



# 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

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## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### Working Together

Today you will be hearing from Josip, our seminarian, about the way in which his formation and education benefit from your prayers and through your support of ShareLife. A few weeks ago, just ahead of Lent, some of our parishioners came together and provided the pancake breakfast. Over my time here I've seen how our staff has supported things, like our 200th anniversary and the various parish programs. Lynett, Ives and Jason have been responsible for so much running well and efficiently.

During Lent we are being asked to pray about, and clearly consider, our path toward holiness. It might surprise us that while holiness is a shared goal it is manifested with great variety. What will help you to become more holy will certainly overlap with things like the Eucharist, common to us all, but there will be other aspects of holiness which develop differently in each of us. When we cultivate the holiness that properly fits us it becomes a gift for others.

At Easter, not only will we know that the Good News is real, but we will have a demonstration of what it is to be joined together in the Church by Christ.

While we live in a world often dedicated to self-fulfillment, holiness will actually help us to be much more ourselves. And, all that happens because we work together.

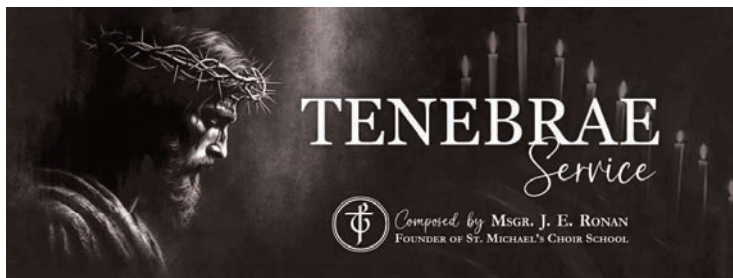
Continue to have a blessed Lent. Consider what will help you, what will benefit others, and if you are so graced, what it is that the inner voice of Christ may be asking of you.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*



## ❖ NOTEWORTHY



With a dimly-lit church, a rarely-seen candle holder, and somber tones, "Tenebrae" (Latin meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') is a unique and special service, adapted from 9th century medieval Roman Catholic practices, marking the days of Holy Week with readings, music and candles extinguished one by one.

On **Friday, March 22, at 7:30 pm**, we invite you to experience the Tenebrae service, sung by the St. Michael's Choir School Alumni Choir and set to music composed by the school's founder, Msgr. John Edward Ronan. This is a solemn liturgical service, open and free to all. However, a free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.



Please join us on **Good Friday, March 29th, at 7:30 pm**, as our parish hosts the Together in Worship Canada Choir, with conductor, Matthew Larkin and organist, Manuel Piazza, as they enable our reflection on Christ's death through Duruflé's Requiem Op. 9 and other featured works by Anerio, Lappano, Stainer and more, performed by some of Toronto's finest musicians.

Reserve tickets in advance at the parish office and save. Adult tickets are \$20, \$15 for Students/Seniors and \$70 for Groups of Four(4). Hurry, prices increase by \$5 per ticket at the door.

**March 2-3, 2024**

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

*Saturday, March 2*

4:30 pm ♦ † Mario Colacci

*Sunday, March 3*

8:30 am ♦ For the People  
11:00 am ♦ † James Stephen  
Thomas Kierans

*Tuesday, March 5*

5:00 pm ♦ † Gerard Kelly

*Wednesday, March 6*

5:00 pm ♦ † Mary Kramp

*Thursday, March 7*

5:00 pm ♦ Timothy Buckman

*Friday, March 8*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## Stations of the Cross

*Fridays after the 5 pm Mass*

The 40 days of Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer.



## Journey through Lent Videos

Every week during Lent the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will release a video reflection from their series entitled "Journey through Lent 2024". To view the videos visit 'cccb.ca/lent' or scan the QR code.



## Lenten Reconciliation Services

During Lent Reconciliation Services will take place:

- » Every Saturday from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm or by appointment
- » Saturday, March 16 - 2 pm to 4:15 pm
- » Wednesday, March 20 - 5:30 pm to 7 pm

## Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Feb 4	\$ 3,709	\$ 3,707	↑ \$ 2
Feb 11	\$ 3,324	\$ 1,897	↑ \$ 1,427
Feb 18	\$ 4,559	\$ 5,790	↓ \$ 1,231
Feb 25	\$ 7,207	\$ 2,911	↑ \$ 4,296
Mth Target	\$ 18,799	\$ 14,305	↑ \$ 4,495

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

## 2023 Tax Receipts

Parish and online donation tax receipts have been mailed out. Please contact the office if you have any questions. We appreciate your generosity in supporting your spiritual home. Thank you!

## Donate Online



Credit card or direct bank account debit donations are an easy way to help support our parish. Tax receipts are emailed immediately for a single donation and mailed at the end of the year for recurring gifts. Scan the QR code or visit 'stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org' and hit the Donate button. Check that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



## Lenten Day of Retreat

*March 9, 2024, 9 am to 2:30 pm - The Newman Centre, Toronto*

Beginning with praying the Rosary and the Celebration of Holy Mass in the St. John Henry Newman Church, located at 50 Hoskin Ave., the retreat includes prayers, reflections from His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Eucharistic Adoration, and much more. \$30 per person. Refreshments and lunch will be served. To learn more contact the Newman Centre at newmancentreTO@archtoronto.org or scan the QR code to reserve a spot.



## Young Adult Board Game & Social Night

*March 23 at 6:30 pm*

Come out and meet other young adults (19+) for a fun evening of board games and fellowship in the parish hall. Bring your own games or join in a game brought by others. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Suggested donation: \$5. Donations help us cover the cost of this event and to continue offering events like this in the future. Email mmacmullen@archtoronto.org for more info.



## You bring love and hope to young mothers through ShareLife



Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."

Thus far we have raised \$1,900 toward our goal of \$75,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

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