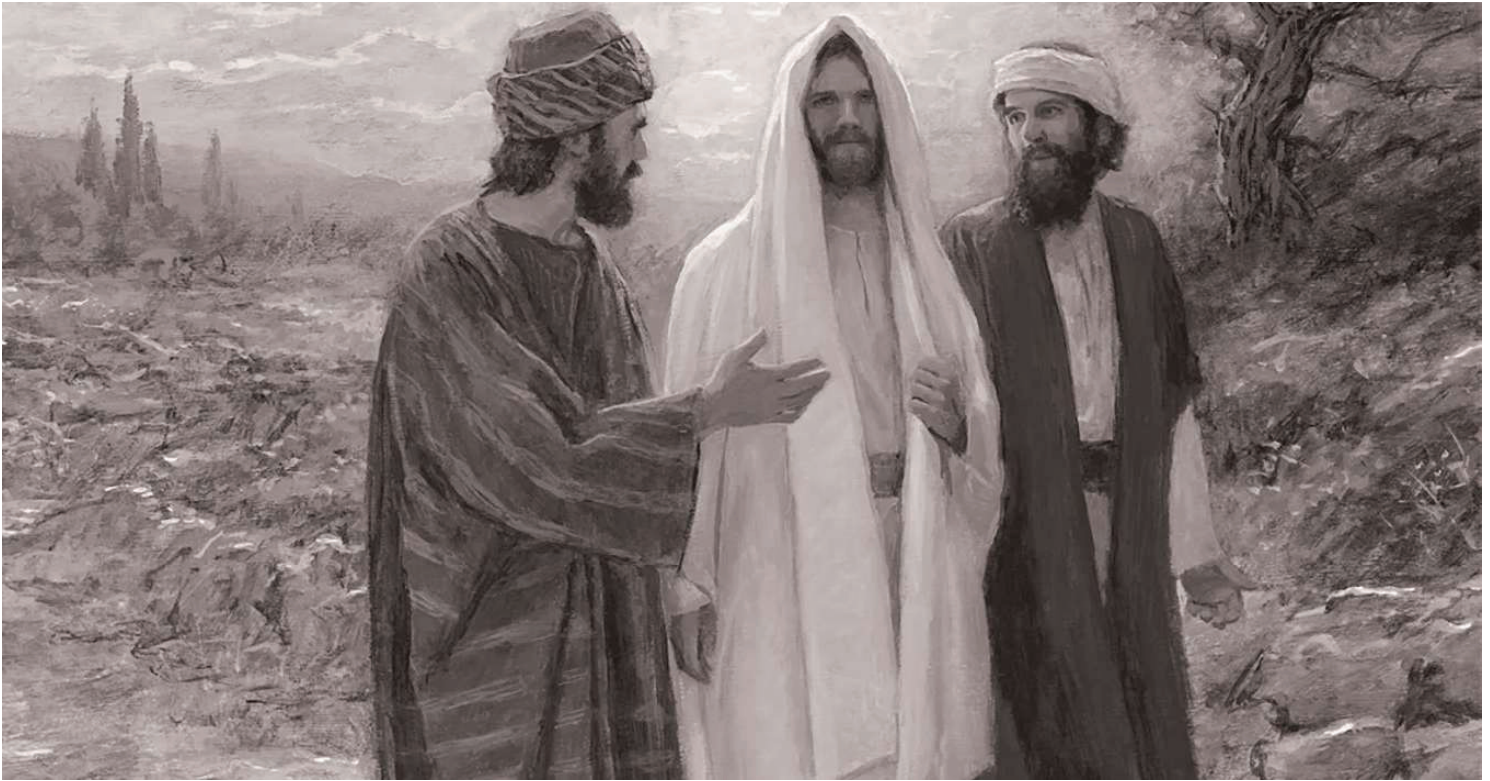
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Our Hearts Burn Within Us

We all carry a kind of “wish list,” both consciously and, I would say, even unconsciously. It may be a desire for something to be different within ourselves, or perhaps in the world around us. When we read the news, having a wish list for better things seems like a very good idea!

As we accumulate life experience, however, we begin to realize that some of the things on that list are not realistically achievable, and others may even be distorted. They fall away because they depend on parts of ourselves that we come to recognize as needing reform.

Am I perfectionistic? Do my frustrations revolve around the behaviour of others that I cannot change? Do I recognize within myself a mixture of contradictions that I realize only God’s help can gently untangle?

We are living in a society strongly focused on individual development: Can I be all that I can be? Yet something is missing. “Us” is missing. The moment I admit that I belong to people beyond myself, a kind of psychological ‘horse trading’—an inner negotiation—begins. Even listening attentively to another requires me to step outside myself. If I take my interpersonal relationships seriously—not only with individuals but with peer groups and communities—then I come to see that becoming all I can be is inseparable from who we are together.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were sincere followers of Jesus, yet their wish list had not been fulfilled. They had a mental picture about who Jesus was and what He would do—and it seemed to have fallen flat. Deeply disappointed, they turned

back toward what was familiar, retreating to a “safe place”—they were heading home!

And how does Jesus respond to their distorted ideas about Him? He comes to them as a stranger and quietly opens the Father’s divine Word to them—the prophets and the passages that spoke of Himself. Even when we think of Jesus, we never think of Him in isolation, but always together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, united with Mary, His Mother and St. Joseph.

In the Church, too, we encounter Him among those He has called and gathered—not only the apostles, but those around us today, on the road to Emmaus. Mary Magdalene is the first to see Jesus resurrected, and she recognizes Him when He calls her by name.

The Christian message is ultimately about real change and transformation in our lives. It is not a kind of individual self-fulfillment that leaves us perfected but isolated. Rather, it is a personal fulfillment that comes through allowing ourselves to be drawn into communion with Christ and with all those He has welcomed. Among us, sparks of this new life begin to shine. We catch glimpses of what a truly fulfilled life looks like.

May the remainder of this Easter season draw us closer together and allow us to manifest more simply and clearly the life of resurrection we have received.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, April 19

8:30 am ♦ † Claud Kavanagh

11:00 am ♦ † Wade Heggie

Tuesday, April 21

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, April 22

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, April 23

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, April 24

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Volunteer Appreciation Week - Ignite Volunteerism!

THANK YOU!



This week, we honor the unique light every volunteer brings to our community. By answering God's call with the heartfelt words by Isaiah, 'Here am I, send me,' you do more than meet a need; you ignite a spirit of service that spreads throughout our parish community. Together, your dedication creates a collective fire inspiring us all and shining a reflection of God's love in everything we do. We recognize that our volunteers are the core of our stewardship mission. Your willingness to say 'Send me' ignites our parish and sustains all our ministries. We thank each one of you, from the tireless work of our Office Assistants, Liturgical Teams, Members of our Finance

and Social Committees, the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Choir Members, Collection Counters, Ministry Leaders, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, and so many other volunteers that answer God's call.

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Apr 5 [†]	† \$ 10,721	\$ 4,712	↑\$ 6,009
Apr 12	\$ 5,070	\$ 4,354	↑\$ 715
Apr 19*		† \$ 11,337	
Apr 26		\$ 3,348	
Mth Totals	\$ 15,791	\$ 23,752	↓\$ 7,962

* 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:



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.



Through ShareLife, you helped Tara rebuild her life

Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life. You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to wait lists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach. **ShareLife Sunday special collections are taking place next weekend on April 26.** Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.



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.

3rd Sunday of Easter

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