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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 10:00 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

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# ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## Introductions, Ordinations and Maternal Blessings



**RAPHAEL CAROLINO**

As you may have heard already, we have a seminarian living with us at the rectory here at St. Paul's for the summer months. Raphael Carolino is a recent arrival from the Philippines. He has been in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary on Kingston Road since January of this year however he had already been attending seminary in the Philippines for

some time. So, while praying and studying in the seminary is not new to him, almost everything about living here in Canada is new. He will be with us until the seminary academic year begins again in September.

I did the same thing in 1987. I had never spent time in a rectory before. That summer was an introduction to something of what priestly life might be like. I enjoyed getting to know the priests, sharing in some of the sacraments by serving, and getting to know these men and their perspectives on being alive in Christ. You will probably see Raphael doing some of the same. He will be at many of our liturgies and will be getting a view on the diverse activities that happen here at St. Paul's. Fr. Tony and I have both remarked on what a difference it is to have three of us living in the rectory, rather than just two. It is easier to spend time with each other, talk and share. Life in our rectory kitchen promises to be fun, with Canadian, Syrian and Filipino food on tap. It is a small version of the Catholic Church in Toronto where the richness of the life of faith comes from all corners of the world. I hope we in the house will all learn some new things about being ministers of the Good News in our wonderful city and diocese.

In addition to learning about rectory life, Rafael is also performing some apostolic work beyond the parish. He is working with Fr. Tom Lynch and Priests for Life while also being active at

the Mustard Seed, a local multiservice ministry with programs addressing poverty, isolation, lack of community.

As I experienced in that summer of 1987, and even more in 1988 when I was in my internship year, the faith and life of parishioners will be an important contribution to Raphael's time here. I hope you take the time to introduce yourself and share with him.

### ORDINATION CLASS OF 2023

Serve the Lord with gladness, come before Him singing for joy (Ps 100:2)



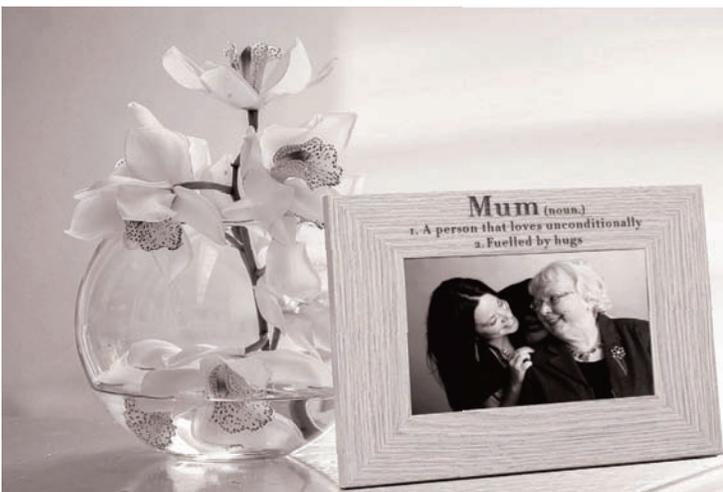
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This Saturday, May 13th, also marks our annual ordinations to the priesthood. One of the newly ordained even had a reception to mark his ordination right here at St. Paul's. Please pray for Fr. Savio Bruto da Costa and his classmates, Fr. Mirko Ljuba, Fr. Carlos Torres Marquez, Fr. M. Cole Powers, and Fr. Sean R. Jacob. These newly ordained priests will begin their first assignments at the end of June.

And of course ... Today is Mother's Day! Whether we are young or old, thanksgiving to God for our mothers is a good thing. I'm glad my mother wasn't perfect; none of us are, but it is the love that we received from God as a free gift and the love we received from our moms that shines. Take the time to say THANK YOU and I LOVE YOU to the mothers in your life! Jesus says that to each of us, all the time! And may Mary, first of the saints, bless us all!

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*



### *Celebrating Mothers!*

*Today we honour mothers. We take time to celebrate our mothers and the many maternal figures in our lives. We are grateful for the gift of their love, care and nurturing, not only today, but always. We also remember the mothers who are no longer with us, but whose memories we will always cherish.*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

# ❖ NEWS

## Parish Collection Summary

May	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 4,043	\$ 4,182	↓ \$ 139
Mth Total	\$ 4,043	\$ 12,868	↓ \$ 8,825

*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.

## The Gift of Faith & Mental Health

May 12, 2023 from 10 am to 3 pm; Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Etobicoke



The Southdown Institute invites you to a day of insightful, educational, and practical talks to promote mental health, wellness, and spirituality, designed specifically for the Catholic community of faith. Free to attend but registration is required. To learn more or register visit [southdown.on.ca](http://southdown.on.ca) or scan the QR.



## Our Next Coffee Social!

June 3rd & 4th; after each Mass



The parish's Social Committee will host a Coffee Social on the weekend of June 3rd & 4th, following each Mass, 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! Anyone wishing to volunteer by helping to host or baking goodies to share, are asked to contact the parish office.

## New Beginnings Online Programs

Evenings at 7 pm

Share discussions in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum or listen to featured speakers. Visit [cfstoronto.com/new-beginnings](http://cfstoronto.com/new-beginnings) to view all programs and learn more.

- May 18: Blended Families Seminar with Keynote Speaker Connie Butera, R.P.(Q)
- May 24: Bereavement Support
- May 25: Separated/Divorced Support



## 6th Sunday of Easter

Share your love on Mother's Day



On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!"

Thus far we have raised \$26,000 toward our goal of \$46,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

## Mass Intentions

### Sanctuary Lamp

Giuliana Marrelli

### Saturday, May 13

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

### Sunday, May 14

8:30 am ♦ † William McMillan

11:00 am ♦ † Thillo Fernando

### Tuesday, May 16

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

### Wednesday, May 17

5:00 pm ♦ † William Leblanc

### Thursday, May 18

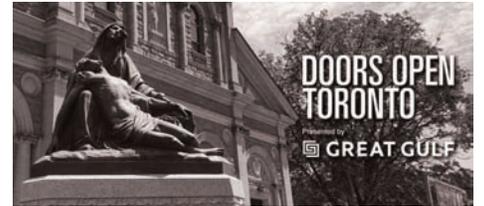
5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

### Friday, May 19

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.

## Consider Donating Online

Don't carry cash or even own cheques? Want to collect miles or points on your credit card? A single or monthly donation through your credit card is a great option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for a single donation and at the end of the year for a recurring gift. Select the Donate button at [stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org](http://stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org) or scan the QR code. Please ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



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