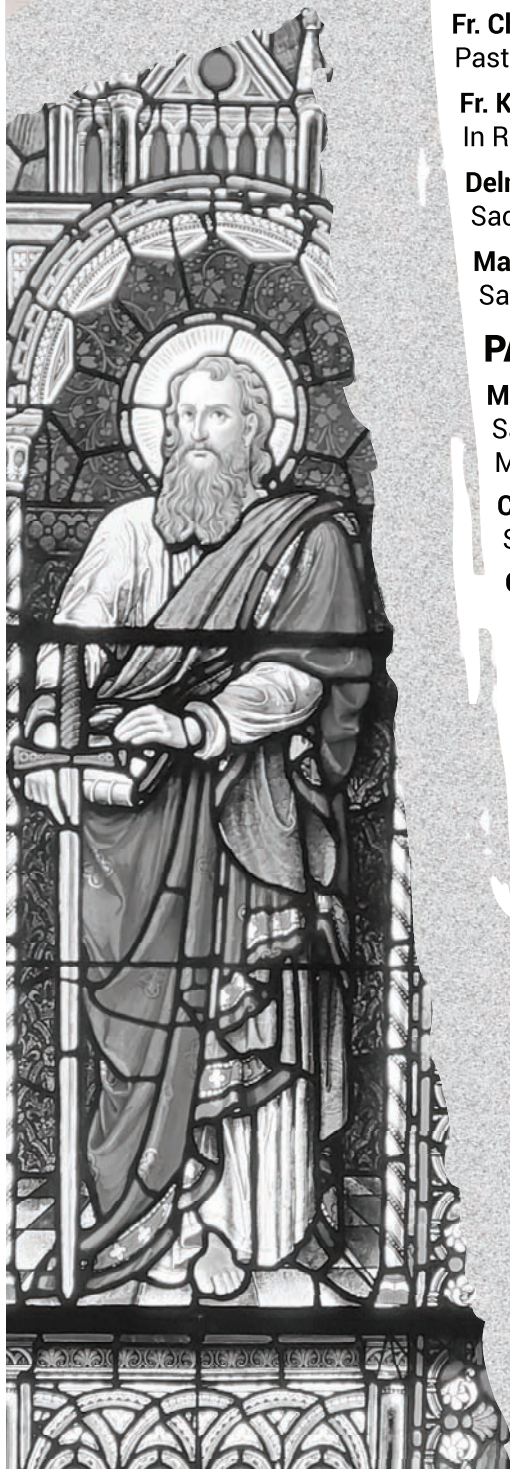




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PARISH SCHEDULE

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Monday: No Mass ♦ Tuesday: 7:00 pm ♦ Wednesday to Friday: 8:30 am

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.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School; ☎ (416) 393-5204

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

LOVE OF GOD – St. Columban

*Loving Saviour,
be pleased to show yourself to us who knock,
so that in knowing you we may love only you,
love you alone, desire you alone,
contemplate only you day and night, and always think of you.
Inspire in us the depth of love that is fitting
for you to receive as God.
So may your love pervade our whole being,
possess us completely, and fill all our senses,
that we may know no other love but love for you
who are everlasting.
May our love be so great that the many waters of sky,
land and sea cannot extinguish it in us:
many waters could not extinguish love.*

The Irish Catholic Abbot, St. Columban (543-615 AD), wrote the above-quoted text, which, when I read it recently, struck me for its beautiful, simple longing and plea, asking that he increase in his singular love for God. We might ask how loving God unreservedly and above all things – all things – can leave room in us for love of other human beings. If a man loves his wife, that love for her does not diminish his love for others but expands it. In the wisdom of these words, the request that the Lord Jesus “show” himself to us contains the truth that we are meant to have and behold real experiences of God. St. Columban is telling us that we can’t love someone if we don’t know them, so if Jesus shows Himself to us, we can love God with our highest capacity because we have, in a real sense, ‘seen Him’.

Love for God “alone”, as St. Columban teaches, is for the ‘we’ and not just me, because it leads us toward God and with one another. While the Saints have often spoken of the inward chapel, cloister, or interior room as a place of refuge for intimate prayer and communion with Christ, that inwardness necessarily moves us toward others, both while we are there and when we are not. I love the intimacy Columban speaks of in his constant thinking of the Lord, which is a conscious contact with Jesus. I love it because I know deep down that He is my desire, the One who has known me and sustains me. I am completely dependent on Him, even and especially when I think I self-exist.

When he speaks of our having no other love but Jesus, the words of the Act of Contrition come to mind: “Who art all good and deserving of all my love.” Blessed Fulton Sheen said, “Life is not about having, holding and possessing, but rather being had, being held and being possessed by the living God.” In this month of the Rosary, we reflect that Mary, the Mother of God, is the moon that reflects the sun. While she is not the Source, her reflection enables us to see the light of Christ in and through her. And we, to others, are the same. Our love for Jesus reflects Him to others.

If you really want to find someone to love, love someone who is in love with God, for you will love God too and discover that eternal source of light. Jesus. (Fr. Charles)

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Fr. Charles' Installation & Welcome Reception

November 1st, 2026 at the 11:00 am Mass

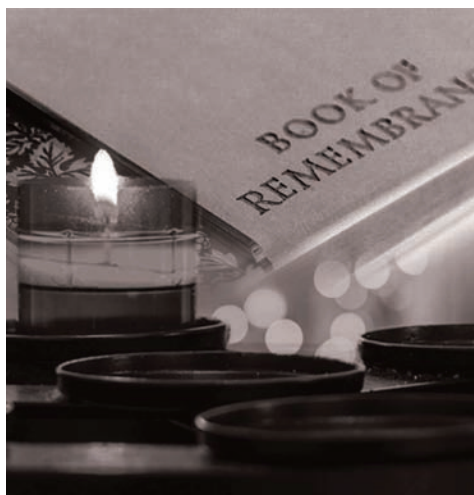
Join us on Sunday, November 1, 2026, as we welcome Bishop Kasun for the official installation of Fr. Charles Forget as the new Pastor of St. Paul's Basilica!

Following the 11:00 a.m. Installation Mass, all parishioners are warmly invited to the parish hall for light refreshments and a welcome reception.

This special occasion is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to welcome our regional Bishop, congratulate Fr. Charles on his new ministry, and celebrate together in the Lord through fellowship and community.

We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion with you!

October 18, 2026



All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1 - 8:30 am & 11 am Mass

On Sunday, November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Masses will be celebrated at the regular Sunday times of 8:30 am and 11 am.

All Souls Day & Praying for Our Beloved Departed

Monday, November 2 - 7 pm Mass

November is traditionally a special time for remembering and praying for our beloved departed, giving thanks for their lives and entrusting them to God's loving care. The parish will have a **Book of Remembrance** in which parishioners may write the names of deceased family members and friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers. All names entered in the book will be remembered at every Mass throughout the month of November.

On Monday, November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day), the parish will celebrate a special Mass at 7 pm to pray for all our beloved departed.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17

4:30 pm ♦ † Joan Jones

Sunday, October 18

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 pm ♦ Mary-Ann Valant
on her 70th Birthday

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, October 22

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Friday, October 23

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Oct 4	\$ 5,300	\$ 3,417	↑\$ 1,883
Oct 11	\$ 4,868	\$ 4,198	↑\$ 670
Oct 18*		\$ 6,361	
Oct 25		\$ 3,489	
Mth Totals	\$ 10,167	\$ 17,465	↓\$ 7,297

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **October 18** - World Mission Sunday
 - **November 1** - Preservation Fund
 - **November 15** - Shepherds' Trust 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.



Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair

November 7 & 8, 2026, before and after each Mass



The Daughters of St. Paul will be visiting our parish on the weekends of November 7 & 8, before and after all the Masses.

Meet the sisters as they share their mission of communicating Christ with their lives and with all forms of media. The Daughters of St. Paul will have a display of Catholic books and faith formation resources available to all parishioners. Their visit to our parish is a wonderful opportunity to help you and your family grow deeper in our Catholic Faith.

The Daughters of St. Paul are based in Toronto, where they operate their Pauline Books & Media centre. To learn more about the sisters and their mission of evangelization visit the webstore at paulinestore.ca or call us at 416-781-9131 to place any special order request. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Good Shepherd Food Drive! Your generosity helped make this initiative a great success and is deeply appreciated. You can continue to donate financially by visiting goodshepherd.ca/donate.

Upcoming Special Collections

World Mission Sunday

The World Mission Sunday collection takes place this weekend. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally.



Parish Preservation Fund

Our monthly Preservation Fund collections will be held on **October 31 & November 1**. This collection helps cover the ongoing maintenance needed to preserve and care for our beautiful Basilica, ensuring it remains open and welcoming to all.



Shepherds' Trust

The annual Shepherds' Trust collection will be held **November 14 & 15**. This collection supports the needs of elderly and disabled priests so they can lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.

We thank you in advance for your support, generosity and continued commitment.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services Pre-Planning Seminar

October 24, 2026, at 9 am; Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home, Thornhill

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

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