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# ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## Our Archbishop



Archbishop Francis Leo

First of all, a little news ... We will be having a seminarian living with us for the summer. His name is Raphael Carolino and he will be doing a pastoral placement at the Good Shepherd as part of his formation experience. It is really nice to have a community in the house I can tell you. Life leads to life!

The second thing I thought I might do is just write a little about our new Archbishop, the Archdiocese and our parish. I have had the chance to hear Archbishop Leo preach three times now, at the installation Mass, at Chrism Mass and at our regional Mass last week. At the installation Mass he had much to say. The homily was very long but full of content, and I would encourage you to

either read it if you like or watch it on YouTube. You can find a link on St. Michael's Cathedral website, [stmichaelscathedral.com](http://stmichaelscathedral.com). Just click in the 'Mass Video Archive' section. He addressed a wide range of topics and provided what sounded to me like a substantial bit of the road map for us as an Archdiocese.

At the Chrism Mass he spoke to us priests very directly, warmly and sensitively. A key takeaway for me was that he sees us clearly as collaborators in his apostolic ministry. Finally, at the regional Mass, he took time to acknowledge the diverse representation from across our central region of the Archdiocese, as well as those who prepared for and ministered at the Liturgy. He addressed living the Gospel fully together.

Sometimes, the ministry of those beyond the parish level is a bit mysterious to us, and our thoughts may even make us think of the Church as some bureaucratic function. In many ways the story is much like the parish. Relatively few people make many things happen. The Archbishop is assisted by four bishops, known as Auxiliary Bishops, who function as helpers, each assigned a grouping of parishes. They relate to parishes in a rather general way. It's easy to think of the administrative functions of a parish and to see that the Archdiocese plays a role there. We have centralized databases, accounting programs, benefits and pension programs for our employees, however, on the pastoral side it may not be so clear. We have an office for clergy that manages the diocesan and religious clergy who live and work across the 225 parishes, various houses of study and apostolates. We have a pastoral services office that supports ministry and formation across the Archdiocese. There is also a new institute, recently established, meant to give deeper and long-term support for the spiritual life and ministry. In addition to general parish administration, each of the auxiliary bishops has particular responsibilities in some specific areas, such as education, lay movements, religious communities or the diaconate, and also serve on committees of the regional conference of bishops as well as possibly being on a committee of the national conference. Locally parishes are grouped in what are called "zones". The priests and pastoral ministers come together regularly to exchange information and help one another with pastoral initiatives.

The intentions that Archbishop Leo has expressed will probably affect all of these things over time. They are important and will greatly influence how we at the parish meet the call to live as a fully engaged community. Look for concrete news in the months ahead.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

# ❖ NEWS

## Parish Collection Summary

April	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,197	\$ 8,502	↓ \$ 6,306
Mth Total	\$ 15,058	\$ 16,787	↓ \$ 1,729

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

## Take a tour of St. Paul's Basilica



Curious about the building's architecture and beautiful artwork, the connection to the Irish and the tragic epidemics, or the historic importance of the Parish within Toronto and why it is now a Basilica? Self-guided tour booklets are available or speak to one of the ushers after the 11 am Sunday Mass about a guided journey through the church.

## This Weekend ... Coffee Socials Returns!



After a long hiatus, we are pleased to announce the much anticipated return of our Coffee Socials beginning *this weekend!*

The parish's Social Committee will host our first Coffee Social this weekend following the Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass and Sunday, 8:30 am and 11 am Masses in our parish hall. All are welcome and encouraged to stop by for coffee, tea or a sweet treat, and stay for friendly conversations with fellow parishioners!

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) starting soon

*Information Session: Sunday, April 30th at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall*



An information session about the upcoming Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 'RCIA', program will take place on Sunday, April 30th at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall.

The RCIA program is designed for any non-Catholic adults interested in learning about our Catholic faith and potentially joining through baptism, as well as

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

*A ShareLife Campaign Update*



Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again.

Thus far we have raised \$13,000 toward our goal of \$46,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign.

## Mass Intentions

*Saturday, April 22*

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

*Sunday, April 23*

8:30 am ♦ † Leonila Nerizon

11:00 am ♦ † Jose Martin Pardo

*Tuesday, April 25*

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

*Wednesday, April 26*

5:00 pm ♦

*Thursday, April 27*

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

*Friday, April 28*

5:00 pm ♦

## Doors Open Toronto Volunteers

*May 27th & 28th, 2023*



St. Paul's Basilica will be participating in this year's Doors Open event. The parish will be open to the public on Saturday, May 27th from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday, May 28th from 12 pm to 5 pm. We are looking for volunteers to fill the roles of tour guides and greeters. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

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