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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

### The Eucharist, Our Foretaste of the Reign of God

At every celebration of the Mass we repeat the words of Christ. No matter which Eucharistic Prayer is used, these words are always present; “Take and eat, this is My Body”. We refer to this as the “Paschal Mystery”, when Jesus gives Himself to us as He did at the Last Supper and in His death and resurrection. Those two events are part of the Passover, which makes the New Covenant present.

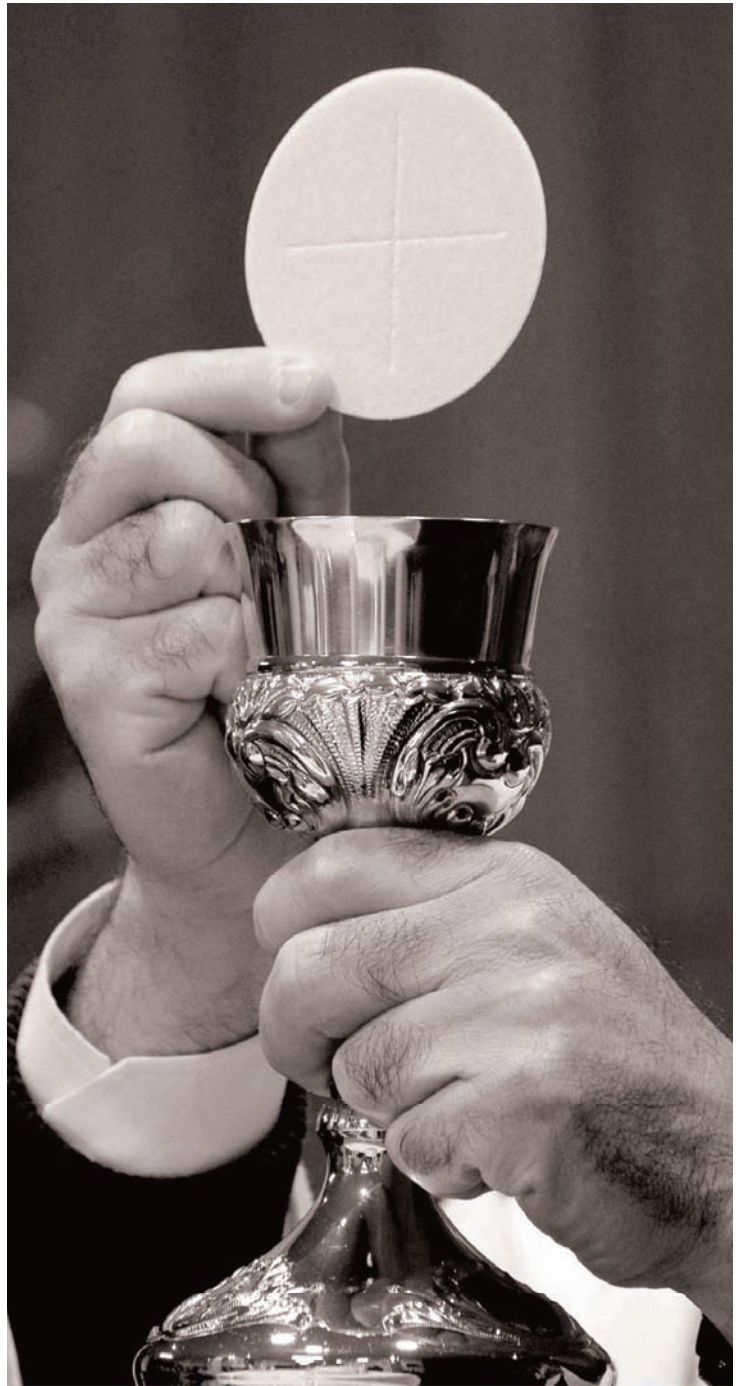
What should our response be? Should we make a tent for Jesus, Moses and Elijah, as St. Peter wanted to do on the Mount of the Transfiguration? In a way, the image is a beautiful one: a home for Moses, Elijah and for Jesus, that they might abide together. However, in reality, our only possible response is gratitude, praise and thanksgiving followed by allowing ourselves to be present with Him. Peter’s response was given out of nervousness; he wanted to do something!

Another scene we can meditate on is Jesus’ appearance to the disciples when He breathes His Spirit upon them and utters the word, “Peace”. We can strive to be at peace enough to abide in Christ. That’s what we have the chance to do every time we celebrate Mass and especially when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Church calls the Eucharist “the source,” and also the highest point of our life on earth. There is nothing in us, or about us, that is not brought to Christ as we come and share our thanks. We even call the Mass, “a sacrifice of praise” – a gift of ourselves. The Eucharist absorbs, in the redeeming love of Christ, our entire lives, and the breath of Christ’s spirit sends us outward to share love made new and whole, whose very heart is divine and personal. “You have redeemed us, O Lord, in Your own Blood”. This solemnity gives us the chance to be taken up anew in the life we received at our baptism.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*



## ❖ NOTEWORTHY



### Parish-Run Summer Day Camp

*July 8-12, 15-19 & 22-26, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Paul's Basilica*

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 for families and friends. The weekly cost per child is \$130 or \$300 for all three weeks. Each sibling receives a \$20 weekly discount or \$70 for all three weeks. Registration forms are available at the back of the church, at the parish office, online at [bit.ly/3JOyL82](https://bit.ly/3JOyL82) or by scanning the QR code. For more information please reach out to our youth minister, Micah at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org).



# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 1**

4:30 pm ♦ † Pamela Karen Bermejo

**Sunday, June 2**

8:30 am ♦ † Julita Menguito

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, June 4**

5:00 pm ♦

**Wednesday, June 5**

5:00 pm ♦

**Thursday, June 6**

5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, June 7**

5:00 pm ♦ Rev. Fred Foley

## Youth Ministry Bake Sale Fundraiser

June 16, 2024, after each Mass



On Sunday, June 16th, following each Mass, we invite you to stop by our bake sale and pick up something sweet to support our various youth ministry events. If you missed the last bake sale, this will be another opportunity for you to try some delicious baked goodies prepared by our St. Paul's youth and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help bake please contact Micah at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org). Hope to see you there!

## Your love and compassion led thousands on the path to healing



Through your kind support, you eased the struggles of 23,000 people by providing access to mental health care. Your compassion provides families access to counselling sessions from our Catholic family agencies. Thus far we have raised \$27,000 toward our goal of \$75,000. Please give through the parish or through our parish website.

## Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

June 8, 2024 at 9 am

Learn about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals, as well topics such as how to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, and how to create your own legacy through proper Estate Trustee selection. To register scan the QR code or visit [qrco.de/WebJune08](http://qrco.de/WebJune08).



## 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!

## The Source Holy Hour

June 20, 2024 at 7 pm - St. Peter's Church, Toronto

Hosted by The Sisters of Life, The Source invites us to unite around the source and summit of our faith - Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, with one hour of Eucharistic Adoration including music by the Sisters and the opportunity for Confession, followed by a small social. Take a break from the noise of your daily life and spend time in quiet reflection with Jesus. To learn more visit [sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour](http://sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour).



## Parish Collection Summary

|            | 2024      | 2023      | Diff       |
|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| May 5      | \$ 2,238  | \$ 4,043  | ↓ \$ 1,805 |
| May 12     | \$ 4,122  | \$ 2,797  | ↑ \$ 1,326 |
| May 19*    | \$ 7,515  | \$ 6,329  | ↑ \$ 1,186 |
| May 26     | \$ 3,808  | \$ 2,777  | ↑ \$ 1,032 |
| Mth Target | \$ 17,683 | \$ 15,945 | ↑ \$ 1,739 |

\* Includes Monthly PAG Donations

**Thank you for supporting our parish!**

## Thank you to our Doors Open Toronto Volunteers!

Over this past weekend, our parish welcomed over 2,000 visitors for the Doors Open Toronto event. We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteer greeters and tour guides who made this year's Doors Open possible.

## Donate Online



Credit card or direct bank account or 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](http://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.



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