

ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

EST. 1822~FIRST CATHOLIC PARISH IN TORONTO

STAFF

Fr. Robert O'Brien
Pastor

Rev. Antanios Farah, OAM
In Residence. Hospital Chaplain

Lynett Wilson
Admin / Communications

Jason Lo
Bookkeeper

Cathy LeBlanc
Sacristan

Ives Alvarez
Custodian

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
(closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)

CONTACT

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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

Alyson Sobol, Principal ♦ Tel: (416) 393-5204

❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Roundup and Looking Ahead

As we hit the Canada Day weekend, we psychologically switch gears into our “heart of summer” mode. In just six weeks or so, the Canadian National Exhibition will start, and the back-to-school ads will be everywhere. It is a good moment to look back a little and look forward too.

My first few months at the parish were spent still under the pallor of the pandemic to varying degrees. And then, around the beginning of Lent life began to come back. Progressively, coming to church has become easier in the months since. In February, Jason Lo, our new bookkeeper began work and then in early March, Lynett Wilson opened up the office and most recently Ives Alvarez took up the care of our buildings. Cristina Costa has come also to help keep the rectory in shape in the midst of two priests flitting from place to place in their ministries.

We experienced a bit of an unexpected setback with the flood in the basement of the church in early March. The plumbing work to provide a new water supply has been completed. That work is not covered by the insurance and was in the area of \$35,000 – that’s what happens when you have a trench, city workers, police and contractors on site to do it in a way that is all “up to spec”. The upshot is now that not only is the connection entirely new, but the valves have been relocated to make it easier to shut the water off if that is required as the result any future issue. The remediation of the meeting rooms is still awaiting word from our insurer that a contractor has been accepted and secured. We are working with our insurer to see that the work is complete or substantially complete before our 200th anniversary Mass with Cardinal Collins on September 18th.

Looking ahead, I am preparing to hire a youth minister for the parish. Our hope is that we will, first of all, forge greater bonds with our school students and find ways to be supportive. For that part of it we will work also with social workers from the school board and expertise from groups like Catholic Family Services and the Office of Catholic Youth. The second portion is that we want to develop robust support for young people in various age groups to strengthen and nurture their faith. That means developing responses for young

people from elementary school, through high school and in young adulthood. I also have a particularly soft spot for young married couples building their families. The hard and dedicated work of so many people in our breakfast club has made it so natural for us to do these things. Who knows, someday some of our young adults may come full circle and provide that sort of direct service to our student community again.

I am also eyeing the idea of hiring a part-time student on Sunday mornings to provide a few office services in the parish hall as well as hospitality and support for any meetings or gatherings taking place on Sundays. In my last parish I dubbed this our “faith agora”, or our faith marketplace, an experience that would allow us to meet each other in different contexts where all are doing something to support the mission of the Church and nurture our own discipleship. I look forward to people’s suggestions as we get to know one another better.

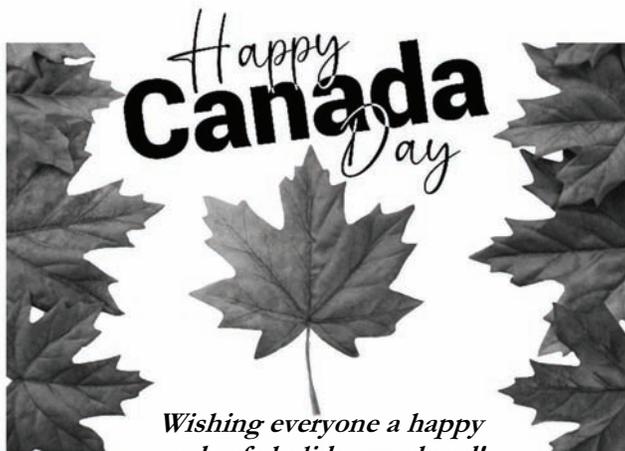
May St. Paul who established and nurtured Christian communities joined around the table of the Lord accompany us as strive to grow in our lives in Christ!

Have a blessed summer!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

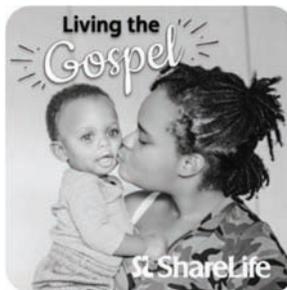
❖ NOTEWORTHY



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 3, 2022

Let us say yes to living the Gospel!

“Our faith community has always responded heroically to the needs around us, particularly through our enthusiastic support of ShareLife. We can help alleviate the suffering of those whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. Let us say yes to Jesus' call to live the Gospel by providing for those in need.” – Cardinal Thomas Collins



Our goal this year is \$50,000. To date we have achieved \$19,773.

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

Mass Intention Scheduling

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.

Fr. Bob Away until July 23rd

Fr. Bob will be away from June 27th to July 23rd. During this time various visiting priests will be celebrating the Parish Masses. For baptismal and marriage inquires please call the Parish office after Fr. Bob returns on July 23rd.

Summer Bulletin Schedule



During the months of July and August the parish bulletin will be published on alternating weekends as follows; July 3rd, 17th & 31st; August 14th, & 28th. The schedule will resume as normal in September.

Remember the Parish while away on vacation

Have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. While you are away, the parish will continue to celebrate daily and Sunday Masses. Sadly, the bills do not take a holiday and still need to be paid for your Parish Church. Please continue to support your Parish Church throughout the summer. Happy Holidays!!!



Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Light Burns For:

Giuliana Marrelli

Saturday, July 2

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, July 3

8:30 am ♦ † Armando & Antonietta Tiano

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, July 5

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, July 6

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, July 7

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, July 8

5:00 pm ♦



Saturday, July 9

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, July 10

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, July 12

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, July 13

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, July 14

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, July 15

5:00 pm ♦

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