



# 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

## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### Summer

We are coming to the end of the school year. In many ways parishes run on this calendar too. As we loosen the grip of “work” mode somewhat, we think about recreation. Hopefully pleasant weather is ours for next two months. Let’s use the time to prepare for a renewed entry into our vocations. If we are experiencing transitions, summer can be a time when we take stock and take practical steps to be ready for the next stage. If we have question marks, we still need to breathe in the fresh air and bask a little in the sunshine. Jesus took time also to be with His heavenly Father and with His disciples.

The end of this second full post-COVID year has been a wonderful blessing for me. The year has seen us becoming more and more a community for one another. I have enjoyed listening to the stories that have been shared at different parish events. I have relished the ways I have seen people working together and enjoying one another’s company.

Special mention certainly needs to be made about the remarkable vitality that has come with the work of Micah at the parish. It is wonderful to see the youth activities and ministries that have been growing, like Edge, the Children’s Choir and the altar servers.

I need also to thank deeply Rosalia James who has worked assiduously these last



two years to attend to the needs of our candidates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Sharing our faith in both a sincere and in such clear way will bear fruit of all kinds for many years to come.

I am hoping to hire a lay pastoral assistant to help us further develop ministries and to lead these programs as we work to have teams for each of the sacraments. Some of you have been talking to me as well about your experiences of Mass from your home countries. We will have to share some of these riches with one another as well.

I hear that there are a few good surprises ahead, as I am listening a little to the plans that are happening. Stay tuned.

This week also marks changes in personnel at the rectory. Fr. Tony Farah, who moved into the rectory shortly after my arrival,

has been assigned as the priest-chaplain at William Osler Hospital in Brampton and will be living at St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Fr. Tony has been a wonderful brother priest for me and we pray that this transition is one that enriches his priestly life. Fr. Keith Wallace will be moving in mid-July. While Fr. Keith will officially be listed as retired, he will be steering the ministry to the deaf for the Archdiocese. Fr. Keith was a seminarian intern at my home parish of St. Edward’s in Willowdale as I was entering the seminary.

Please, rest well and enjoy the summer. If you are away, please pray for us at Mass wherever you are. We will have another bulletin mid-summer to gear up for the fall.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Welcome!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all visitors attending Mass with us at St. Paul’s Basilica. We are happy to have you with us and invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Bob O’Brien, at the end of Mass.

If you are a frequent visitor or are new to our neighbourhood, we encourage you to consider joining our parish and becoming a member of our faith community. Each individual member of our parish is an important part of our Catholic Family, sharing in gifts of faith from the Lord which are strengthened and deepened by our Communion in Jesus Christ.



For more information about our parish visit us at [stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org?](http://stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org?) Parishioner registration forms can be found near the main entrance or contact our parish office to have one emailed.

If you are already a parishioner we would like to thank you for all your support!

### Bulletins During the Summer

Our next bulletin for the summer will be published on August 4th. Regular weekly bulletins will resume in September. Mass intentions for the month will be listed in the following month’s bulletin.

### 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!***

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Sanctuary Lamp

Giuliana & Isabella Marrelli

### Saturday, June 29

4:30 pm ♦ † Armando & Antonietta Tiano

### Sunday, June 30

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Delores Leslie

### Tuesday, July 2 ♦ 5:00 pm

### Wednesday, July 3 ♦ 5:00 pm

### Thursday, July 4 ♦ 5:00 pm

### Friday, July 5 ♦ 5:00 pm

† Pamela Karen Bermejo

## Youth Ministry Updates

Families participating in one of our Youth Ministry programs should take note of the following dates. Please contact Micah at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org) for more information.

- June 28: Final EDGE Night
- June 30: Final Little Saints Session
- July 8-12: Parish Camp Week 1
- July 15-19: Parish Camp Week 2
- July 19: EDGE Barbecue for EDGE Leaders and EDGers
- July 21: Little Saints Barbecue
- July 22-26: Parish Camp Week 3
- August 17-21: EDGE Camp

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## 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	\$ 2,268	\$ 2,010	↑ \$ 259
Mth Target	\$ 16,584	\$ 14,611	↑ \$ 1,973

\*Includes Monthly PAG Donations

**Thank you for supporting our parish!**

## 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 safe and enjoyable holiday!



## 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](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.



## 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](http://stpatricksto.archtoronto.org) for more information.



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## Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7 pm



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed.

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