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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

## Envisioning the Coming Year

As we look forward to the coming year of prayer and activities together as a parish family, I would like to share some reflections that might help to shape the vision of our journey together. I'll start by drawing us back into the past. That is what has shaped the riches from which we can draw now. I was starting grade 12 when Pope John Paul II was elected. He was our shepherd for 27 years. In that time, he brought forth things we take for granted today: the Code of Canon Law, the Catechism, and a focus on evangelizing the Gospel. Contained in these things and the many other papal documents was a philosophy of human personhood, emphasizing not only our individual development as moral persons, but the integral dimensions of it, the implications for how we relate, socially and as the Church.

At the time of his death in 2005 many commentators said it would take the Church a long time to absorb the breadth and depth of his legacy. He gave us much to draw from. In 2005, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was elected Pope, and took the name Benedict XVI. Pope Benedict's teaching focused us on the person of Jesus Christ and the love of God. While social media and the world we have now full of diverse opinions was emerging, he was

calling us to remain centred on the person of Jesus Christ and the initiative of God's saving love. His legacy also comes from his time as Prefect of the then Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He drew our attention to the risks of relativism where our wants are all treated equally and where the nature of revelation and even of reason which rightly value some things more than others are subordinated. We hear that thread in society when we only accept any statement as mere opinion, unable to enter substantive debate that might actually reveal what is important.

In 2013, the present Holy Father, Pope Francis was elected. His papacy has taken up themes of John Paul II. The Dicastery (department) for Integral Human Development is an extension of the personalist philosophy that was sewn through John Paul's writings. He has added to that the sometimes-uncomfortable challenge to implement the living of the Gospel for the benefit of those who suffer most from the excesses of this world. Of course, this has not been the most popular. He's asking us to take on things that are difficult and that run against the grain of the flow of society.

If we are looking at ourselves, then, we will need to commit to following the



perennial advice of St. Paul, "to bear with one another" charitably while we learn to discern, facilitate and work together always formed by Christ, experienced in the sacraments and the life of prayer. I hope this is a key year for us in becoming a really solidified parish family, rolling up our sleeves together in making Christ present. Please take a little time in the remainder of the summer to reflect on the breadth of the moral life to which you have been called and the part you might play in our little part of the Church.

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 regular weekly bulletins will resume on September 1st, and will include all Mass intentions for the month of August.

### Summer Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on:

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

***Have a wonderful and safe Summer!***



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## Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
June 30	\$ 4,015	\$ 3,866	↑ \$ 471
July 7	\$ 3,516	\$ 2,765	↑ \$ 752
July 14	\$ 4,440	*\$ 6,642	↓ \$ 2,533
July 21	*\$ 7,642	\$ 2,207	↑ \$ 5,435
July 28	\$ 2,819	\$ 2,692	↑ \$ 127
Mth Target	\$ 22,102	\$ 18,171	↑ \$ 3,930

\* 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.



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 6

4:30 pm ♦ † Frank & Doris Lane

### Sunday, July 7

8:30 am ♦ † Richard & Mary King

11:00 am ♦ For the People

### Tuesday, July 9 - 5:00 pm

Birthday Blessings for Jude Baraka

### Wednesday, July 10 - 5:00 pm

### Thursday, July 11 - 5:00 pm

### Friday, July 12 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Saturday, July 13

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

### Sunday, July 14

8:30 am ♦ Thanksgiving from

Rico Nerizon & Family

11:00 am ♦ Wall-E

### Tuesday, July 16 - 5:00 pm

### Wednesday, July 17 - 5:00 pm

### Thursday, July 18 - 5:00 pm

† Christie Bermejo-Agbing

### Friday, July 19 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Saturday, July 20

4:30 pm ♦ † Catherine Edmondson

### Sunday, July 21

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Emanuel Jacques

“The Shoeshine Boy”

### Tuesday, July 23 - 5:00 pm

† Anthony Pham V. Ngoc

### Wednesday, July 24 - 5:00 pm

† Joseph Tru

### Thursday, July 25 - 5:00 pm

### Friday, July 26 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Saturday, July 27

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

### Sunday, July 28

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ † Vera & Sandra Shepherd

### Tuesday, July 30 - 5:00 pm

### Wednesday, July 31 - 5:00 pm

### Thursday, August 1 - 5:00 pm

### Friday, August 2 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

## Summer Street Patrol

Wednesdays Ongoing until 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.



## 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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