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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


## World Mission Sunday

This week I have been participating in our annual study days. It is the first time we priests have been together in this way for 3 years. The theme of the days was Catholic apologetics - a way of articulating the faith that is convincing to people whether they already have some faith or they don't. The Church is trying to address the very secular age in which we live.

Profound things also happen when we are together living our faith. Why are we nostalgic for times past (if we are old enough)? Well ... many of us had the benefit of a Catholic "ecosystem" that had many manifestations in parish life, and which translated to having a voice in society. The secular world has crept up on us and done something to make our ideas about our faith fuzzier. The physical circumstances have changed a lot too. Parishes are no longer made up of a strictly stable population. Our parish has many people who have recently arrived from various places around the world and

who may move elsewhere either in the city or abroad. So, when we think of our mission here, the character of it is quite different. We need to do our homework and figure out how to make our message and life articulate and fruitful now.

World Mission Sunday is an opportunity for us also to look outward. Here in Toronto, we should easily recognize the fruitfulness of missionary activity from around the world because it is right here! The faith is lively and each of us from



our differing experiences living our Catholic faith has something important to contribute. We know also in many places of the world that missionaries continue to reveal Jesus and do it well. Seeing that the life of the Church here is intimately linked to the Church in faraway places, and supporting that spiritually and materially witnesses to the integrity of faith and to the unity of the Church.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Ministry Training Workshops

The parish will be hosting ministry training workshops in the coming weeks, intended for **ALL volunteers who are CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN or are INTERESTED IN the parish ministry.** The goal of these workshops is to ensure that all volunteers, both new and existing, are familiar with and following the current procedures and responsibilities for performing the ministry. Workshops will also include practical run-throughs, scheduling / time expectations, and ensure that all screening requirements and checks are up to date.

- Ushers and Greeters – Saturday, November 13, at 1:30 pm
- Lectors – Saturday, December 3, at 1:30 pm
- Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 10, at 1:30 pm
- Altar Servers (Part 1) – Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 am
- Altar Servers (Part 2) – Saturday, February 11, at 10:30 am

Please register with the parish office if you plan on attending. If you are unable to make the scheduled date, please notify the office as alternate dates may be scheduled based on numbers.

### All Souls Day - November 2nd, 2022; Praying for Our Beloved dead in November

In the month of November it is our tradition to pray for our beloved. The parish will have a "Book of Remembrance" for the faithful departed and the names of all those family members written in it will be remembered at all masses throughout November. Parishioners may add names of deceased family members or friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. On November 2, All Souls day the parish will have Masses for All Souls at 5pm and 7pm.

### Pakistan Floods - Humanitarian Relief

*Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:*

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- » By phone 416-934-3411
- » Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

St. Paul's Basilica – Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for those who have died and been displaced as a result of this tragic situation in Pakistan.

## ❖ NEWS

### World Mission Sunday – October 22-23

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.



### 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.

To register or for more information, please contact the parish office.

### Film Screening: Waban-Aki: People from where the Sun Rises

**When:** November 9th - 6:30 pm

**Where:** The Mary Ward Centre, 70 St. Mary St.

Join The Mary Ward Centre, The Jesuit Forum, & Regis College for an imaginative encounter towards Truth & Reconciliation. Dr. and Elder, Bob Philips (Great Bear) will be facilitating discussions to help deepen the appreciation for this film. Free to attend, though a good offering is appreciated. For more information or to register please scan the QR code or visit <http://tiny.cc/wabanaki>.



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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 22**

4:30 pm ♦

**Sunday, October 23**

8:30 am ♦ † Jerry Hellman

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, October 25**

5:00 pm ♦ † Neri Alvarez

**Wednesday, October 26**

5:00 pm ♦ Mary Doris

**Thursday, October 27**

5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, October 28**

5:00 pm ♦

### RSVP Before it's too late!

**Estate Planning for the Caribbean Community**

Are you Caribbean or of Caribbean descent? If so, join us for this FREE special event at the historic St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto, on Saturday, October 29th, 2022. Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around burials and cremation. This day offers lots more!

- » A Light Breakfast
- » A musical interlude featuring members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Caribbean Music Ministry
- » A tour of the beautiful St. Paul's Basilica; the oldest Roman Catholic Parish in Toronto

#### Day's Schedule

- 08:00 am - Registration and Breakfast
- 08:50 am - Music
- 09:00 am - Presentation
- 10:00 am - Questions and Answers
- 10:30 am - Music
- 11:00 am - Tour of the St. Paul's Basilica

To register or receive further information, send us an email to: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) or call us at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519. Please include your Full Name and Parish.

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