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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 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
(closed for lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:30 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

### Come Follow Me

When Jesus called His disciples, they began a new way of living. It may be many generations since those first followers heeded Jesus' words, but the same newness of life is available to us. Every stage of life provides its own reasons for renewal. What is the voice of Christ saying to us right now? As I grow older, I know myself more.

Every one of us has a beautiful vocation and while life might seem complicated there is a simplicity of heart that awaits us. Parish life is meant to support this renewal. We desire to be formed more and more according to the heart of Christ. The Eucharist is both the source and the highest expression of this "heart speaking to heart" journey that we are on. From it springs prayer, deepening understanding, and action to express Christ's redeeming and healing work.

As I wrote last week Alpha will be part of that effort to bring forward the parish's



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gifts. In the way of prayer, I will be looking to establish some regular eucharistic devotion, and times when we will pray the public prayer of the Church, called the Liturgy of the Hours. Looking further down the road I would like to develop more outreach to support people who are struggling in various ways. Couples in their first years of marriage can look forward to building a sense of shared vocation and community. And most importantly, I am

sure that as we spend more time together other initiatives will bud forth. In the next couple of weeks look for information regarding the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Micah will address us all about Alpha very soon as well.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo

*Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 pm – St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica - 65 Bond St.*



On September 29th at 5:30 pm, in celebration of the Archdiocese of Toronto's patron, St. Michael's feast day, Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, including music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič, will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop! ***Due to the timing of this Mass, our parish Mass on September 29th will take place at 12:15 pm rather than the usual 5 pm.***

### The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees ('WDoMaR')

*Sunday, September 24, 2023*

His Holiness Pope Francis announced this year's WDoMaR theme as "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay." Pope Francis acknowledges that while the decision to migrate should always be free, in many cases it is not. This point was reflected by St. John Paul II in his 90th WDoMaR message in which he wrote, "building conditions of peace means in practice being seriously committed to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country." Pope Francis quoted the words of the Lord, "...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" reminding us that the Lord's words are a "constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door." Visit [migrants-refugees.va](https://migrants-refugees.va) or scan for info.





# ❖ NEWS

## Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 3,520	\$ 3,153	↑ \$ 367
Mth Target	\$ 3,520	\$ 16,773	↓ \$ 13,253

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

## Fr. Bob on Vacation

Fr. Bob will be away on vacation from September 4 to September 13. During this time Fr. Michael Lehman, Fr. Tony Farah and Fr. Luis Melo will be celebrating the parish Masses. For sacramental (baptism, marriage etc.) inquires please contact the parish office after Fr. Bob's return.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 9**

4:30 pm ♦

**Sunday, September 10**

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, September 12**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Wednesday, September 13**

5:00 pm ♦

**Thursday, September 14**

5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, September 15**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

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As we look at ways to further foster our Catholic community here at St. Paul's, we hope to hear from you, our parishioners, to better understand and serve your needs. We would be very grateful if you would take a moment to fill out a survey. Paper versions are at the back of the church and can be left in the weekend collection basket or scan the QR Code to complete the survey online.



## Season of Creation 2023



### SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation, an annual event, begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. Each year a theme is chosen by an ecumenical steering committee and in 2023 inspiration is taken from Amos 5:24 that proclaims, "Let Justice and Peace Flow" and the symbol is "A Mighty River." For more information visit [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org) or scan the QR code.

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## An Introduction to the Liturgy of the Roman Rite by Fr. M. McGourty

*10 Part Series, Thursday evenings at 7pm, September 21 - December 21, 2023*

*St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst St. Toronto, Auditorium Entrance under the Archway*



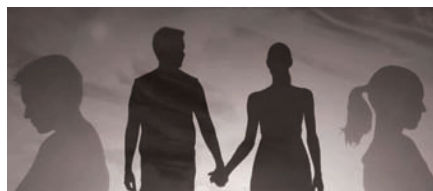
"Liturgy" comprises all the public rites, ceremonies, prayers and sacraments of the Church, observed in divine worship, proclamation of the Gospel, and active charity. Over 10 weeks, beginning September 21st, Fr. Michael McGourty, S.L.D., pastor at St. Peter's Parish and lecturer in Liturgy at St. Augustine's Seminary, will present an overview of select liturgical celebrations which form an integral part of the Liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. All talks will take place on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in St. Peter's auditorium. Regrettably, St. Peter's auditorium is not accessible. To learn more visit [stpeterstoronto.ca](http://stpeterstoronto.ca) or scan the QR code.

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## The Date Night Series - Relationships: How to keep things healthy

*September 20, 2023 at 6 pm - The Newman Centre - 89 St. George St., Toronto*



Join us on September 20th at 6pm for our first Date Night event of the Fall Season - Healthy Relationships: How to keep things healthy, featuring guest speaker Ann Morgan, Registered Psychotherapist. Delicious dinner for two, fellowship with other Catholic couples, and an inspiring talk. Don't delay in obtaining your tickets (\$50 per couple). To register visit [bit.ly/3Z42UH8](http://bit.ly/3Z42UH8) or scan the QR code.

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