



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

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

❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Halfway Through the Summer – Looking Toward the Fall

I love to look back on the summers of my childhood. Those two months off were a great expanse of time! On the hot days I spent time under the big maple tree in the backyard. As the end of July came and the Civic Holiday Weekend loomed the shortening of days was beginning to be noticeable. The “Back to School” sales were in full swing (they are already these days). And then . . . the CNE, the Canadian National Exhibition, was starting and that was the first definite sign that only a limited amount of time was left before going back to school. I contrast that with the times once I became a pastor. In planning for the parish’s development, a year is a very short time. It all passes quickly.

There will be invitations mailed out shortly for our Mass with Cardinal Collins at 11am on September 18th. As well as being a very significant milestone it will be a chance for us as a parish to truly be together. I hope you will join in.

As well as the usual parish things getting started in the fall like sacramental prep, I am looking forward to hiring a youth minister. I am drawing up the job specification now and laying out a roadmap for the first couple of years. There are three important features to this addition to our parish team that I



would like to underline. First: the youth minister will strengthen our connection with students and families at St. Paul’s school. We can look forward at the parish to seeing altar servers again and the families at the school will come to know that they are supported in their desires to thrive. Second: youth programs that are of specific interest to families in the parish will be developed. There is a lack of programming for young people in the downtown area. This will help our parish to be one where the spiritual needs of a greater number of people can be met. Third: young adults will be given the resources to develop more intentionally in their vocations, both according to their individual needs and in experiencing greater bonds of community.

As more pastoral activities happen in the parish, we will have the building blocks

to develop a meaningful parish pastoral council, one that can help us discern and facilitate a richer parish life.

A newsy note at the end here . . . I can report that we can expect to see work finally starting in a few weeks in our basement. After addressing the water intake from the city and doing some work now to address the drains as well, we will finally see our meeting spaces fixed back up.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and come back ready to share in the next chapters of our parish life!

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.



Scan for more info

Welcome Visitors!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all who attend Mass with us each weekend as visitors to St. Paul's Basilica Parish. We are happy to have you with us. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Bob O'Brien at the end of Mass.

We would like to extend a warm and caring invitation to you to join our parish. We look forward to having you become a member of our faith community. Each individual member of our Parish is an important part of the Catholic Family. The gifts of faith from the Lord are strengthened and deepened by our Communion in Jesus Christ. The celebration of the Eucharist is the heart of our parish life. Come share your



“faith”, your time and your talent in one of our wonderful ministries. Contact our parish office to register at 416-364-7588 or stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org.

If you are already a registered parishioner we would like to thank you for all your support!



Congratulations to Bridget Sullivan

who received the sacrament of First Communion last weekend.

Summer Bulletin Schedule

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

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.



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!!!



Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on Monday, August 1st, for the Civic Holiday. We will reopen the following day.

Have a Happy and Safe Civic Holiday Weekend!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 30

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, July 31

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ 70th Birthday of Kuruvilla Isaac

Tuesday, August 2

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, August 3

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, August 4

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, August 5

5:00 pm ♦

Saturday, August 6

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, August 7

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, August 9

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, August 10

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, August 11

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, August 12

5:00 pm ♦



Mass Intention Scheduling

Mass Intentions are accepted for all parish Masses, contingent on availability.

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

To schedule a Mass intention, please call the office at 416-364-7588 or send an email to stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org.

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