



ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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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
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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

The Eucharist and the Praise of the Church



At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we have “words of praise”, stealing from Greek we call this “the Doxology” which ends with the Great

Amen. The Eucharist is at the centre of all the sacraments and the Prayer of the Church. Collectively, we call this the Liturgy. They are all joined together. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council calls the Eucharist “the source” and “the summit” of the life of the Church.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is no mistake that it follows right after Trinity Sunday and that both are on the heels of

Pentecost. Jesus’ dying and rising for our sake is the Trinitarian love of God being poured out on us in such a personal way. It also links us right away to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, “take and eat, this is my body,” and “take and drink this is the cup of my blood”.

Traditionally, we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and sometimes a procession with the Host in the monstrance. Hopefully, next year we will have enough people involved in ministry to do that. We will start to have Eucharistic Adoration sooner. Along with adoration one of our features as a basilica is to join our prayers to those of the Holy Father, especially through the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, the Prayer of the Church. You may know about Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer (sometimes called Vespers). It can be very beautiful when combined with Eucharistic Adoration especially. The Liturgy of the Hours reminds us that every part of the day is sacred. It is part of a response to the reality that we are called to pray constantly. We can also see it as part of our being “sent out” to

proclaim the Good News, some of the fruit of the Eucharist.

For Jesus, the Eucharist is absolutely dynamic. It is the way by which we are made new in the image of God the Father. He does spend long hours in prayer with the Father; we hear it reported in the Gospels. But after those periods of prayer, He gets up and does the Father’s will in the midst of us and all the messiness of Israel being dominated by the Roman Empire. While He teaches and acts with authority He is not seen as somehow “other”. What He is sharing does draw us out of ourselves into a new realm of life. So, if we look at Jesus only from a human perspective, we will always have problems. When we express our desire to be joined to the invisible reality of the divine life He brings, we jump into a great adventure – one which brings us back always to the Eucharist. You have redeemed, us O Lord, in Your own Blood!

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.”

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!



Scan to Register

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!

Congratulations and Prayerful wishes to our Confirmandi...

Leeroy Baraka, Chelsea Benadict, Pedro Coelho, Reiticka Fernando, Noah Mugisha, Nwasunwanne Onuorah, Ellisa Rozario, Kenyon St. Louis, Makenzie St. Louis, Brain Ukaga, Briandy Ukaga, and Amor Wyse, who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.



Body and Blood of Christ June 19, 2022

ShareLife agencies need your support, now more than ever.

Did you know that, through your support, no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? One of these agencies whose work you make possible is Catholic Cross-cultural Services (CCS).

“The pandemic has affected the newcomer and refugee communities we serve greatly,” the agency reports. Thanks to you, CCS continued its settlement and mental health services for this marginalized population without interruption.

Our goal this year is \$50,000. To date we have achieved \$15,773.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 18

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, June 19

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, June 21

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, June 22

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, June 23

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, June 24

5:00 pm ♦

Happy Father's Day!

The Parish Community of St. Paul's Basilica wish a very Happy Father's Day and all of God's blessings to our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and many other father figures in our lives. We also remember fathers who are no longer with us, but whose memories we will always cherish.



First Holy Eucharist

The children preparing for First Holy Eucharist will celebrate the Sacrament next Sunday, June 26th at the 11 am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers!

Mass Intentions

St. Paul's Basilica is accepting Mass Intentions for all weekday Masses, Tuesday to Friday at 5 pm and weekend Masses Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am & 11 pm.

The offering for a scheduled / announced date is \$20 per Mass and \$10 per Mass for an unscheduled / unannounced intention.

Intentions are accepted, contingent on Mass availability, up to 24 hours prior to the Mass, however, to ensure that the intention appears in the parish bulletin, please submit your intention by Monday of the previous week.

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. To schedule a Mass intention, please call the office at 416-364-7588 or send an email to stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org

Calling Catholic Lawyers

If you are a lawyer, we would like to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of Catholic lawyers who understand our faith and can provide professional service related to Will preparation and writing to other Catholics in our archdiocese. Be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional life.

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