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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



Come Holy Spirit!

At Baptism, at Confirmation and really in all the sacraments, the Holy Spirit breathes on us a fuller life in Christ. We don't, however, usually give much thought to it. We love to say we're "inspired". That usually means we are energized or have a new experience that delights us.

What if we really knew that we could live in God's deep and redeeming love? It would make even the things that we find difficult the fruits of real inspiration. Can I do that difficult but valuable thing with love?

The ***Gifts of the Holy Spirit*** are really showered on us. We need to be awake to them, and we can be certain that they call us out of ourselves to serve others. Our soul is like a garden that needs to be nurtured. So, when this garden is well tended it shares its beauty with anyone who looks at it and feeds those who recognize its fruits. In other words, we deepen our spiritual life not for ourselves but so that we can be responsive to Christ alive in us and the family of Christ may grow.

Our candidates will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 29th, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, one of two feasts of St. Paul that are near and dear to our parish. Bishop Robert Kasun will be here to celebrate the sacrament. In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the bishop has the "fullness of the priesthood". That is why, I, as a priest, share in the ministry of the bishop. I exercise some of his ministry in communion with him.

Adolescents may wonder how the ***Gifts of the Holy Spirit*** are to be lived in their lives. Isn't adolescence a time of life when a little craziness is expected? Well, we know young people are

still growing, especially their brains. The Holy Spirit takes us seriously and there are important ways of living the Gifts during adolescence that are both fun and sensible.

Finding the path to maturity should leave those around us better for our time with them. How do we deal with negative feelings and experiences? We do not want to take it out on others but come to grips honestly with our challenges. That effort will inspire others. When we are young we naturally want to use our strengths and talents. That's part of growing. Knowing that we are a full human person and that there are "tender spots" in us helps us to be patient with others ... including our parents!

And those of us who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation long ago should be happy that the ***Gifts of the Holy Spirit*** have equipped us to reach out across generations and cultures. We can do so much to strengthen the bond of communion in Jesus Christ.

As we approach the coming Feast of Pentecost, let us pray together:

***Come, Holy Spirit!
Renew us, fill our hearts,
Breathe into us the fire of Your love,
Inspire us with Your Gifts that the world of our daily lives,
and the wider world may be made new!
Amen!***

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Parish Collection Summary

May	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,797	\$ 5,840	↓ \$ 3,043
Mth Total	\$ 6,840	\$ 12,868	↓ \$ 6,029

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.

Seeing with Heart - A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBT Young Adults

June 3, 2023 from 9 am to 4 pm at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering

Facilitated by Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, this day of reflection, ending with the celebration of Mass, aims to provide parents of LGBT young adults with the opportunity to meet and interact with other parents, reflect and discuss concerns, learn about resources, strengthen their love, and grow closer to God. Within a relaxed and supportive environment, parents will be able to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic priest, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. For more information or to register, contact Mike Hyland at 647-296-2499. A suggested offering of \$65 per person includes lunch.

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.

Ascension of the Lord

ShareLife & World Communications Day



On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Thus far we have raised \$27,000 toward our goal of \$46,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

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 to view all programs and learn more.

- May 24: Bereavement Support
- May 25: Separated/Divorced Support

Victoria Day Office Closure

Please note that our office will be closed for the holiday until Tuesday, May 23rd.

*Have a happy and safe
Victoria Day Long Weekend!*

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

Giuliana Marrelli

Saturday, May 20

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, May 21

8:30 am ♦ Healing of Johnny Brooks

11:00 am ♦ † Maria & Anna Guercio

Tuesday, May 23

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, May 24

5:00 pm ♦ † Emperatriz Quiroga

Thursday, May 25

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, May 26

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 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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