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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

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Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
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SACRAMENTS

Please contact us 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, For all other marriage inquiries please contact the parish office
- ♦ First Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in the fall
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion of the sick and shut-ins;
Please contact the parish office

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Holy Week and Our New Shepherd

Holy Week is a beautiful journey through the pivotal events in Jesus' life. Today we accompany Him into Jerusalem and then see how quickly everything changes. This is why our redemption is a kind of shock. We are not ready for it. Silence descends and then the impossible becomes true. And we are created anew to be with Him forever.

This Holy Week will also be the first for our new archbishop, Francis Leo. This Tuesday, April 4th, the priests and deacons will hear him share with us the ways in which we are called to collaborate with him as he celebrates the Mass of Christ. That's what we rely on in the Church – working together. As priests, the bishop is only free to minister to all of the people he is responsible for if we actively say, "Yes", when he calls us to a particular service. He has lots on his plate. It is easy to rhyme off the number of parishes in our Archdiocese and think that it is a big enough responsibility. The 226 parishes are just the start. We have something like 250 lay movements in the Archdiocese representing different linguistic, cultural, national and spiritual origins. We have religious communities of women and men. We have Catholic social agencies and retreat centres and our big Catholic institutions as well in healthcare and education.

While it has been said before, I sense we are at a crossroads now which is calling us to re-engage and introduce new vigor. Statistics can make us glib. Fewer people are going to church etc. I don't remember St. Paul ever adverting to proclaiming the Gospel against the odds. He simply got filled up with Christ and went and did it. If we want our celebration of Easter to be fruitful perhaps it is time in the Easter Season to think about becoming more actively engaged in the beautiful mission of our faith. It would be wonderful to see our ministries at the parish grow. And for our vocations in the world it would be great to become more anchored in our closeness to Christ so that others could come to know Him through us.

As time goes on, I will be reflecting back to you more of the experience of working with our new archbishop and sharing his vision and the practical ways we can all be involved.

And lastly, I would just like to remind you to feel welcome next week to join our retired archbishop, Cardinal Collins at the 11am Easter Mass. Have a blessed Holy Week.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Parish Collection Summary

March	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,757	\$ 1,542	↑ \$ 1,216
Mth Total	\$11,194	\$ 9,978	↑ \$ 1,216

Needs of the Holy Land Special Collection on Good Friday

Our special collection on Good Friday, April 7th is for the "Needs of the Holy Land", a Pontifical request in support of the Pastoral works, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites.

Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

Coffee Socials Returns!



After a long hiatus, we are pleased to announce the much anticipated return of our Coffee Socials.

The parish's Social Committee will host our first Coffee Social on Saturday, April 22nd, following the 4:30 pm Mass and Sunday, April 23rd, following the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses in our parish hall. All are

welcome and encouraged to stop by for coffee, tea or a sweet treat, and stay for friendly conversations with fellow parishioners!



Holy Thursday / April 6

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Adoration until 9:30 pm

Good Friday / April 7

The Lord's Passion

1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Holy Saturday / April 8

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

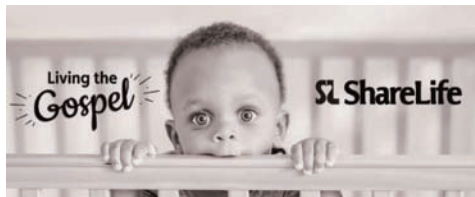
(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday / April 9

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Palm Sunday

Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings



Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm ♦ Feliziano De Belen

Sunday, April 2

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Daniel Barbosa

Tuesday, April 4

5:00 pm ♦ † Gerard Cornelis

Wednesday, April 5

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm ♦ † Suzanne McAllister

Friday, April 7

1:00 pm ♦

3:00 pm ♦

Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis Leo

Tuesday, April 11th at 7 pm;

Blessed Trinity Parish, 3220 Bayview Ave



Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place on April 11th at 7 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

Donate Online



Don't carry cash or even own cheques? Want to collect miles or points on your credit card? A single or monthly donation through your credit card is a great option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for a single donation and at the end of the year for a recurring gift. Select the Donate button at stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org or scan the QR code. Please ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



Please join us on April 7th, at 7:30 pm, as our parish hosts artistic director, Mark Wood-Salomon, organist, David Simon and the Together in Worship Canada (*TiWC.ca*) Choir, as they enable our reflection on Christ's death through word and music, with works by Fauré, Allegri, Victoria, Lotti, and Lobo, performed by some of Toronto's finest musicians.

Save by purchasing tickets in advance at bit.ly/3KJUCip or from parish staff after Mass or during office hours. Tickets will also be available at the door for full price: Adults: \$25; Child/Senior: \$20.



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