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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

Mass is celebrated at the Good Shepherd Centre - 412 Queen St. East,
Monday to Friday: 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS

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

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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
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in September
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;
Please call during office hours

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Upcoming Jubilee!

This Thursday, May 9th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension, during which we anticipate that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, will officially announce the upcoming Jubilee. The most recent Jubilee, The Year of Mercy, in 2016, was an *extraordinary* Jubilee, meaning it was not part of the ordinary 25-year cycle. The last ordinary Jubilee celebrated the beginning of the Third Millennium of Christianity in the Year 2000.

Not simply a year of communal spiritual activity, although that is a significant aspect, The Jubilee is a year when we are invited to take advantage of the spiritual graces afforded to us by the Lord, individually and as the Body of Christ.



The 2025 Jubilee year will begin on December 24th, 2024, the Eve of the Nativity of our Lord, celebrating the incarnation of

God with us in the flesh. The theme will be *Peregrinates In Spem* or Pilgrims in Hope. The logo shows four embraced figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth, uniting in solidarity and fraternity. During the Jubilee, several designated churches throughout Rome will have a Holy Door, through which pilgrims who enter may piously gain plenary indulgences. I was privileged to be part of a pilgrimage to Italy in 2016 where a highlight was praying our way through the Holy Door at St. Peter's. Concrete plans have yet to be announced within our own Archdiocese, but it may well be that there will be a variety of churches designated here as well; perhaps St. Paul's will be one of them.

As we enter into the month of May and draw close to Holy Mother, Mary, conceived as a pure act of love, free from Original Sin, may her intercession bring us into deeper communion with Her Son and as a holy people in His name.



Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City
Source: iubilaeum2025.va

Please pray also for our men about to be ordained priests and for our Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed in a week's time.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Catholic Education Week – May 5, 2024 "We Are Called To Love"

During Catholic Education Week, May 5 - 10, 2024, we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: 'togetherinfaith.ca'.

Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday

On Sunday, May 5, 2024, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday. The special focus for this day is to raise awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help and healing. For resources visit 'archtoronto.org/mentalhealth'

EDGE Camp

August 17-21, 2024

EDGE Camp is a Catholic overnight adventure camp for children in grades 5-8. St. Paul's will be hosting a camp session from August 17-21, 2024, at beautiful Camp White Pine in Haliburton. The cost per child is \$525, and includes all transportation, meals, and activities. To register visit 'edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com', select *EDGE Camp North*, and select '*St. Paul's Basilica*' (not just St. Paul's). For more info, or if cost is an issue, speak to Micah after Mass or email him at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.

May 4-5, 2024

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 4

4:30 pm ♦ Gord & Cathy McCarroll's
50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am ♦
11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, May 7

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, May 8

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, May 9

5:00 pm ♦ † Irma Aché

Friday, May 10

5:00 pm ♦ † Gladys Pinto

Full of Grace: A Concert Honouring Mothers

May 10th, 2024 at 7:30 pm

In honour of Mother's Day, on May 10th, 2024, at 7:30 pm, St. Paul's will be hosting a musical performance entitled Full of Grace. Led by artistic director, Mark Wood-Salomon, soloists Andrea Ludwig, Claire Latosinsky, and Anika Venkatesh, accompanist David Simon, and the Together in Worship Canada Choir, will perform works by Sir John Tavener, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Cecilia McDowall, Pérotin, Robert Fleming, John Ireland, Robert Pearsall, and Monsignor Thomas Barrett Armstrong.

Take advantage of discounted prices and group rates by calling the parish office to reserve your tickets. Tickets are \$30 at the door.



Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation

International Eucharistic Congress 2024 – September 8-15 – Quito, Ecuador

The Holy Father has invited Catholics worldwide to participate in the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress. This year's gathering takes place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024. To learn more about the pilgrimage, please visit archtoronto.org/iec. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with the Canadian delegation. Registration deadline is June 6, 2024 with early bird pricing available until May 6.

Ongoing Catholicism Program

St. Paul's invites you to attend our "Catholicism" program, happening every Sunday, after the 11 am Mass. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video by Bishop Barron, where he addresses some of the most controversial questions about life and the identity of Jesus Christ. After the video, we discuss the episode over coffee, tea, and light refreshments. The Catholicism program is a great opportunity for you to grow in your faith while getting involved with our Parish faith community. We hope to see you there!

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Mar 31	\$ 10,419	\$ 5,646	↑ \$ 4,773
Apr 7	\$ 3,989	\$ 7,215	↓ \$ 3,225
Apr 14	\$ 3,478	\$ 6,474	↓ \$ 2,996
Apr 21*	\$ 6,793	\$ 3,031	↑ \$ 3,761
Apr 28	\$ 3,954	\$ 3,195	↑ \$ 759
Mth Target	\$ 28,632	\$ 25,561	↑ \$ 3,071

**Includes Monthly PAG Donations*

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Volunteers for Doors Open

May 25-26, 2024

St. Paul's will be participating in this year's Doors Open event. We are looking for volunteers to help with crowd control and guided tours. Training is available.

Donate Online



Credit card or direct bank account debit donations are an easy way to help support our parish. Tax receipts are emailed immediately for a single donation and mailed at the end of the year for recurring gifts. Scan the QR code or visit stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org and hit the Donate button. Check that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



ShareLife: Live the Gospel by supporting our vulnerable brothers and sisters



Our final ShareLife Sunday of the year will be June 2 and we call upon your compassionate hearts to support ShareLife. Through your love, Catholic agencies bring the hands of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or online through our parish website. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Special Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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