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Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
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Mass is celebrated at the Good Shepherd Centre - 412 Queen St. East,
Monday to Friday: 12:00 pm

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Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

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Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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- ♦ Baptism; Two months in advance
- ♦ Marriage; Registered parishioners at least one year in advance
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Meeting Life in Community

Although we talk a lot about community, we live a very sectioned off life, with time allotted for this and that. When the group of people living in any one place becomes too large, we have to become segmented in some way. Even in the seminary where there were about 110 of us, we were broken down into groups of 12 to 15 men. It was within this group that we did our meaningful sharing and mutual encouragement that contributed to the prospect of saying, "Yes", to the big commitment of giving our lives as co-workers, with our bishop, in the service of, Christ, the Gospel and the Body of Christ in the Church.

It's the same within parishes. Long-time parishioners will often know one another. Those who share in a particular ministry or who encounter each other at a parish event or activity can begin to put a face on their mutual care.

This past week I have been participating in our annual priest education days. This year's theme has been understanding and beginning to implement an approach to the care of persons with serious illness. We are very hesitant to recognize that we become frail or that we are on some trajectory toward death. The very mention of the word can be upsetting. Living in North America has meant that our lives have been through long periods without mass disruption. We are fortunate to have the amazing curative powers of medicine. Indeed, many illnesses from which people

used to die, are now very infrequent. With the recent pandemic this extended period of peacefulness has been jolted.

But these otherwise positive changes have also come with some costs. We may not think a good deal about how extensively medical care has been segregated from daily life. Specialization has provided treatments not formerly possible, but it has also partitioned us bodily up. How many seniors report the litany of various doctors' visits to deal with facets of chronic issues surrounding health? How unlike the hospital room is to our home.

Each of us is a whole unit. We are not merely the collective effects of our parts. In earlier times when medicine was closer to being equal parts clinical practice and patient care, it was easier to see that integrity. Living life is not only when we are running around and otherwise healthy. Maybe the best testimony we give is when we face challenges. It is certainly when I have seen the most powerful courage, the most beautiful hope and the most human testimony of faith. Why then, can we not acknowledge that we do wear out in this world? And what is more, how important it is that we deepen our community life during these times. Yes, we need good clinical care from our medical professionals, but we need (even more!) care from our community – our family, our friends, our fellow pilgrims along the road to new life.



This past week, at the priests educational retreat, has been spent looking at an approach to care which acknowledges the need for the 'curative treatment' model of care to be supplanted by a model which adapts as we age, or when we suffer from illnesses for which there is no curative remedy. The quality of what occurs in this stage of our life is possibly even more important to most of us than what has happened in our past. These are things that we, as a parish community, need to learn more about, both for the sake of our own families and ourselves, and for the sake of others, especially those who have not known community or care for some portion of their lives.

I am grateful to Dr. Moira McQueen and Sr. Mary Rowell CSJ, for their inspired input during my retreat and I hope we will put this important dimension of parish life more intentionally into practice.

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 Archbishop Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, who will be visiting the Basilica on Saturday, November 18th and celebrating the 4:30 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend.



Irish Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 19th, 2023 at 2:00 pm

St. Paul's is pleased to once again host the Annual Mass of Memory, which will take place on Sunday, November 19th at 2 pm. This Mass is dedicated in memory of the over 1000 victims of the 1847 Irish Famine who died of typhus on arrival in Toronto. Proceeds from this celebration will go to both St. Paul's and St. Michael's Catholic Schools.

October 28-29, 2023

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 28

4:30 pm ♦ † Rosemary Sullivan

Sunday, October 29

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Maria Nelly Gonzalez

Tuesday, October 31

5:00 pm ♦ † Christie Agbing

Wednesday, November 1

5:00 pm ♦

7:00 pm ♦

Thursday, November 2

5:00 pm ♦

7:00 pm ♦ For the Repose of
the Souls of the Deceased.

Friday, November 3

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Pope Francis Prays for Peace in Middle East



In a statement, Pope Francis has asked for prayers for sustained peace in the Middle East. "I am following apprehensively and sorrowfully what is happening in Israel where the violence has exploded even more ferociously, causing hundreds of deaths and casualties," said the Holy Father. "I express my closeness to the families and the victims." He continued,

"I am praying for them and for all who are living hours of terror and anguish. May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people. War is a defeat! Let us pray that there will be peace in Israel and in Palestine." "In this month of October dedicated, in addition to the missions, to praying the Rosary, let us not tire of asking through Mary's intercession for the gift of peace in the many countries throughout the world marked by war and conflicts," Pope Francis concludes, "And let us continue to remember the dear Ukraine, which suffers so much every day, which is so battered."

All Saints Day and All Souls Day Mass Schedules

On both November 1st, All Saints Day, and November 2nd, All Souls Day, the parish will celebrate Mass at 5 & 7 pm.

Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
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Mth Target	\$ 15,644	\$ 15,724	↓ \$ 80

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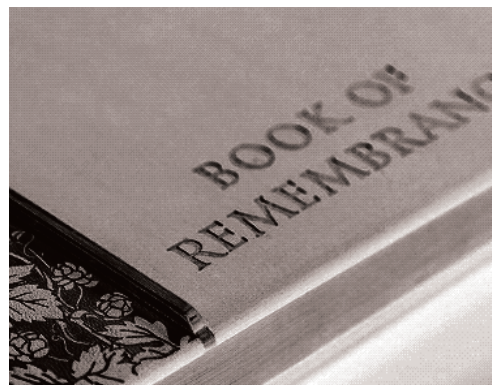
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Praying for Our Beloved Dead in November



A Book of Remembrance will be available at the front of the church throughout the month of November, when we traditionally pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved. All are welcome to offer prayers for the faithful departed by writing the names of deceased family and friends in the book or by using one of the All Souls Day donation envelopes. These names will be remembered at all Masses throughout November.

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Everyone is Welcome to Try Alpha

Every Sunday from 12 pm to 2 pm, until December 10th, in the Parish Basement

The parish is currently hosting an Alpha series every Sunday, after the 11 am Mass, until December 10th, in the parish basement. All parishioners are welcome. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please speak to Micah at the back of the church or email mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.

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