



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

Dimensions of Spiritual Fatherhood

Back in May, the annual retreat of the priests of the Archdiocese focused on spiritual fatherhood. It is not hard to figure out why that might be a good topic for us priests. I mentioned already the priest leading the retreat was Fr. Jacques Philippe.

As a suitable reflection for Father's Day, I am going to take something from one of his talks. He cited St. Teresa of Avila who made a part of her rule in reforming the Carmelite Order, that one should not say anything bad about anyone else. Fr. Phillippe observed that this is what is needed to create trust and, in turn, a soil for healing. The root can be found in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:29. St. Paul, like St. Teresa, is very realistic about the way humans behave.

We may ask how we are to face difficult things in our relationships, when we need to call a "spade a spade". I suppose the short answer is it works when we already have trust, and it doesn't work very well where there little or no trust.

St. Teresa was concerned about the holiness of her community, and she understood that this pathway of charity is what leads to healing. In struggling with the tendency to pull away and avoid, we can find a way to healing if we are able to count on that trust.

Living our faith is about trust. We can trust the love of the Father. He gave us the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In our own lives the deepening of our trust in God usually comes in steps. It may feel that uncertainty is slipping into our life at times. If we rise to the challenge it becomes a chance to entrust ourselves more – to make a prayer of the heart.

On this Father's Day we are not only grateful for our dads, but for the way in which we have all been schooled in the pathway of love, trust, maturity and faith by the many acts of kindness that have contributed to our lives. These really do help us to be the adopted siblings of Christ. By imitating the love of God the Father may we all be instruments of trust and healing for others.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

**They asked: "Is there any guy in your life on whom you can trust BLINDLY?"
"YES, MY FATHER". I replied**



❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 15

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, June 16

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, June 18

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, June 19

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, June 20

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, June 21

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Happy Father's Day!



On this Father's Day weekend, we wish a very Happy Father's Day and all of God's blessings to our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and many other father figures in our lives. We also remember fathers who are no longer with us, but whose memories we will always cherish.

Youth Ministry Bake Sale Fundraiser



This 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. Hope to see you there!

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
June 5	\$ 3,520	\$ 3,049	↑ \$ 471
June 9	\$ 2,216	\$ 2,157	↑ \$ 59
June 16		*\$ 7,396	
June 23		\$ 2,010	
Mth Target	\$ 5,786	\$ 14,611	↓ \$ 8,826

*Includes Monthly PAG Donations

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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 will run a three-week summer day camp, for children in grades 1 to 7, focusing on helping children learn about our Catholic faith while providing fun opportunities to meet new friends and participate in a variety of activities. 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.



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.



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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