



# ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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## MASS TIMES

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

Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

Mass is celebrated at the Good Shepherd Centre - 412 Queen St. East,  
Monday to Friday: 12:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 10:00 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
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;  
Registration takes place in September
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;  
Please call during office hours

## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Alyson Sobol, Principal ♦ Tel: (416) 393-5204

## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### Feedback from Our Participants in the Alpha Program

After 11:00 o'clock Mass last week I met with our participants from the Alpha program, which ran this past fall in the same time slot. I'm happy to share with you some of the things coming out of the discussions.

**Community:** People are looking forward to more opportunities to interact with one another.

**Spiritual Activities:** Periodic Eucharistic Adoration, participation of different groups in leading the Stations of the Cross during Lent, retreat opportunities, an explicit follow-up to Alpha that fills in more of the texture of Catholic faith and life, study and prayer with Scripture. Other initiatives to support being formed more fully in our varied vocations.

**Ministry:** There are ministries which will emerge soon, e.g., Children's Choir. Engaging with current ministries and beginning new areas of ministry. The parish has enough weddings to support hosting our own marriage preparation course. Baptism celebration support team. Children's Liturgy of the Word



perhaps either by the fall or a year from now. Initiatives to support parenting and family life. Exploring possibility of a day camp in the summer for school-age children.

In speaking about the experience of sharing the Alpha program together some of the fruits were shared. People appreciated recognizing the common thread shared with each other in the life of faith. There was a genuine sense of communion in the faith and a gratitude for the power of God's grace. They appreciated also being able to hear a little of one another's stories and found important ways of listening to each other including sometimes differing points of view. People felt comfortable looking at

the big questions of life together.

For my part, I can say that it was great to hear all of this input and to see it coming from a shared experience of living our faith together. It is from these kinds of conversations that a vital and engaged parish life will emerge. Please pray that we can all be discerning about how we work together to build up Christ's Kingdom here at St. Paul's. I will also be keeping my eye out for the parts of our community where needs and resources may not be so easily vocalized so that we can all journey together in a life-giving way.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo –

*"Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"*



Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: '[archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org)' or scanning the QR code.



### Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir (EPCC) Concert

*February 3, 2024 at 7:30 pm*

St. Paul's is honoured to host the world-renowned EPCC on February 3rd at 7:30 pm. The EPCC is in the top rank of the world's greatest vocal ensembles, famous as the foremost interpreters of music by their beloved countryman Arvo Pärt. Their program includes several Pärt favourites, as well as works by great spiritualist of centuries past, Palestrina and a world-premiere by Canadian composer Omar Daniel.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit '[soundstreams.ca](http://soundstreams.ca)' or scan the QR code.



# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 20**

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

**Sunday, January 21**

8:30 am ♦ † Raymond & Helen Cuneo

11:00 am ♦ † Euclides Pereira

**Tuesday, January 23**

5:00 pm ♦

**Wednesday, January 24**

5:00 pm ♦

**Thursday, January 25**

5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, January 26**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## Celebrating St. Paul's Conversion

We will have celebratory Mass for the Feast of the Conversion our patron, St. Paul, on Thursday, January 25th at 7 pm. All are welcome!

## Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Jan 1	\$ 2,371	\$ 1,610	↑ \$ 761
Jan 7	\$ 3,541	\$ 2,746	↑ \$ 795
Jan 14	\$ 3,715	\$ 6,542	↓ \$ 2,827
Jan 21		\$ 2,037	
Jan 28		\$ 2,174	
Mth Target	\$ 9,627	\$ 15,108	↓ \$ 5,482

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

## Donate Online



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## Introducing EDGE - A Middle School Youth Ministry

*First & Third Fridays of the Month from 6 pm - 8 pm in the Parish Hall*



EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry experience created to provide a fun and safe place for youth to find Catholic community, discover answers to their questions about faith, and encounter Jesus in a personal way.

St. Paul's EDGE ministry will run on the first and third Friday evenings of each month, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

All youth in grades 5 - 8 are invited to join EDGE beginning Friday, February 2nd in the parish hall.

For more information speak to Micah, our Youth Minister, at the main church entrance or email him at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org).

## Kindergarten Registration!



Registrations are now being accepted for children, born in 2020, to begin Junior Kindergarten at St. Paul's School this September. For more information or to apply, visit '[tcdsb.org/kindergarten](http://tcdsb.org/kindergarten)' or scan the QR code.



## New Session of Merrymakers - A dynamic afternoon children's program

*Wednesdays from 1-3 pm at Mary, Mother of God School, 1515A Queen St. W, Toronto*



Mary, Mother of God School is currently registering children, aged 3 to 5 years old for a new session of Merrymakers - a dynamic afternoon program for children. Merrymakers, taking place on Wednesday afternoons from 1 - 3 pm, is an enriched program. Children experience the joys of songs, stories, poems, nursery rhymes, instruments, games, classical music, mime, drama, and lots of play. For more information, call the school office at 416-531-7897. Come and make merry with us!

## The Source Holy Hour

*January 25, 2024 at 7 pm - St. Peter's Church, Toronto*



The Source Holy Hour, hosted by The Sisters of Life, invites us to unite around the source and summit of our faith - Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, with one hour of Eucharistic Adoration including music by the Sisters and the opportunity for Confession. Take a break from the noise of your daily life and spend time in quiet reflection with Jesus. Then come downstairs to hang out with the Sisters and meet some other awesome people from Toronto. To learn more visit '[sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour](http://sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour)'.

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