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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

### Sanctus ... Sanctus ... Sanctus

At every Mass we offer a gift of praise to God, which echoes the words of praise Jesus so often spoke with His heart, here on earth, and out loud, as He blessed the bread and wine at the Last Supper. He gave Himself out of love for us and because of the love of the Father.

The practice of celebrating “Thanksgiving” began in that great land to the south of us. It was a religious expression of thankfulness for the bounty of the harvest in what were new and harsh conditions for a small group of new arrivals. As with many holidays it has become more secular over the course of time. We might be grateful for whatever material comforts we have.

From the point of view of our faith, I think the gratitude begins and ends with God. Our gratitude is personal – thankfulness for the love God continuously shows us and the newness of life that necessarily accompanies that fact.

And in a world that looks askance at religion we can also be very thankful for the communion we have with one another. Our identity together in the Church is the



Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB (Right) formally installing Fr. Robert O'Brien (Left) as pastor of St. Paul's Basilica  
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reason for redemption. God came to save us together. As the sun sets and we put the day away in the evening, we can be reminded of this fact. The journey of each of us has contributed something to the salvation of all each day. There are many others giving glory to God too. Their work and their prayers travel to us in ways visible and invisible.

I should add happily for me, that I will have been at St. Paul's for one year this coming Saturday. I am very grateful to be among you. As we keep getting back into parish life, I will be getting to know more

and more of you and look forward to working with you. Our prayer together at the Eucharist is the height, of course, but in our parish life texture comes from what we do between those Sunday Masses.

Thank you for your love of God and for your caring use of all that God has given to you. As we reflect on our blessings and enjoy time together this weekend, may God gently draw us more deeply into our lives of discipleship.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Together in Worship Canada Organ Recital



On Friday, October 21st at 7 pm, organists Aaron James, Gordon Mansell and David Simon, of *Together in Worship Canada*, will be putting on a recital featuring one of Toronto's oldest all wood pipe organs here at St. Paul's. Coffee and cookies will follow the recital in the parish hall. There is no cost but a suggested \$5 free will offering is appreciated. All are welcome to attend!

### Office Schedule

Kindly note that the parish office will be closed Monday, October 10th for the Thanksgiving Holiday and on Tuesday, October 11th for a parish planning day.

### Giving Thanks for all our Parishioners!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this weekend, Father Bob and the parish staff would like to thank all of the parishioners for their support this past year. We pray that you and your loved ones are safe and well this Thanksgiving.



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

# ❖ 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.

## 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 will

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 8*

4:30 pm ♦

*Sunday, October 9*

8:30 am ♦ In Thanks for

Blessings Received

11:00 am ♦ For the People

*Tuesday, October 11*

5:00 pm ♦

*Wednesday, October 12*

5:00 pm ♦ † Vince Greco

*Thursday, October 13*

5:00 pm ♦

*Friday, October 14*

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

This weekend we 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.

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