



ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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In Residence, Hospital Chaplain

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Micah MacMullen
Youth Minister

Lynett Wilson
Office Manager

Jason Lo
Bookkeeper

Ives Alvarez
Custodian

Joseph Angelo
Music Director

Allison Angelo
Cantor

Andrea Cerswell
11 am Choir Lead

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



Pentecost: Come, Holy Spirit and Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful

Many things have taken place over the past year, here at St. Paul's, that we can be thankful to the Holy Spirit for. It was about a year ago that I started meeting with people interested in becoming Catholic and it is just about a year ago that we welcomed Micah as our Youth Minister. Our already committed staff team of Lynett Wilson, Ives Alvarez and Jason Lo had laid a foundation for these outward looking activities.

In the fall we began with the Alpha program and out of that has sprung our Little Saints and Children's Choir. The adults who gathered around this faith-deepening program have developed into a community adding confidence to one another in looking forward to more. These gatherings after the 11am Mass continue to happen and have been responsible for our recent breakfasts. The "Edge" program began after Christmas and has formed into a nicely sized group, some of whom will participate in a summer camp north of the city this year. We have our own day camp for school-age kids, grades 1 to 7 as well.

We baptized four adults and received one into the Catholic Church at Easter. We have one more scheduled now for mid-

June. These people are now discerning ways that they can support the parish life and apply their faith in daily living.

These are all signs to us that we really do have a "living" faith. It is in the living that we gradually say, "Yes", more and more to what God desires of us. And it carries deep joy with it. Please pray as I contemplate our next steps that we continue to bear these kinds of fruits and see this very organic way of growth in our community spread.

Come Holy Spirit

*Fill the hearts of Your faithful and
Kindle in them the fire of Your love
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and
You shall renew the face of the earth!*

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

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 edgecamp.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.

May 18-19, 2024

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 18

4:30 pm ♦ Health of Joseph Barreto & the Celebration of Joseph & Leocadia Barreto's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, May 19

8:30 am ♦
11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, May 21

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, May 22

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, May 23

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, May 24

5:00 pm ♦ † Emperatriz Quiroga Ruiz & Ciro Antonio Velasco Quiroga

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
May 5	\$ 2,238	\$ 4,043	↓ \$ 1,805
May 12	Unavailable at time of printing. Will be included in next bulletin		
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!

Holiday Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 20 for the Victoria Day Holiday. Have a wonderful Holiday Long Weekend!

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.



Kir Stefan the Serb Choir - Love Divination

June 1, 2024 at 8 pm - St. Paul's Basilica

Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church will host the Kir Stefan the Serb Choir in a performance of their concert 'Love Divination' here at St. Paul's. Under the baton and artistic direction of conductor Jasmina Vučurović, the concert will include both sacred and traditional music. The program includes works of XIX and XX Century Serbian and Russian composers, sung a cappella as well as original harmonies and rhythms of Serbian folk melodies. To purchase tickets or for more information visit universe.com/KirStefanTheSerb or scan the QR code.



Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology

Have you ever thought about studying theology to deepen your faith knowledge or acquire ministerial training? Don't miss the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology Virtual Open House coming up on Wednesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. where you can explore professional programs like our Master of Divinity (MDiv), Master of Theological Studies (MTS) or Master of Religious Education (MRE). Several programs can be taken part-time with certain classes offered online and in the evenings. Also learn about adult continuous learning courses, part-time certificates & diplomas, on-line & in-person courses, experiential learning courses & various graduate degrees. For more information, please contact rsm.dean@utoronto.ca. To register for the open house please visit: tinyurl.com/bdeyp7t7

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.

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.

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!

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