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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

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Meeting a Turbulent World

With a world that is so connected we have become much more aware of problems and conflicts, even those physically far away, though many are close. We can easily become overwhelmed. We might well ask ourselves what is to be done ... and find very little of the answers.

If we are at all sensitive and have had the good fortune not to be subject to serious adversity, we know that real suffering is only a generation or two away in most of our families. Naturally, we want to avoid it. And, if we ourselves have suffered we want to avoid it even more so.

The last few weeks the readings have been suggesting to us a much different starting point. St. Paul has been reminding his people that they have been made new in Christ. It is this new creation that must capture them and change them.

It is even possible that our Christian life will help us to see hope where others find discouragement. If we live at the level of our flesh, only in this visible realm of ours, we will observe that we decay, we wear out, we are far less than perfect. We often insist on our own way or the rightness of our own opinions. Certainly, if this is all there is to be said, a world of conflict should not surprise us. Nor are we Pollyannas who see the world naïvely.

Choosing to be blind to the problems that beset us and our world, would court disaster. Similarly, thinking that "everything will work out" somehow automatically without our involvement, we become part of the indifference that will deprive us, and

others, of the good gifts we are meant to use for the glory of God and the love of neighbour.

So, St. Paul reminds his hearers that they have been changed. They have begun the new life which the Father's only Son gives. In the Church, we have a variety of aids available to help us to put that into practice. We have the rich life of religious communities, the many writings of the saints, the shared devotional practices of the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration, the broad and deep intellectual traditions that will help apply new ways of living and the myriad of quiet virtues practiced among us already. Are these fruitful things not more important than the troubles around us? Christ is the doctor who truly heals us.

When confronted with conflict in the face of His proclamation, Jesus did not refer to arguments in his favour or stoke the fires. He gave Himself for us. It was a very hard thing; He would have preferred the cup to pass rather than to accept it. In a world of comfort, we also need to accept the goodness of pouring out our lives, with the knowledge that it will not always be easy, but, that the resurrected life and the renewal of creation have begun already. In the midst of a turbulent world, we need to remember who we are and where life is to be found.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27

4:30 pm ♦ † Veronica Ball

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am ♦ † Frances Miller Cable

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, January 30

5:00 pm ♦ Teresa Purcell-Hearn

Wednesday, January 31

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, February 1

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, February 2

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

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.

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 14, 2024 at 5 pm & 7 pm

Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church which begins on Ash Wednesday. On Wednesday, February 14th, the parish will celebrate two Masses, at 5 pm and 7 pm, for the distribution of Ashes. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass.

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	\$ 6,653	\$ 2,037	↑ \$ 4,616
Jan 28		\$ 2,174	
Mth Target	\$ 16,280	\$ 15,108	↑ \$ 1,171

Thank you for supporting our parish!

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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'](http://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.



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 or scan the QR code.



Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir (EPCC) Concert

February 3, 2024 at 7:30 pm



Picture: Kaupo Kikkas

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.



Celebration of Marriage Sunday Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 3 pm; St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto



As part of the Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a Mass honouring married couples and allowing the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ wedding anniversary will be given special recognition and may register for reserved seating. All other seating is 1st come, 1st served. For more information about Marriage Sunday, reserved seating registration, and the Mass livestream link, visit ['archtoronto.org/marriage'](http://archtoronto.org/marriage).

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