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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

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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

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Pentecost: The Day of the Church's Birth



Those of us of a certain age have heard the assertion that the Church was “born” on Pentecost. By that measure it had at least a 3-year gestation period while the disciples were being formed by the reality of salvation, present in Jesus the living Word of God. I think of those years of formation as kind of “breathing in” the new life we have received and then Pentecost a great “breathing out” of the Holy Spirit. It is wonderfully freeing. In the midst of the many questions we have in modern life we should not lose this freshness of the

Gospel. It’s what allows God to be God as we proclaim new life to others. Neither naïve and flighty, nor depressingly sober, we can have trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to work through us and in us though we are unaware so much of the time. Attend ... listen in prayer. Do the simple good you can do and be at peace. To live the entirety of the Gospel we all need that place of peace that only Christ can give. May the Spirit fill each of us and send us out to share the salvation we have received!

In the “Church” news last week, Pope Francis named 21 new Cardinals to join the College of Cardinals. Five cardinals are already older than the cut-off for voting in a future conclave. Sixteen are under 80 and have the potential to vote for the next pope, whenever that may be. Canada received no new Cardinals. We already have three: our own Archbishop, Cardinal Collins, Cardinal Cyprien Lacroix, the Archbishop of Quebec City and Cardinal Marc Ouellet, the Prefect for the Congregation for

Bishops in Rome. The reason that Cardinals are electors of the Pope is that they are also named as honorary pastors of the parishes of Rome. It is these honorary pastors who elect the Bishop of Rome. Practically speaking, the College is increasingly becoming a worldwide but still manageable group who represent many places and facets of the Church. This newest group has strong representation especially from Asia and from Latin America where the Church has many members. These new cardinals will receive their honours at a gathering called a “consistory” on August 27th. We are very used to the Church at our own local level but often find these other things mysterious. Well, pray to the Lord of the harvest for all who are in service of our shared mission. Finding faithful and fruitful paths for the Church is not easy these days.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ EVENTS



Rosary for the Family June 19, 2022; 3 pm

Families from across Canada are invited to a live and virtual “Rosary for the Family.”

The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting this national

event in preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF) that will take place in Rome and in dioceses across the world from June 22-26, 2022.

The live Zoom event, “Rosary for the Family”, takes place Father’s Day, **Sunday, 19 June 2022**, at 3 PM EDT.

Featuring different families and voices from across the country, it is an opportunity to gather in prayer with other faith-filled families.

Everyone is welcome!



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Davidson UMC Handbell and Youth Choirs Performance: June 27, 2022: 7 pm



On June 27th, St. Paul’s Basilica will host the Davidson United Methodist Church Handbell and Youth Choirs for a performance beginning at 7 pm.

Coming from North Carolina, USA, the Choirs are comprised of youth, ages 11 to 18, who are passionate about sharing their creative and artistic gifts from God.

This performance is free of charge but good will offering is appreciated. All are welcome to attend!

Pentecost Sunday: June 5, 2022



Let's show we care on ShareLife Sunday

This weekend is the final ShareLife Sunday of the year. But ShareLife is more than a collection. It's how we as a community say, "we care." In solidarity with Catholics throughout the Archdiocese, we provide a witness of God's love by actively supporting those in need locally and the greater world.

Our goal this year is \$50,000.

To date we have achieved \$15,773. If you have not done so, please give generously during the special collection or at sharelife.org. Thank you for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign.

Please Get Involved!

We are inviting parishioners to consider getting involved in different parish ministries. We are currently seeking volunteers for Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation Instructors, Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers for sick and shut-ins and Altar Servers.

Workshops for each ministry will be held in the upcoming weeks. The parish depends on and is grateful for the support of our parishioners through their time and talents. Please consider volunteering for one or more ministries. If interested, please call the parish office at 416-364-7588 to sign up.

Fr. Bob Away June 7th to the 11th

Fr. Bob will be away from June 7th to the 11th. During this time, Fr. Tony Farah will be celebrating the Parish Masses. For baptismal and marriage inquiries please call the Parish office after Fr. Bob returns on June 11th.

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds, and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and needed support of various archdiocesan charities such as your parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, Office for Refugees, and many others.

For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or email at development@archtoronto.org.

Marygrove Camp Special Collection - June 11th & 12th

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Each year, over 1,000 young girls, ages 5-13, with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience at Marygrove, a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay in Ontario. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul directly



Scan to learn more

to determine their eligibility.

Please give generously to support this important initiative.

Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who made last weekend's Doors Open Toronto event a remarkable success!



Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 4

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, June 5

8:30 am ♦ † Domenico & † Maria Teresa Barbalinardo & their daughter † Pasqualina Saverino

11:00 am ♦

Tuesday, June 7

5:00 pm ♦ Fr. James Adams

Wednesday, June 8

5:00 pm ♦ Mario Anecchini

Thursday, June 9

5:00 pm ♦ Robert & Deanna Bortolotti

Friday, June 10

5:00 pm ♦

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