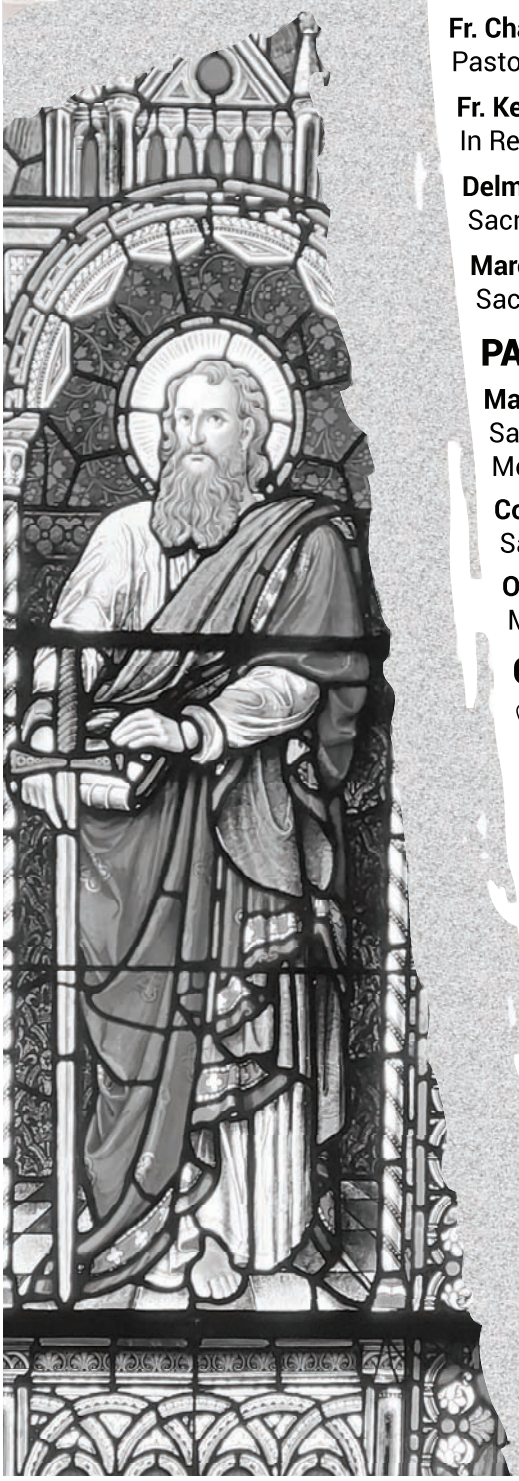




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Mass Times
Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Monday: No Mass ♦ Tuesday: 7:00 pm ♦ Wednesday to Friday: 8:30 am

Confessions
Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or by appointment

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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

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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

Jesus Christ Is King!

This Sunday marks the end of the liturgical calendar year and Advent next weekend will once again begin it anew. It is most fitting that we remember Christ Jesus is the beginning and the end of all things, the Alpha and the Omega, and that at the end of the Church year we celebrate who Christ truly is to us, and also who we are to Him. It must have sounded odd to Pilate's ears to hear Jesus speak about a kingdom, alright, but one not of this world. Pilate might have considered Jesus to be mentally unstable since he referred to a kingdom that couldn't be seen.

Looking back, we benefit from 2000 years of the Church's understanding of the revelation of Jesus and knowing what he meant by a Kingdom that is to come. Yet, the Church reminds us that the Kingdom of God isn't just something you point to with an uplifted finger as if heaven were above us; it's also here on earth and within us – we walk in the Kingdom en route to the Kingdom in its fullness. And Kingdom means nothing if not connected directly with the desire, our hope and longing to be with Christ, the King of all. To make Christ King is to personally enthrone him as the King of our lives, minds, bodies, hearts, and souls, through each member of his body, the Church.

I think of the words of the 1866 Benjamin R. Hanby hymn, Who Is He in Yonder Stall? I first heard it sung by our own St. Michael's Choir School of Toronto at one of their Christmas concerts years ago. The words speak of Christmas but most specifically asks the question that was posed often by Jesus' own apostles and disciples – who is He? Who is He who's coming split all history in two, before He came and after He came?

✞ Who is He in yonder stall,
At whose feet the shepherds fall?
'Tis the Lord! oh wondrous story!
'Tis the Lord! the King of glory!
At His feet we humbly fall,
Crown Him! crown Him, Lord of all!

✞ Who is He in deep distress,
Fasting in the wilderness?

✞ Who is He the people bless
For His words of gentleness?

✞ Who is He to whom they bring
All the sick and sorrowing?

✞ Who is He that stands and weeps
At the grave where Lazarus sleeps?

✞ Who is He the gathering throng
Greet with loud triumphant song?

✞ Lo! at midnight, who is He
Prays in dark Gethsemane?

✞ Who is He on yonder tree
Dies in grief and agony?

✞ Who is He who from the grave
Comes to succor, help, and save?

✞ Who is He who from His throne
Rules through all the worlds alone?

It is the Lord. It is the King of all. It is Jesus who is the beginning and the end, the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega. It is Jesus!

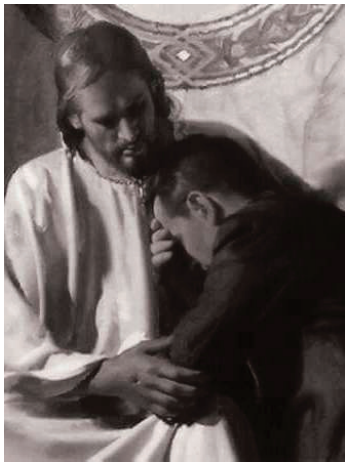
Next Sunday we will enter into a new Church year – Year B in the three-year cycle of yearly readings. This past year was Liturgical Year A, which focused on the Gospel of Matthew. Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent in Year B will be centered on the Gospel of St. Mark, and the following year beginning in Advent of 2027, will feature on St. Luke.

Saint Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) though it is believed by most biblical scholars to be the first of the Gospels written. The synoptic Gospels can be placed side-by-side in their similarities and their following and telling of the story about the three-year public ministry of Jesus. From Mark's Gospel, it is held that the remaining Gospel writers wrote their Gospels, expanding on what Mark had written.

Advent Waiting

While the shades of purple for the season of Advent's four Sundays before Christmas differs little from the same colour used for Lent, both are very different seasons of preparation with the same goal – to be prepared and ready for Jesus. The end of the Church year has already had us contemplating the reality that we will all one day die and not on a day of our choosing because our lives are not our own. And while Lent is more serious in the call for repentance and conversion of heart, Advent, a season of joy should still find us not simply waiting for the 24th of December to arrive but waiting in preparation for those things Christ's coming made manifest.

Aids to Confession



One of the ways of preparation, no matter the liturgical season of the Church, is to prepare for and make a good confession. This Advent I will be preparing and making available to all St. Paul's parishioners and visitors copies of An Examination of Conscience based on the Ten Commandments and in the form of questions for our personal moral inventory. There will be three different Examinations of Conscience for Adults, Young Adults and Children.

The examinations assist us in avoiding the generalization of our sins by identifying and giving name to the specific sins we have committed. The Church instructs the faithful to confess our sins in number and kind, which is to say, name the sin without details and to the best of one's ability how many times you have fallen in a particular sin since your last confession. At a busy and often hectic time of year, the Church reminds us to slow down and wait for Jesus' coming, particularly by confessing our sin. *(Fr. Charles)*

❖ News

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 21
4:30 pm ♦ † Anthony Pham

Sunday, November 22
8:30 am ♦ For the People
11:00 am ♦ † Pinto Family Souls In Purgatory

Tuesday, November 24
7:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, November 25
8:30 am ♦ † John McGrath

Thursday, November 26
8:30 am ♦ † Franco Prevedello

Friday, November 27
8:30 am ♦ † Braydon Bateman-Parkin

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Nov 1	$ 5,364	$ 5,773	↓$ 409
Nov 8	$ 3,163	$ 2,872	↑$ 291
Nov 15*	$ 6,588	$ 6,424	↑$ 164
Nov 22		$ 2,768	
Nov 29		$ 3,855	
Mth Totals	$ 15,114	$ 21,692	↓$ 6,578

** Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations*

Upcoming Special Collections
- ***December 6*** - Preservation Fund
- ***December 13*** - For the Poor

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With fewer people using cheques or cash, we are pleased to offer several convenient ways to donate:

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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.

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An Advent Sojourn - Watch Now! Only on formed



Enter Advent with intention as we watch and discuss **How to Advent** and **Adventus**. Prepare your heart in the weeks before the season begins, then move through Advent with Scripture, reflection prompts, and journaling in a spiritual pilgrimage toward Bethlehem. Scan the QR code or visit *app.formed.org/app/collections/1510814*

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Upcoming Special Collections

Parish Preservation Fund
Our next monthly Preservation Fund collection will be held on ***December 5 & 6.*** This collection helps cover the ongoing maintenance needed to preserve and care for our beautiful Basilica, ensuring it remains open and welcoming to all.

For the Poor
On ***December 12 & 13***, we will take up our annual For the Poor collection. This collection supports charitable works and initiatives that provide assistance to individuals and families living in poverty or experiencing hardship.

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

TCDSB Staff Arts 52nd Annual Christmas Concert

Friday, December 4th, 2026, 8 pm at St. Paul's Basilica

St. Paul's is excited to welcome back the TCDSB Staff Arts group for their 53rd Annual Christmas Concert, featuring conductor Anne Bolger, producer Anita D'Mello, a brass quintet and pianist Cristina Parvu. Concert tickets are $20. For more information or to order tickets, visit *'tcdsb.org/o/tsa/'* or scan the QR code.

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St. Michael's Choir School Presents Joyeux Noel!

A Canadian Christmas at Massey Hall! December 12th, 2026, 7 pm at Massey Hall

Experience the wonder of the season through a stirring celebration of the Nativity, showcasing a rich tapestry of sacred choral masterworks, beloved carols, and newly imagined Christmas favourites, all crafted by Canadian musical voices and the distinguished tradition of St. Michael's Choir School. Tickets are now available at *'masseyhall.com'*. Please use Promo Code: MAPLE. For more info call 416-872-4255.

Collection Counting Ministry Needs Volunteers!

Help support our parish by joining the Collection Counting Ministry! Volunteers serve 1–3 Sundays per month following the 11 am. Mass, with each session lasting approximately 1–2 hours. Training will be provided to successful applicants. Background screening is required. Interested? Please contact the parish office for more information.

Offertory Envelope Boxes

We are beginning preparations for the 2027 offertory envelope boxes. Many parishioners regularly use the pink or blue guest envelopes in the pews. If this applies to you, consider registering for numbered offertory envelopes. This makes it easier to record your donations and issue year-end tax receipts, while saving you from writing your name and address each week. Contact the office to register.

Praying for Our Beloved Departed

The **Book of Remembrance** will remain beside the Sanctuary throughout November. Parishioners are invited to enter the names of deceased family members and friends for whom they wish the parish to pray. All names entered will be remembered at every Mass during the month.

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