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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

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Paul Has A Hard Time!

Wouldn't it be great if everything went smoothly? It's a wonderful feeling when things flow correctly; our work seems fruitful, our relationships sustaining and we have the pleasure of feeling satisfaction. Today's first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes an important event in the life of our patron, St. Paul. Paul travelled to Jerusalem; expecting a warm welcome from the apostles for all his good work abroad. Instead, he faced a barrage of questions and accusations, to the point he needed Barnabas as an ambassador. Apparently, his "success" in the Greek-speaking cities of the Mediterranean hadn't gone over well with the Jewish people in the region. His reputation preceded him, but not in a good way. While today's first reading ends with St. Paul being spirited away from Jerusalem to safety, this reading also speaks of the acceptance and ultimate fruitfulness of St. Paul's work.

A chapter or so after today's reading, as Paul works with Barnabas at Antioch, we hear of the first time the followers of The Way are called Christians. On a side note, Fr. Tony Farah, our in residence hospital chaplain, belongs to the Maronite Rite,



which has its patriarchate in Antioch and is of Aramaic origins, the language Jesus spoke. This serves as a good reminder that not all Catholics in the world are the same. There are many aspects from other ancient Catholic rites that can enrich us.

One of the biggest challenges Paul faced was the pressure for new Christians to become Jewish and follow prescribed Mosaic Laws. This led to the first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem, also known as the Apostolic Council. After prayer, much discussion and sharing accounts of conversion and initiation, the Apostolic Decree maintained certain Jewish prohibitions, such as idolatry and meat sacrifices, but affirmed that new Christians were not obligated to become Jewish and follow Mosaic Law in order to be seen as full members of the Church.

In my opinion, when faced with contentious situations, St. Paul demonstrated both a strong devotion to the graces he received and a patience demeanor with those he had to persuade. We can only dream of a world where all problems are worked out this way. St. Paul's last word on this topic is that it is Christ who acts in us and that anything fruitful is the work of Christ. Our brow may sweat; we may become frustrated at times, but with serenity in our souls and an abandonment to Christ, His work will be done in the end.

May Christ, the vinedresser, prune us all that we may bear abundant fruit!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

EDGE Camp

August 17-21, 2024

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 all transportation, meals, and activities.

To register visit 'edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com', select **EDGE Camp North**, and select '**St. Paul's Basilica**' (not just St. Paul's). For more info, or if cost is an issue, speak to Micah after Mass or email him at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.

EDGE Camp Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

April 28, 2024 in the Basement Breakfast Room

To assist EDGers requiring financial assistance to attend camp, on April 28 we will host a pancake breakfast, for \$5 per plate, after the 11 am Mass. Thank you for your support.

April 27-28, 2024



First Holy Eucharist Congratulations

Our heartfelt congratulations to Jolene Angelo-Norman, Bentley Benjamin, Daniel Bofo, Angelo Callangan, Rubiella Chilombo, Gabriella Chilombo, Zach Degamo, Liam Hoyos, Preston Hoyte, Taliyah Keddy-Benjamin, Eden Lalani, Isabella MacNaughton, Claudia Makurat, Ciela Nibatunge, Julian Orosco, Julien Paquin, Alexander Quiazon, Dominus Recaido, Mateo Sanchez, Zayn Savory, Elizabeth Tamondong, Scarlett Tamondong, Victoria Vitale and Amari Vitale who are receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday. Many thanks to Rosalia James for her hard work and prayerful dedication to preparing our children for their sacraments.

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27

4:30 pm ♦ † Antonio Bermejo Sr.

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Private Intention

Tuesday, April 30

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, May 1

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, May 2

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, May 3

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	\$ 3,478	\$ 6,474	↓ \$ 2,996
Apr 21*	\$ 6,793	\$ 3,031	↑ \$ 3,761
Apr 28		\$ 3,195	
Mth Target	\$ 24,678	\$ 25,561	↓ \$ 883

*Includes Monthly PAG Donations

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.



Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation

International Eucharistic Congress 2024 – September 8-15 – Quito, Ecuador

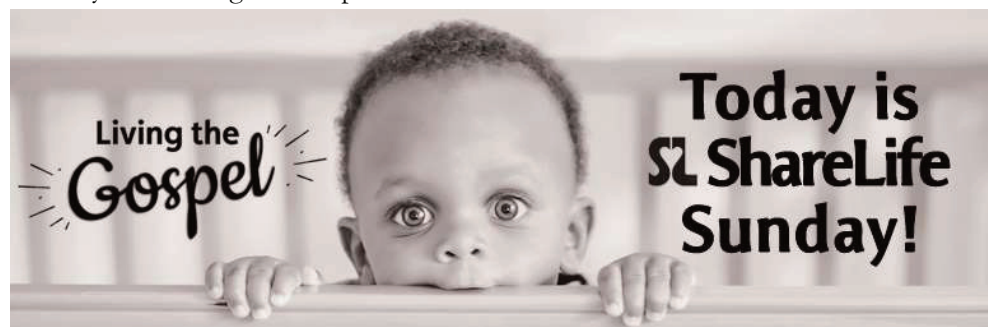
The Holy Father has invited Catholics worldwide to participate in the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress. This year's gathering takes place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024. To learn more about the pilgrimage, please visit 'archtoronto.org/iec'. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with the Canadian delegation. Registration deadline is June 6, 2024 with early bird pricing available until May 6.

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!

Share the love with our beloved seniors through ShareLife

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you offered quality care and companionship to over 2,300 vulnerable seniors. *"The largest thank you to all ShareLife donors for your continued generosity! With your support, our centre is able to provide assistance to seniors in need through our community programs."* – Jaymie Daunt, LA Centre for Active Seniors. The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 2. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or online through our parish website. Thank you for living the Gospel!



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