



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

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



The Church Praying, Reflecting and Thinking Deeply

This weekend I'll be participating in a medical ethics conference at Washington DC's Georgetown University, focusing on the topic of love and medicine. It sounds like a strange topic! Medicine is probably the most resourced area of science. Science is conditioned on being objective, being able to measure inputs and outputs. Medicine, for example, is a quantitative analysis of the effectiveness of treatments. The news often refers to medical research as studies indicating the relative concerns regarding disease or the benefits of various treatments. People really do want to stay alive and as healthy as possible, so you can imagine the economic value of all these things. Health is a big industry.

The absolute dominance of the scientific method, whether in the hard scientific analysis of disease or in profiling effective therapies, can diminish human and interpersonal considerations. Even when studies try to evaluate the overall effects of care, they utilize modeling standards, that could be perceived as overtly biased.

The concern with medical studies is that they may ignore the experiences of those receiving treatment. No one wants to feel unwell. When we do become ill, the type of ailment experienced may be ongoing or very acute. In addition to receiving solid medical treatments we need to be accompanied and cared for. We don't want to be alone.

What about the experiences of doctors and nurses, hospitals and long-term care staff? It is necessary to keep in mind that they have the same needs to serve others as we do, regardless of whichever ethic they live by. This raises major questions in the pro-euthanasia environment we are currently in, but it is also important to pay attention to the day-in day-out care that our healthcare providers are expected to deliver both by us and by the wider society.

Being made new in Christ doesn't divorce us from the human condition. The example of Jesus Himself shows us that. Our life in Christ has positive consequences for the love with which we care for others. If we wish to be purveyors of hope in what

seems like a more utilitarian world, then we have to expand our capacity to love in difficult situations. Medicine provides an obvious platform for that. But there are many places where love needs to be more plainly present.

This conference, which includes medical practitioners, Catholic ethicists from healthcare settings and others involved with and affected by healthcare, will contribute something to an opening up of these questions.

While the news is filled with crises, problems and conflicts, I believe we need to be convinced of the importance of doing the groundwork that will support both living the Gospel and the sort of living that leaves us open to grace and free to love as God loves us. If you are doing important things "in the background" which helps others to see Christ, please value it! We all benefit.

May Christ be praised!

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 8

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, June 9

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, June 11

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, June 12

5:00 pm ♦ † Matty & Sunny Crasto

Thursday, June 13

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, June 14

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
June 5	\$ 3,520	\$ 3,049	↑ \$ 471
June 9		\$ 2,157	
June 16		*\$ 7,396	
June 23		\$ 2,010	
Mth Target	\$ 3,520	\$ 14,611	↓ \$ 11,091

* Includes Monthly PAG Donations

Thank you for supporting our parish!

The Source Holy Hour

June 20, 7-9 pm; St. Peter's Church, Toronto

Unite around the source of our faith - Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, with one hour of Eucharistic Adoration including music by the Sisters and the opportunity for Confession and small social. Visit sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour to learn more.

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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.



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. Hope to see you there!

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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 or by scanning the QR code. For more information please reach out to our youth minister, Micah at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.



Summer Street Patrol

Wednesdays from July 3 to August 28, 2024, 6:30 pm; St. Patrick's Parish, 131 McCaul St.



Would you or your group like to help the homeless? Street Patrol is a walk through Toronto's downtown core, offering food and friendship to the homeless. Food and drinks are prepared independently ahead of time by you or your group. Volunteer once or as many times as you wish. See FAQ at stpatricksto.archtoronto.org for more information.



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