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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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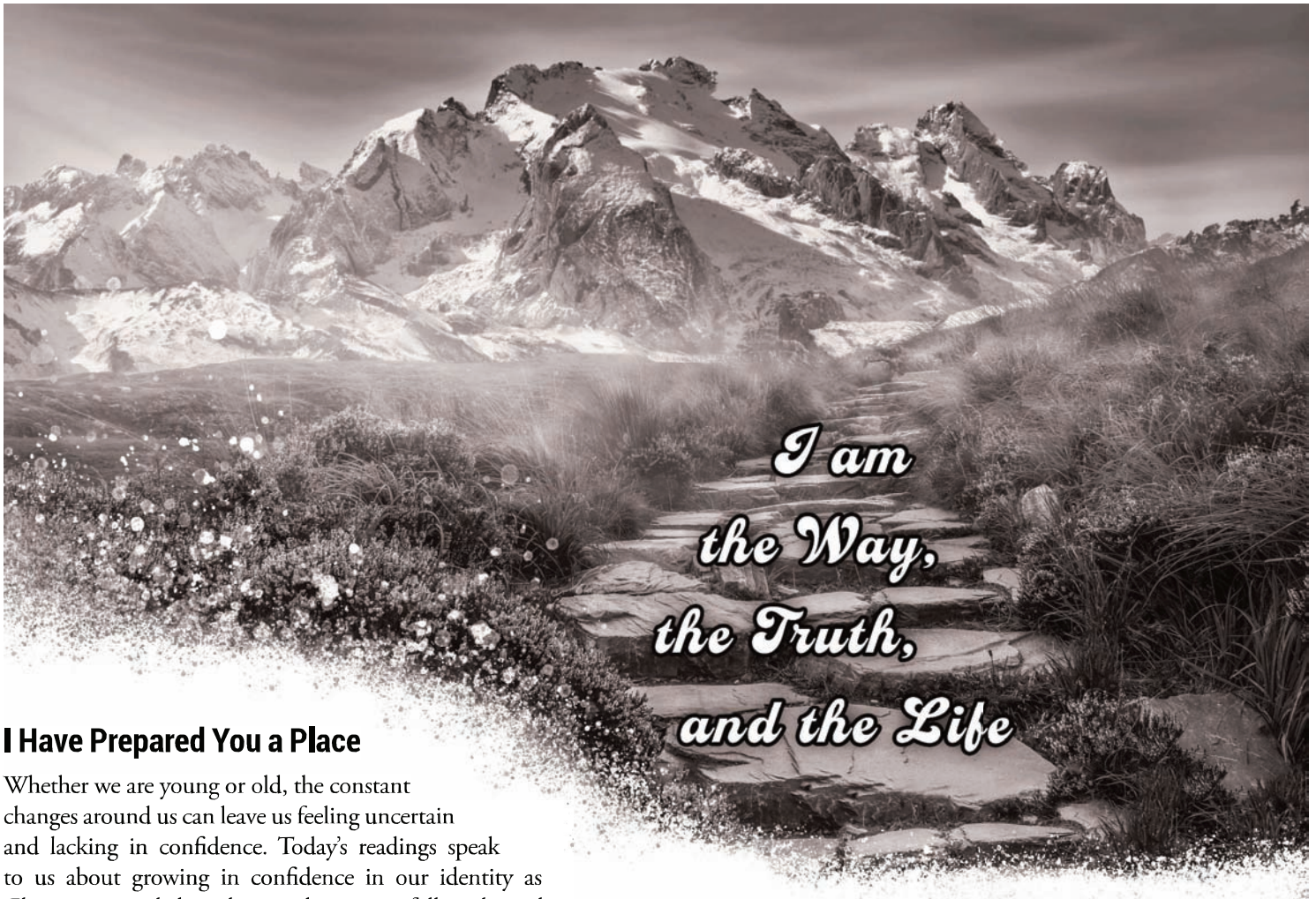
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



I Have Prepared You a Place

Whether we are young or old, the constant changes around us can leave us feeling uncertain and lacking in confidence. Today's readings speak to us about growing in confidence in our identity as Christians—and about having the trust to follow through.

An athlete must cultivate confidence in order to make even the smallest gains in performance. And once they become competitive, there remains the challenge of maintaining that confidence in the face of others' performance.

St. Peter writes to a small community of Christians surrounded by people who do not share their perspective. Despite their sincere desire to witness to the Gospel, not everyone is moved to receive it. We are reminded today that we cannot change other people.

In the Gospel, Jesus' companions are facing the reality that soon He will no longer be with them. What are they to do? Where are they to go? Jesus offers them words of deep comfort. First, He tells them that their relationship with Him—coming to know Him—places them on the path to the Kingdom: *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."* Second, He assures them that the Kingdom is already prepared as a home for them: *"There are many rooms."*

Together, these remind us that our life of faith is anything but mechanical. Yet we often try to measure it, to quantify it, to control it. What we are called to do instead is to learn how to live our faith peacefully and trustfully.

Speaking for myself, I have often wanted a kind of confidence that would eliminate all second thoughts. But that kind of confidence

*I am
the Way,
the Truth,
and the Life*

can easily turn inward—it becomes about "me"—and can diminish our relationships with others and with God.

True confidence in our identity as Christians stretches us. It calls us to place our faith in God and to cultivate trust with one another. Can I accept a life that is less predictable, yet centred on what truly matters? Faith allows us not only to accept the gaps and uncertainties of life, but even to embrace them—for the sake of our brothers and sisters.

Each night, as I pray Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, I recite the words: *"Into your hands I commend my spirit."* This is the deepest act of faith—entrusting ourselves to God, knowing that He is both our companion and our destination.

Whatever confidence, gifts, or talents we may have been blessed with, they ultimately yield to this truth: trust lies at the very heart of the Good News. *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be."*

Let us be at peace, knowing that our true home is in Christ.

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, May 3

8:30 am ♦ † Ceilidh Kay
11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, May 5

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, May 6

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

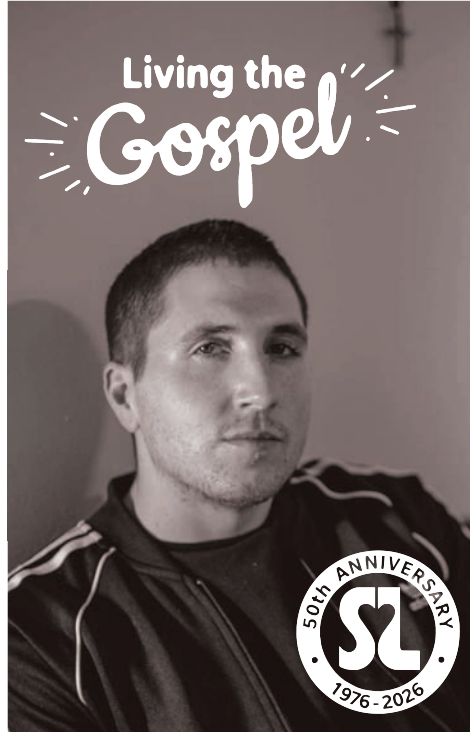
Thursday, May 7

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, May 8

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

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	2026	2025	Diff
Apr 5 [†]	‡ \$ 10,721	\$ 4,712	↑\$ 6,009
Apr 12	\$ 5,070	\$ 4,354	↑\$ 715
Apr 19*	\$ 6,878	‡ \$ 11,337	↓\$ 4,459
Apr 26	\$ 4,615	\$ 3,348	↑\$ 1,267
Mth Totals	\$ 27,284	\$ 23,752	↑\$ 3,532

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations
† Includes Easter Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **May 17**- Pope's Pastoral Works
- **May 31**- ShareLife

Thank you for supporting our parish!



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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.

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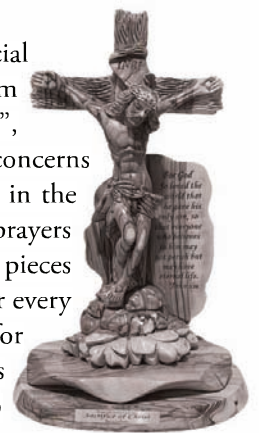


Handicraft Holy Land Christians



May 9 - 10, 2026; After each Mass

On May 9th and 10th, we welcome our special guest Vanessa from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. "May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers." To learn more visit HolylandChristians.ca.



Sing Unto God! St. Michael's Choir School Spring Concert

Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 4:30 pm; St. Paul's Basilica



As the school year draws to a close, the St. Michael's Choir School will come together on Sunday, May 31 at 4:30 p.m. for its annual spring concert, hosted by our parish. Featuring a repertoire from their recent Spring Tour, along with new selections reflecting this year's theme, the entire student body will fill the Basilica with their voices in celebration.

Admission is free, and a goodwill offering will be gratefully accepted. All are welcome.

5th Sunday of Easter

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