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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



Road Trips

Some of you may be making road trips this summer with your family. I have just about done mine (one short one to go). Here's a little sharing from journeys this spring.

My long trip away for almost 3 weeks in Italy was thankfully virtually all vacation – no direct responsibilities. I was travelling with an art lover who is a retired eye doctor. Our time there overlapped for two weeks and then I had another five days on my own. Almost all our time was spent in Rome. We covered almost 30 churches and walked something like 17,000 steps most days. At St. Peter's we were able to take a tour of the excavations below the basilica where there are early graves of Christians including the grave of St. Peter. This was dug out in the 1950's and gives a glimpse of the earliest decades of the Church. The Basilica of St. Clement is also very old. It has a pagan temple below it. For me, one of the meaningful places to visit was the Church of Saints Marcellinus and Peter. Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic, our Archbishop before Cardinal Collins was the honorary pastor of this church. It is just down the street from the pope's cathedral, the Basilica of St. John on the Lateran Hill that honours both St. John

the Baptist (whom we are celebrating this week) and St. John the Evangelist.

There were a number of important "St. Paul" sites. The most obvious is St. Paul Outside-the-Walls, the major basilica dedicated to St. Paul. I also visited the place which is simply referred to as the "Three Fountains", the site of St. Paul's martyrdom that is just a little distance from the centre of Rome.

Among other spiritual highlights were St. Monica's grave, St. Lawrence's grave, in the church of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, the church associated with St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Oratory and the "Gesù", the principal church of the Society of Jesus. An artistic highlight for me was Bernini's "Ecstasy of St. Teresa" a beautiful marble sculpture in the Church of Our Lady of Victory not too far from the big train station in Rome. The outstanding historical thing for me was taking a full day walk through the Roman Forum and the area of the imperial palaces. Even here you run across Church history in the midst of the layers of Roman civic construction.

The week in Washington was for a medical ethics conference hosted by the International Association of Catholic

Bioethicists and the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. The subject was healthcare and love. Perhaps only Catholics would be talking about these things side-by-side. There are many senses to that word "love" and these were explored by doctors, specialists in Catholic mission, ethicists, philosophers, theologians and your pastor. It was also interesting to see the participation of younger people in their 30's and early 40's who are just getting their teeth into the big deal of why Catholics see health and the care for one another as a privileged expression of our identity. I've been going to these gatherings every couple of years for almost 25 years now. While it is great to see, there are many challenges. The truth, for example, that the Church so often tries to accomplish a great deal with a small number of people comes to mind.

I returned from both trips renewed and refreshed. While very different from parish life these things were nourishing. May your road trips whether near or far also nourish you this summer.

Blessings,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 22

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, June 23

8:30 am ♦ † Antonio Bermejo Sr.

11:00 am ♦ Delores Leslie

Tuesday, June 25

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, June 26

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, June 27

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, June 28

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

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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.



Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
June 5	\$ 3,520	\$ 3,049	↑ \$ 471
June 9	\$ 2,216	\$ 2,157	↑ \$ 59
June 16	\$ 8,530	*\$ 7,396	↑ \$ 1,134
June 23		\$ 2,010	
Mth Target	\$ 14,316	\$ 14,611	↓ \$ 296

*Includes Monthly PAG Donations

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Summer Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on:

- July 1st & 2nd for Canada Day,
- August 2nd & 5th for the Civic Holiday and,
- August 30th, September 2nd & 3rd for Labour Day.

Have a wonderful and safe Summer!

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.



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 stpatriksto.archtoronto.org for more information.



Bulletins During the Summer

This summer bulletins will only be published on June 30 & August 4, resuming weekly publications in September. Mass intentions for the month will be listed in the following month's bulletin.

Remember us this Summer

Sadly, parish expenses do not take a summer holiday and still need to be paid. Please continue to support us throughout the summer while you are on vacation. Have a save and enjoyable holiday!

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