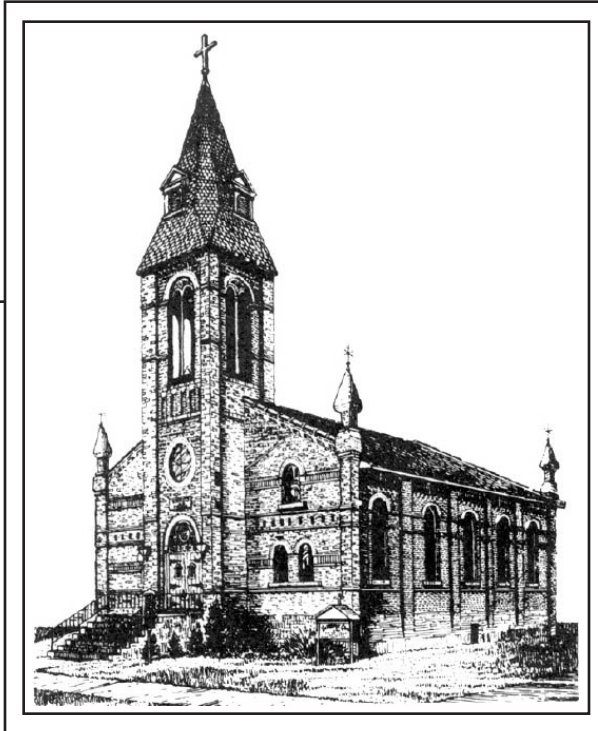


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS: Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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LEAVING ST. MARY'S

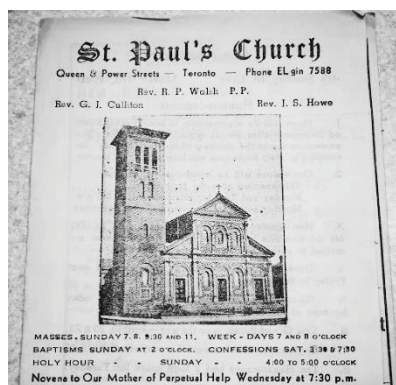
As announced last weekend after all the Sunday Masses, I will be leaving St. Mary's after just five years as pastor and will be assigned to St. Paul's Basilica in downtown Toronto as of June 24. Moving at this time was unexpected for both parishioners and me, as priests are usually reassigned after 6 to 12 years. (It sounds like a prison sentence to get 6-12 years.) But it's not, nor has it been for me. I've always said that priests are like hockey players who keep getting traded every so often. One difference is that we're always playing for the same team, for Jesus Christ and His Church, and, of course, the money (not).

St. Mary's has been my sixth parish assignment since my ordination in 1993. The years have flown, and my hair has thinned, but I've found both happiness and challenge here, particularly since this assignment began in the midst of COVID, with its many restrictions and limitations on ministry and worship. It was tough coming to a new parish when restrictions limited the number of people who could gather for each Mass due to distancing rules, and many were turned away each week after the allowed limit was reached. Eventually, this too passed, and now we see a full church at all Masses each weekend as we together continue to worship God as His beloved people. (FrC)

Synchronicity?

Carl Jung, the founder of analytical psychology, introduced the concept of synchronicity to "describe events that coincide in time and appear meaningfully related, yet lack a discoverable causal connection."

Recently, as I have been going through boxes of accumulated papers from over the years, purging those that are useless or outdated, I came across an old church bulletin from the 4th



Sunday of Lent, March 3rd, 1940 – that's 86 years ago! I don't collect bulletins, nor do I have any among my things, save for a few from my last two parishes containing articles I wrote about the passing of one of my dogs. Yet this old bulletin is from St. Paul's Church, now St. Paul's Basilica – the

parish I have now been assigned to as pastor this June. Strange. I don't know where it came from, who would have given it to me, or how I came to have it in the first place, yet there it is. And I came across it just a few weeks after being asked to go there. Synchronicity! God works in mysterious ways, and believers might call this a provident confirmation. I'm sure someday, somewhere, someone some 80 years from

now, will come across one of my bulletin articles and think to themselves, 'what does this mean?' And they'll suddenly realize – nothing. (FrC)

Interestingly, from that 86-year-old bulletin...

Fr. R.P. Walsh, the then pastor of St. Paul's Church in downtown Toronto, printed the following article in the previously cited 86-year-old bulletin I found.

Your Pastor Speaks

A young man came to see me one day and said, "Father, I want to speak to you about some doubts which I have on matters pertaining to the Church." I said to him, "How long is it since you have been to confession?" "About three years," he replied, "but I have not been situated so that I could go when I wanted to. I have lived for more than two years of that time in a place where there was no church, so you see, there is a reason for my not having gone." "When did you begin to have these doubts?" I asked again. "I have been having them for quite a while," he answered, "and as I associate with men who scarcely believe in anything, I am anxious to have them solved; first, for my own satisfaction and secondly, so that I can defend our doctrines when they are attacked."

"All right," I said; "but first I want you to do one thing. Go out there to the Church and get ready for confession. When you have done that, come to me and I will solve every doubt. If you are unwilling to do this, I have good reason to believe that, the time spent on you will be time spent in vain."

When that young man had finished his confession, every doubt had disappeared. He was the simple, humble, earnest Catholic once again. Faith had resumed its sway. His own heart and conscience bore testimony to the truth of those things which made for righteousness and peace.

What is true of this young man is true of nearly all those who have grown indifferent. One good, honest, earnest confession will dispel all the clouds of error that bedim the intellect and obscure the light of day. Religious Indifference is a spiritual disease. Its root is Mortal Sin.

Its remedy is the great sacrament which attacks sin in its stronghold and eradicates it root and branch. This sacrament is confession, or penance. Give up confession, and the beginning of the end has come.

Forty Hours

Visit your Eucharistic Lord often during the forty hours. The Blessed Eucharist is His way of remaining with us till the end of time. Bring the little ones and teach them by your example what a blessing it is to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Values

Know that there are things great and sublime in the sight of God, which are often considered vile and despicable by men, and there are others considered by men as very precious and important, but which God looks upon as worthless and contemptible

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tue May 12 th	
6:30pm	CONFESSIONS
7:00pm	+Marie Pilon Requested by the O'Hearn Family
Wed May 13 th	
8:30am	+Francis O'Hearn & +Florence Dagenais Requested by the O'Hearn Family
Thurs May 14 th	
7:30am	+Betty Gill Requested by Sandy Mattacott
Friday May 15 th	
7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	+Janina Gal Requested by the Family
Saturday May 16 th	
8:30am	+Bob Sanelli Requested by Cam Sanelli
3:30pm	CONFESSIONS
4:30pm	+Maria Mulak Requested by Monika Quinn & Family
Sunday May 17 th	
9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+David & Andy Calado Requested Helena Calado

Please Pray for the Sick



Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford, Janine Wright
Jean Poirier, Frank Brennan

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased



Father Jose Kuriedath

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Sunday May 3rd, 2026

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Raised So Far	\$17,905.60



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter – May 10th, 2026
Through ShareLife, you are the light in someone's darkest moment

Sarah arrived at the doors of one of the Catholic Family Services agencies you support through ShareLife on a desperate afternoon with her baby cradled tightly against her chest. Fleeing an abusive home, she had nothing but the clothes on her back and a fragile hope that someone might help. Because of your generous spirit, Sarah and her baby found the safety they so desperately needed when shelters were overwhelmed.

Your kindness provided the essentials to care for her baby, the counselling to begin healing, and the support to rebuild their lives. Now she and her baby are safe, cared for, and starting to look toward a brighter future. Yet, domestic violence is on the rise and countless others like Sarah are still in need. Your compassion has the power to change many more lives. It is because of people like you that their stories do not end in fear but begin again with love.

Thus far we have raised \$17,905.60 toward our goal of \$46,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a spring Bottle Drive the weekend of May 23rd & 24th.

Please bring your bottles and cans on that weekend and we will be ready to accept them.

If you would like them picked up please leave your name and number on the sheets at the entrances to the church, and we will be happy to pick them up.

Thank you for helping the Knights help others.

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