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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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
(closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 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

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Fall 2022 The Beginning of the Road of What is to Come

As we are preparing to return to school with the hope that a more normal social situation has begun, it might be a good time to heed the words of our first reading. I probably shared with you already one of my dad's old expressions, "Cross each bridge as you get to it." One foot goes in front of the other and eventually we arrive.

My child, perform your tasks with humility; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts.

This advice runs counter to so much messaging we get . . . to excel . . . to be a hero . . . to succeed. Wisdom suggests that we meet the day and attend to it in a straightforward way.

The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. Many are lofty and renowned, but to the humble he reveals his secrets. For great is the might of the Lord; but by the humble he is glorified.

God is glorified by the humble and not by the grand gestures of the great. When a task looks really big, we have the temptation to make the effort somehow gargantuan because we are afraid of not getting to the end. In reality, to do our best work we need to pray, eat, rest, socialize and recreate. Maybe the pandemic has demonstrated that clearly for some of us. Then, as we meet the day, we will be surprised at the distance we have travelled when someone comes along and points it out to us.

When calamity befalls someone proud, there is no healing, for an evil plant has taken root in them. The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise.

I would wager we all climb the tower of frustration sometimes. The only way down is some letting go, some way of being humble, of accepting that we cannot answer well enough on our own. Many times, the only way we get there is through

the encouragement of someone else. We have to have an ear that is listening to heed the wisdom of climbing down.

There is one more verse, not included in the reading, that is worth adding:

Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

It is not more fire that relieves us but water, that abundant and humble element that sustains us in life. And alms are not just money or material gifts but most especially what we give of our souls out of love and thankfulness to God.

May we all enter the fall season with hearts and minds at peace, ready to do each day what is needed and to be grateful for it. Blessings especially on parents and students and educators.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our
200TH ANNIVERSARY

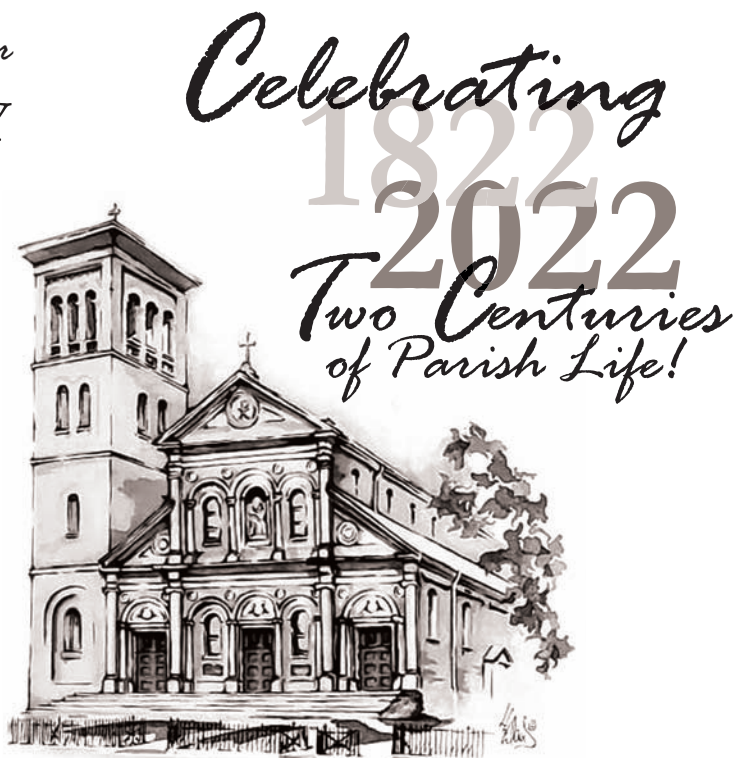
**SEPTEMBER
18TH, 2022**

11:00 AM IN THE MAIN CHURCH

*Celebratory Mass Presided by:
His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins*

12:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

*Light Refreshments, Traditional Irish Music,
Ministry Fair and more*



❖ NEWS

Season of Creation 2022



The annual event of Season of Creation begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

Each year an ecumenical steering committee selects a theme, and this year inspiration is taken from Psalm 19:1-4 that proclaims, "Listen to the Voice of Creation." A short video to introduce this season may be watched via QR code or this link, <https://youtu.be/WyjUTvGmliI>



Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



Vacation/Holiday Office Hours



Due to staff vacations and the Labour Day holiday, the parish office will be closed from Friday, September 2nd to Tuesday, September 6th. The office will reopen on Wednesday, September 7th.

*Have a Happy and Safe
Labour Day Holiday Weekend!*

Remember the Parish while away on vacation

Have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. While you are away, the parish will continue to celebrate daily and Sunday Masses. Sadly, the bills do not take a holiday and still need to be paid for your Parish Church. Please continue to support your Parish Church throughout the summer. Happy Holidays!!!



Change in Mailing Address, Name, Contact Info?



If there has been a change to your mailing address, contact info or preferred name (i.e. marriage), kindly contact the parish office at stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org or 416-364-7588 to update your records.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 27
4:30 pm ♦ †Paul Lynch

Sunday, August 28
8:30 am ♦ For the People
11:00 am ♦

Tuesday, August 30
5:00 pm ♦

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5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, August 31
5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, September 1
5:00 pm ♦

Friday, September 2
5:00 pm ♦



Mass Intention Scheduling

Mass Intentions are accepted for all parish Masses, contingent on availability.

The offering for a scheduled / announced date is \$20 per Mass and \$10 per Mass for an unscheduled / unannounced intention.

To schedule a Mass intention, please call the office at 416-364-7588 or send an email to stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org.

200th Anniversary Celebration Volunteer Sign-up

Forms are available at the back of the church for those who would like to help during our 200th Anniversary Celebration on September 18th. You will be contacted with more information on the specific tasks and scheduling closer to September 18th.

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