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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

Bringing the Good News to Our World

About 25 years ago when I was a young pastor at Precious Blood Parish in Scarborough, I received a rather unusual associate pastor. Fr. Larry Saldanha had come to Toronto from Lahore, Pakistan, and like many newly arrived priests, was getting oriented to ministry in a very different context from the one he knew back home. He had a rich variety of experience, having been rector of the national seminary in Pakistan and the communications director for the Pakistani bishops. I enjoyed having him at the parish. I certainly learned from him and I hope he learned a few things from me. After a couple of years, we had a great surprise. The long arm of the Vatican had noticed Fr. Larry. The Holy Father wished to name him the Archbishop of Lahore. It was marvellous to see how Fr. Larry accepted going back home, leaving his siblings who were already established here in Canada and returning to lead the local church in a very challenging context. He chose as his motto: Heralds of Hope. With half a million Catholics in a sea of 29 million Muslims, how was Archbishop Larry happily able to make this his motto?

When we read the Acts of the Apostles, we can follow how the apostles proclaimed Christ while also striving to live peaceably, first among themselves and, as much as possible, with the surrounding society which was not friendly to their new faith. Sometimes we look at this approach as some kind of compromise, but it is truly important that we live the Christian life. As St. Paul teaches, there are a variety of gifts. These result in varied vocations, including the Church's long track record of caring for everyone. When I received my letter of appointment as pastor it appointed me to the care of souls. That includes not



Archbishop Lawrence John Saldanha
Archbishop Emeritus of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Lahore, Pakistan

only my registered parishioners, but every soul in the territory of my parish. I am to be a father to them in the name of the bishop.

Archbishop Larry served his people in Lahore for almost a decade and managed to come home to Canada safely to be with his siblings again. There were some violent incidents, including the bombing of a school, through which he had to be the shepherd of his flock. He met these with the same dignity and secure faith that I had seen when he was working with our First Communion children and parents.

The Holy Spirit is by no means abandoning us in this increasingly secular world that is suspicious of religion. There is a way both to evangelize, and to care for this much divided world of ours. Like the apostles, and the early communities of Christian believers, it will be as much by how we live, as by our words, that Christ becomes known and welcomed. The apostles and many other early believers paid the price of rejection. Happily living out our particular vocations, the price most of will have to pay, will be relatively small.

***O Lord, help us to live in You by the breath of the Holy Spirit,
Bearing fruit with lives of integrity.***

Dwelling in Your Truth, may our living be a window,

On the richness of Your Good News,

Helping our brothers and sisters to be released from all that binds them,

And to be freed to be joined to You.

We adore You O Christ, and we praise!

Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world!

Amen.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

Parish Collection Summary

May	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,072	\$ 982	↑ \$ 1,090
Mth Total	\$ 8,911	\$ 12,868	↓ \$ 3,957

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Pentecost Sunday

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Return; Call on Him while He is near

*June 3rd at 7 pm; St. Leo's Parish
227 Royal York Rd., Etobicoke*

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council of Toronto and the iv24 team invite Young Adults for an in-person night of deep encounter with the Holy Spirit through worship, Adoration and a powerful message by Fr. Matthias Amuzu.

This is a free event, however please RSVP by scanning the code or visiting ['return-toronto.eventbrite.com/](http://return-toronto.eventbrite.com/)



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.

- June 14: Bereavement Support
- June 15: Separated/Divorced Support

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.

A Silent Ignatian Weekend for Young Professionals

June 9 - 11 at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for young professionals, aged 19-39, that will help deepen your relationship with God, to grow in knowledge of God's desires for your life. Open to men and women. Facilitated by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ. Suggested offering \$245 per person. This includes 2 night's accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. To register visit ['manresa-canada.ca/](http://manresa-canada.ca/)



Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

Giuliana Marrelli

Saturday, May 27

4:30 pm ♦ The Marrelli Family

Sunday, May 28

8:30 am ♦ † Zocima Fernandez Dulay

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, May 30

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, May 31

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, June 1

5:00 pm ♦ † Pamela Karen Bermejo

Friday, June 2

5:00 pm ♦ Gail Ann Ferguson on her 75th Birthday

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.

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