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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



### The Eternal Value of the Human Person

This Saturday, November 11th, is Remembrance Day in Canada. It began as a memorial of the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, in which the Armistice was signed, concluding the conflict of what we call in the West, the First World War. By some, at the time, it was called the “war to end all wars” because of the tremendous loss of life.

With a rising global population, every day we become more aware of how much our lives affect one another. Political and social life, of course, are not so simple. The present Holy Father reminds us fairly regularly that the one thing we cannot become is indifferent. War is neither a human certainty nor are we automatically protected from humans fighting with each other. Pope St. John Paul II had a highly developed theology of the human person as being in relationships with others and in a relationship with God. His academic life, before becoming a bishop, was devoted to this area, drawing upon St. Thomas Aquinas but adding his own research and thought as well. It still informs much of how the Church presents her

social teachings. The human person is always in and destined for relationships. We are more than beings who socialize. The arc of our lives is oriented toward fulfillment in and through relationships. In faith we see the most penetrating of relationships is with God, which can also be found everywhere in our human relationships as well.

In 2012, I retraced the steps of my dad’s service during the Second World War, and visited a number of sites in Holland. At the Canadian War Cemetery for the Battle of the Scheldt, I walked slowly through all the rows of graves, some 1,300. Here were young men who willingly went to safeguard the freedoms we now take for granted. Honouring that sacrifice is important. We are also called to make some sacrifices, to have a mature democracy that can support us and allow us to work to improve the conditions of others. My father didn’t regard what he had done as something extraordinary. He had a very sober view of war and found dignity in doing his part. He was tremendously grateful that Ann and I were able to grow up in peaceful conditions.

As the world cries out for pathways forward, it is to be hoped and prayed that balance is found. While religion is often blamed for many of the world’s problems, I am afraid that it is often something much simpler; power and empire. World War I was a competition among empires that caused some of them to fade away. After the more disturbing World War II, modern Europe emerged to try to balance the aspirations of the various countries. The ebbing of western colonialism has been taking place over a longer period of time and is still ongoing.

Building is always more difficult than destroying. Building is the kind of sacrifice that can mirror a little bit of the Kingdom and give hope too many while witnessing to our faith. As we remember those who have died in the conflicts that have given us our freedoms, let us include the many who have died in all sorts of conflicts, whose graves are not straight rows. May their cries reach heaven and may wounds in their families and succeeding generations be healed.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

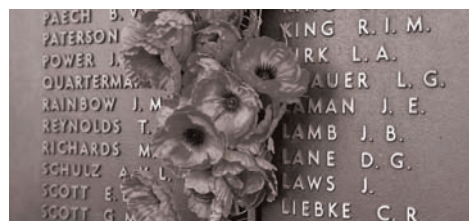
## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### A Visit from Archbishop Leo

*Saturday, November 18th, 2023 at 4:30 pm*

St. Paul’s Parish is pleased to extend a warm welcome to Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, who will be visiting the Basilica on Saturday, November 18th and celebrating the 4:30 pm Mass. Following the Mass light refreshments will be served in the parish hall. All are welcome!

**November 11-12, 2023**



### We Remember...

*Lest We Forget...*

On November 11th, we remember, in thanksgiving, those who made, and who continue to make, the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. May we keep all those who are overseas in our prayers, that they may return home safely.

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

*Saturday, November 11*

4:30 pm ♦ † Fallen Soldiers

*Sunday, November 12*

8:30 am ♦ † Roly Calway

11:00 am ♦ For the People

*Tuesday, November 14*

5:00 pm ♦

*Wednesday, November 15*

5:00 pm ♦ Persecuted Christians

*Thursday, November 16*

5:00 pm ♦

*Friday, November 17*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## Mass of Memory Cancelled

Unfortunately, following our recent announcement that we would once again be hosting the Annual Mass of Memory, we were informed by the organizers that due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be unable to proceed with the Mass this year. Both the organizers and St. Paul's have high hopes of continuing this traditional Mass and look forward to having it next year.

## Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 4,006	\$ 3,157	↑ \$ 849
Mth Target	\$ 4,006	\$ 13,153	↓ \$ 9,147

*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.



## Red Wednesday

*Mass on November 15th, 2023 at 5 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto*

Red Wednesday is an annual event to pray for and raise awareness to the plight of persecuted Christians. Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, will offer Mass for the intentions of persecuted Christians at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on November 15th at 5 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Alternatively, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN-Canada) has prepared a Rosary for Persecuted Christians to be prayed in solidarity with faith communities around the world on Red Wednesday. Printed copies are available at the church entrances or scan the QR Code to download a pdf version. To learn more about Red Wednesday visit ['acn-canada.org/rw/'](http://acn-canada.org/rw/)



## Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Your assistance is requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit ['archtoronto.org/consultation'](http://archtoronto.org/consultation) or scan the QR code, to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.



## The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection, November 19, 2023

There will be a second collection on November 18/19, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

## Praying for Our Beloved Dead in November

The "Book of Remembrance" will remain at the front of the Church until the end of this month. The names of deceased family and friends may be added and will be remembered at all Masses throughout November.

## Join the Knights of Columbus

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Please consider joining our council - Council 1388 - by visiting ['ontariokofc.ca'](http://ontariokofc.ca) and join online for free. For 'preferred local council' type in 1388 or Shane Beal Council #17500, if you are a U of T student. For more information, visit ['kofc.org'](http://kofc.org) or email Ross at [sross4015@gmail.com](mailto:sross4015@gmail.com).

## Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

*Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9 am*

This free webinar will discuss topics including how to avoid problems in your Will, problems with the Powers of Attorney through proper Estate Trustee selection, how to create your own legacy and about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code or visit ['QRcode/nov18/'](http://QRcode/nov18/)



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