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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

New Priests: Ordinations, Saturday, May 11, 2024



This weekend Archbishop Leo is ordaining five men as priests: Fr. Marko Basic, Fr. Daniel Donghoon Lee, Fr. Ryan Nigli, Fr. Symon Sorbian, and Fr. Jeremy Zou. I remember my journey to the priesthood well. I was ordained at 28 after 5 years in formation, which felt as though it took a long time to complete. In fact, at that point it took up close to 20% of my time on earth, a significant percentage of my young life. Now, after what will soon be 35 years of ministry, the time seems very short.

That period of preparation is equally spiritual and intellectual, requiring the ability to both understand and minister in a way that accords with what we believe to be revealed by God as Catholics. A priest learns a lot while exercising his ministry. Every community I've been privileged to serve has been different and called out of me skills that were needed for that time and place.

Who is the priest? There are many correct and complementary answers to this question. He "confects" the

Eucharist with the People of God. It is Christ who makes Himself present and the priest has the very great privilege of acting and speaking in His Person. A bishop ordains. He can ordain deacons, priests and even new bishops. A bishop makes present and is a successor of the apostles whom Jesus chose to form and nurture the Church. Priests share in the work of the bishop. That is why the priest sits in the large chair at Mass. It represents the presence of the bishop. Bishops also ordain deacons who are called to serve. Most of our permanent deacons are involved in service to the poor, the sick and the frail. Even new priests have been ordained as deacons, which they carry with them into their priestly life. The service of the needy, therefore, is at the root of priestly life.

Jesus was with us in our earthly life, and when we live together as the Church, we have a material, a visible reality. As a young priest I couldn't have known all the knowledge that I would need to have to take account of these practical things.

As a pastor appointed by the bishop, I'm responsible for everything from the condition of the church toilets to the eternal salvation of everyone, even those who aren't in Church or even Catholic. Maybe that's why it is truly a vocation. You can't fulfill the job description without God doing all the heavy lifting!

In the early 2000's I was the Director of Lay Ministry at the chancery. I worked with people educated in theology and employed in pastoral roles, providing key ministry in parishes. It gave me a strong taste of the virtue of all of us working together building up the faith. Most living of the Gospel happens in our daily lives, when we go home, go to work or go to school. We can all deepen our commitment to Christ. It is Christ acting in us, therefore it is His call and our vocation.

Let's pray this weekend that these 5 young priests embrace the fullness of what the Lord wishes of them in the coming years and let's also pray that we learn more and more to help each other.

May Mary, the Mother of the Church and our Mother give glory to Her Only Son and through her intercession help us to offer our entire selves to God.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY



Congratulations & Prayerful Wishes to our Confirmandi

Leander Angelo, Leonicio Shepherd-Belasco, Essey Berhane, Antonella Chilombo, Isabel Escandor, Sanshia Fernando, Josiah Savory, Lukas Scheffer, Grayson Shillingford, and Aiden Tri, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday.

Happy Mother's Day

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!



Holiday Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on Friday, May 17 and Monday, May 20 for the Victoria Day Holiday.

May 11-12, 2024

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, May 12

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Roberto & Nilda Valencia

Tuesday, May 14

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, May 15

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, May 16

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, May 17

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
May 5	\$ 2,238	\$ 4,043	↓ \$ 1,805
May 12		\$ 2,797	
May 19		*\$ 6,329	
May 26		\$ 2,777	
Mth Target	\$ 2,238	\$ 15,945	↓ \$ 13,707

* 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.



Parish Summer Day Camp

July 8-12, 15-19 & 22-26, 2024 in the parish basement

St. Paul's is running a three-week summer day camp for children in grades 1 to 7. The camp focuses on helping children learn about our Catholic faith while providing fun opportunities to meet new friends and participate in a variety of activities including games, arts & crafts and sports. Each week will feature a water day, a field trip and a drama production open to families and friends. The weekly cost per child is \$130 or save by registering for all three weeks for \$300. Additional siblings receive a weekly discount of \$20 and \$70 for all three weeks. Registration forms are available at the back of the church, at the parish office, online at bit.ly/3JOyL82 or by scanning the QR code. For more information please reach out to our youth minister, Micah at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.



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 \$525, 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.

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.

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!

ShareLife & World Communications Day



On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community. "If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice. Thus far we have raised \$19,500 toward our goal of \$75,000. Please give through the parish or through our parish website.

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