



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

Mass is celebrated at the Good Shepherd Centre - 412 Queen St. East,
Monday to Friday: 12:00 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
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in September
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;
Please call during office hours

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Animated by the Spirit: Renovating Our Spiritual Lives

At the Easter Vigil we had a dramatic demonstration of the fruits of being deeply moved by the Spirit. The Easter season is devoted to deepening our appreciation for the mystery of God-with-Us and the renewal of the whole of creation through Jesus. In our rites for those just initiated, this period is called the Mystagogia, a nice Greek word! When we meditate on the Scriptures of these Sundays especially, we are being invited into that same spiritual journey.

We saw the life-giving effects as we did our part to give glory to God on Easter Sunday and Holy Saturday night. There were many people who contributed to a kind of chorus of thankful praise to God. It was natural and very good for us!

It may seem that we are up against the things we struggle with, but this experience shows us that so much of conversion and change in our lives is allowing the goodness that God animates in others to enter into us.

It is not easy to be vulnerable. By definition we need to be cautious. We can be taken advantage of by others. In our life together in the Church this is a good reason to be gentle and patient with one another. Who knows the wounds that each of us bears? In a society that claims



to value transparency, the response to it can be quite cruel sometimes. There is a healthy privacy and there are appropriate times, places and people with whom we can constructively share our burdens. Collectively, we need the Holy Spirit to guide us to be the sort of peace-filled community that supports the healing and renewal of each of our souls.

While Lent is a rather sober time and Easter a time of rejoicing, it is still good to find quiet space in our life every day in which we can be wholly ourselves with God. "Speak to me, O Lord, Your living Word. Imprint it gently in my heart!"

Soon we will be celebrating First Holy Communion and Confirmation for our candidates. Our transitional deacons in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be ordained priests. May will be upon us when we honour our mothers and when we honour our Blessed Mother.

All these things are the gushing forth of the living waters that Jesus spoke of to the woman at the well a few weeks ago. Let us drink deeply of this living water!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

EDGE Camp

August 17-21, 2024

Established in 2009, EDGE Camp is a Catholic overnight adventure camp for children in grades 5-8. St. Paul's will be hosting a camp session from August 17-21, 2024, at beautiful Camp White Pine in Haliburton. The cost per child is \$475, prior to May 1st and \$525 after, and includes transportation to and from camp, all meals, activities such as swimming, high ropes, zip line, canoeing/kayaking and much more.

To register visit 'edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com', select **EDGE Camp North**, and then select '**St. Paul's Basilica**' (not just St. Paul's). \$100 deposit is due at registration, full payment is due on June 15. For more information, or if cost is an issue, speak to our youth minister, Micah, after Mass or email him at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.

April 13-14, 2024



EDGE Camp Fundraisers

April 20/21 & 28, 2024

To assist EDGers who would like attend but are unable to, we will be hosting two fundraising events. On April 20-21, after each Mass, we will be having a Bake Sale and on April 28 we will host a pancake breakfast, for \$5 per plate, after the 11 am Mass. Please stop by, pick up something sweet or savory and help ensure that all children attend.

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, April 14

8:30 am ♦ † Claude Kavanagh

11:00 am ♦ † Abdul Malek Ladhani

Tuesday, April 16

5:00 pm ♦ † Patrick Wilkinson

Wednesday, April 17

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, April 18

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, April 19

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Full of Grace: A Concert Honouring Mothers

May 10th, 2024 at 7:30 pm

In honour of Mother's Day, on May 10th, 2024, at 7:30 pm, St. Paul's will be hosting a musical performance entitled Full of Grace. Led by artistic director, Mark Wood-Salomon, soloists Andrea Ludwig, Claire Latosinsky, and Anika Venkatesh, accompanist David Simon, and the Together in Worship Canada Choir, will perform works by Sir John Tavener, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Cecilia McDowall, Pérotin, Robert Fleming, John Ireland, Robert Pearsall, and Monsignor Thomas Barrett Armstrong.

Take advantage of discounted prices and group rates by calling the parish office to reserve your tickets. Tickets are \$30 at the door.



Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Mar 31	\$ 10,419	\$ 5,646	↑ \$ 4,773
Apr 7	\$ 3,989	\$ 7,215	↓ \$ 3,225
Apr 14		\$ 6,474	
Apr 21		\$ 3,031	
Apr 28		\$ 3,195	
Mth Target	\$ 14,408	\$ 25,561	↓ \$ 11,153

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Volunteers for Doors Open

May 25-26, 2024

St. Paul's will be participating in this year's Doors Open event. We are looking for volunteers to help with crowd control and guided tours. Training is available. Please contact the office if interested.

Donate Online



Credit card or direct bank account debit donations are an easy way to help support our parish. Tax receipts are emailed immediately for a single donation and mailed at the end of the year for recurring gifts. Scan the QR code or visit stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org and hit the Donate button. Check that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.

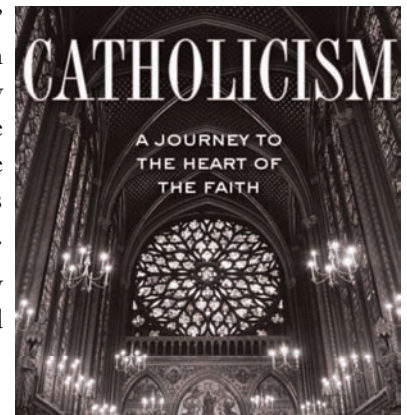


Ongoing Catholicism Program

St. Paul's invites you to attend our "Catholicism" program, happening every Sunday, after the 11 am Mass. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video by Bishop Barron, where he addresses some of the most controversial questions about life and the identity of Jesus Christ. After the video, we discuss the episode over coffee, tea, and light refreshments.

The Catholicism program is a great opportunity for you to grow in your faith while getting involved with our Parish faith community.

We hope to see you there!



Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

Thus far we have raised \$11,300 toward our goal of \$75,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website. Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!



Fr. Bob's on Vacation

Fr. Bob will be away on vacation until April 27th. During this time Fr. Michael Lehman, Fr. Tony Farah and Fr. Luis Melo will be celebrating the parish Masses. For sacramental (baptism, marriage etc.) inquires please contact the parish office after Fr. Bob returns.



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