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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 Heart of Ministry

I hope you are or will be enjoying a time of rest and renewal during these precious summer months. Perhaps it's a good time to reflect on a few themes central to our life together in the parish.

1. Ministry is a good in and of itself.

Many years ago, I was working with a group of altar servers at the parish to which I was assigned. I asked them why they served on the altar. I figured that they were giving me really theological answers because they thought that was what I wanted to hear – we serve to show our love for God etc. Of course, that's absolutely true and central, but truthfully, we don't always feel that way. I suggested to them the simple answer that we serve because it is good to serve. I still feel that is a good answer because it leaves room for God to reveal to us over time something of the beauty and mystery of the real answer. I can content myself that I am putting the Lord's work through my hands without needing to question when those same hands feel tired. As St. Paul tells us so often, it is the Lord who works in us; we don't have to constantly evaluate it. Exercising ministry is a good in and of itself and, no doubt, that goodness will be revealed to us in all kinds of unexpected ways.

2. Springing from the Eucharist.

The place to start building up our life together is certainly the Eucharist itself. Take time to notice its fruits. What is in your heart as you come to Mass? Is God



perhaps suggesting many other things that you haven't seen on the horizon yet? Where are your consolations? When? Are they outward moving? What about your worries? How is the Lord gradually helping you to become separated from them? Have you heard of the blessings the Lord has given you through the words or actions of others? At the Eucharist all the events and people of our lives are brought together in the redeeming love of Jesus.

3. Come Holy Spirit – enkindle in us the Fire of Your Love!

Often, we think the mold has been set in our lives. That can prevent us from seeing the beauty of the gifts we have received. Speaking for myself, I find it is my friends who nudge and cajole me to become more awake to these things. The Spirit knits together our experiences and efforts to faithfully follow Jesus and

produces a fabric that is our own. I pray that we may all be discerning enough to bring these things forward in others and allow

others to raise them up in ourselves.

Sit with these thoughts. Pray. Talk about it and consider the possibility of how the Spirit may be calling you to give yourself in a simple and very doable way here at the parish and in the relationships that compose your life.

I hope to give a talk in the fall to share with you some of the fruits of my recent trip to Rome to attend a conference on healthcare and ecology. One takeaway, I can tell you, is the strong sense of the interrelatedness we have with the creation around us on this earth. At the parish we are part of a graced ecology as well.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY



Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 7 pm. For information on Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass visit catholic-cemeteries.com or scan the QR code.



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 17, 2022

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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 inquiries 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 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

Saturday, July 16

4:30 pm ♦ Gerrard Cornelis

Sunday, July 17

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, July 19

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, July 20

5:00 pm ♦ Dorothea MacKinnon

Thursday, July 21

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, July 22

5:00 pm ♦



Saturday, July 23

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, July 24

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ 25th Wedding

Anniversary of Peter Olegarz & Karen Leung

Tuesday, July 26

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, July 27

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, July 28

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Friday, July 29

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