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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

## Living the Gospel Together

When we are very young we are energized to grow and to learn. And that's an exciting part of the life of parents, often joyful, usually exhausting and occasionally worrying. What is my child up to? And learning does need to be guided. For a very young child it can easily be dangerous. But watching a child walk for the first time or form new words or do almost anything good, and useful and human for the first time is a quiet kind of thrilling.

Wonder, imagination and trying different things are all part of it. Skipping ahead a while in life, as adults, especially once our basic needs are being met, we can find ourselves becoming very cautious and attached to our routines. We have probably seen enough life as well, not to take our balanced state of affairs for granted. Things can go wrong and there is good reason for some caution.

As in families, so in the Church, none of these things can remain static. New stages of life appear if we are fortunate to maintain relative health. Children grow and become adults. Parents age and negotiate their changing family and physical needs. Adult



children may become the caregivers of their parents in later years. Grandchildren, meanwhile, are being born and growing themselves, into adults.

In every parish family these same aspects of life are playing out, all at the same time ... and many more because of the cultural diversity among us, and based on the spiritual lives and needs of different people within the community. And once we realize that we have received such a wonderful living faith where Christ truly leads us in the pathway of peace, with ever greater savour of our New Life in Him, we also sense the depth of our mission to share that divine life. All together I sometimes just call this "the pastoral life of the parish".

This is the soil for ministries and for

providing for opportunities to express and deepen our life in Christ, together and for the sake of the particular needs of some. Doing this in a variety of ways, we help to build up one another's Christian lives and to be lively in our faith together as a parish family.

Our memories for things past can help us to plan for the future, but alone they will limit us from doing the things that may be most fruitful. Remembering the past, living in the present and looking in practical terms toward the future, we can cultivate the vitality that will let the Holy Spirit fire us up. That will mean doing new things and doing some things in new ways. Reaching back a little in our own memories of being a parent or a child to a time when we felt wonder and joy at people around us, will remind us we can have this experience again. That is really important because there are many others who are longing as they search for a deep relationship with Christ, to share the outward fruits of those inner graces with others and to experience being part of a parish family. These people with a newly born fire of faith will do much to renew us in this life of grace.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Sacred Architecture Walk & Talk with Fr. Bob



Join young adults (ages 19-35), on October 2nd, 2022, for a creation walk & talk in Toronto with Fr. Robert (Bob) O'Brien, Pastor of St. Paul's Basilica, as we learn to interpret the

sacred architecture and other buildings in Toronto in a more revealing way. The talk will include references to various buildings in Toronto, bolstering it with a bit of history and the sorts of buildings that inspired them. The walk will begin promptly at 3:30 pm (please arrive 10 minutes early), starting from the Hockey Hall of Fame at 30 Yonge St., and end at St. Paul's Basilica at 6 pm. Food and refreshments will be served in the parish hall and Fr. Bob will be open to Q&A after the walk. No registration required. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at [amanda@ocytoronto.org](mailto:amanda@ocytoronto.org) /437-900-1683.

### Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation - Special Collection



The Archdiocese of Toronto will take up a special collection this weekend, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. You can donate through our parish or online anytime at: [archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) or scan the QR code.



### Parish Financials - August 2022

	(\$)2022	(\$)2021	(\$)Diff	% Diff
<i>Weekly Offetory</i>	10,913	15,948	-5,035	-32%
Total Revenue	32,585	32,825	-240	-1%
Total Payments	46,089	24,693	21,396	87%
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>-13,504</b>	<b>8,132</b>	<b>-21,636</b>	<b>-226%</b>

# ❖ NEWS

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Good Shepherd Ministries, located at 412 Queen St., provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community!

Non-perishable food will be accepted between October 1st and the 16th. You can drop off donations in the parish office, the sacristy or the drop box located at the front of the church.

Items most needed are: tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soups and stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard, beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals and peanut butter. For information email [cindy@goodshepherd.ca](mailto:cindy@goodshepherd.ca).



## Time to register for First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation



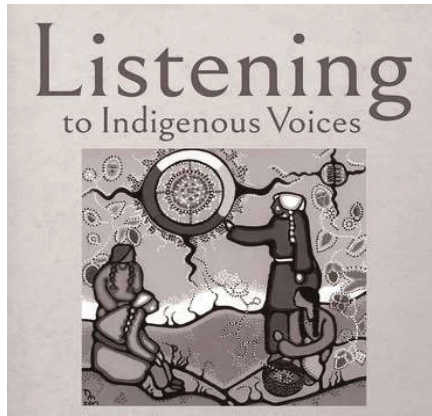
It's that time of year to begin registrations for this year's Sacramental Preparation Programme. We are accepting registrations for children wishing to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation next spring.

Information sheets and forms can be found at the back of the church.

## Lecture Series – Listening to Indigenous Voices

The Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice has published a dialogue guide, in partnership with Indigenous elders and knowledge keepers, 'Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships'. Elder Bob Philips and Fr. Trevor Scott S.J. will introduce this dialogue process through a series of monthly encounters and reflections. The next sessions will

take place at 7pm on Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, at St. Peter's Church. To learn more visit [stpeterstoronto.ca](http://stpeterstoronto.ca) or scan the QR code.



## Credit Card Donations



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.



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 1**  
4:30 pm ♦

**Sunday, October 2**  
8:30 am ♦ † Dorothy Carson  
11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, October 4**  
5:00 pm ♦

**Wednesday, October 4**  
5:00 pm ♦

**Thursday, October 6**  
5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, October 7**  
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](mailto:stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org).

## Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On October 8-9, St. Paul's will welcome Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians",

who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscious prayers and will have many handcarved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. To learn more visit [HolylandChristians.ca](http://HolylandChristians.ca)



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