



# 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

Alyson Sobol, Principal ♦ Tel: (416) 393-5204

# ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## Ministers of the Good News and of Christ

The common term to describe us when we devote time and energy for others is, “volunteer”. It comes from the Latin word “volo”, meaning “I will”. In other words, we choose to do certain things. The contrast is when we have a job, someone else chooses the work. In our life together in the Church, however, once baptized we have more to say about what we do. We all have some life to which God personally calls us. As a part of God’s family our words and actions are no longer solely our own. They reflect our living relationship with Christ and the new creation in Him. As a family, as well, we have a life together in the Body of Christ.

That’s why when we work together either to do the essential things like the sacraments or to build up one another, we say we are acting not on behalf of ourselves but in the name of the Church.

This is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is St. Paul who tells us that it is Christ working in us and not we who do the work. Well then, let it be so. Help us to be good ministers of Your Gospel, O Lord! I have served in a wide variety of parish



communities over the years. While I have found some ministries common to them all, each community has also had ministries that have arisen from their own gifts and needs. As Director of Lay Ministry, I concluded that it was the vitality of the Gospel that counted – not how many people or how many ministries a parish had.

So, our aim is clear. We want to enhance the vitality of every person’s vocation in the parish family. In the coming year, I hope we will see our “core” ministries being strengthened and the natural

development of new ministries that will give us a happy boost into deeper Christian life.

I will say also that for many, our vocations are with our families. At the end of each Sunday Mass, we are sent out to be sacraments of Christ in daily life. In a way, this makes participating at Mass, or as I sometimes say, “ministry of the pew”, the first and maybe the most important ministry. The key for each of us, is: Is our light switch turned on? If we are fully engaged then we are on our way.

The Lord is truly gracious. May you start into the fall convinced of His care, support and inspiration.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Youth Ministry Update



Our Youth Ministry programs will resume this week, including a new program for high school students and a new time slot for our Little Saints. Contact Micah at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org) for more information.

- Beginning September 5th, we will be starting a new program - **Life Teen**, for high school students, will take place the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.
- Resuming September 6th, the **EDGE** program, open to students in grades 5 to 8, takes place the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 6 - 8 pm.
- The **Little Saints** program, open to all elementary school aged children, restarts on Sunday, September 8th at a **NEW TIME - 9:45 - 10:45 am**.

### Tiffany Gbehinto - CCO mission - Parish appeal



Catholic Christian Outreach is an organization with a mission to evangelize on Canadian campuses and to bring the Gospel of Jesus to the youth. Here in Toronto, they are present at the Toronto Metropolitan University. In order to do this mission full time, CCO missionaries raise their salaries and ministry expenses and they rely on the financial support of people like you who believe in the mission of evangelizing the youth. One of their missionaries, Tiffany Gbehinto, is currently seeking financial partners to help her go on mission with CCO. If you would like to learn more about CCO and/or support Tiffany, please contact her at [tiffany.gbehinto@cco.ca](mailto:tiffany.gbehinto@cco.ca) or visit [cco.ca/missionaries/tiffany-gbehinto/](http://cco.ca/missionaries/tiffany-gbehinto/)

## Holiday Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on August 30th, September 2nd & 3rd for the Labour Day holiday.

*Have a wonderful and safe Long Weekend!*



## Historic Tour of St. Michael's Cemetery

*September 14, 2024 11 am - 1414 Yonge St.*

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to join us as we take a step back in time to the infancy of our City and Archdiocese as we tour historic St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery. Situated on 10 acres at St. Clair and Yonge St., opened in 1855, it became the final resting place for over 29,000 of the Catholic faithful of Toronto, including the souls of those moved from St. Paul's Cemetery.



## Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Aug 4	\$ 4,453	\$ 3,061	↑ \$ 1,392
Aug 11	\$ 2,462	\$ 1,434	↑ \$ 1,028
Aug 18	*\$ 7,361	*\$ 6,873	↑ \$ 488
Aug 25	\$ 2,161	\$ 1,773	↑ \$ 388
Mth Target	\$ 16,437	\$ 13,142	↑ \$ 3,296

*\*Includes Monthly PAG Donations*

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

## 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, August 3**

4:30 pm ♦

**Sunday, August 4**

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Billkis Khanam

and her Baby Girl

**Tuesday, August 6- 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday, August 7- 5:00 pm**

**Thursday, August 8 - 5:00 pm**

**Friday, August 9 - 5:00 pm**

Private Intention

**Saturday, August 10**

4:30 pm ♦ † Maria Van Nguyen

**Sunday, August 11**

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, August 13 - 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday, August 14 - 5:00 pm**

Birthday Blessings to

Annabelle McDonough

**Thursday, August 15- 5:00 pm**

**Friday, August 16- 5:00 pm**

† Wilfredo Quito Trinidad

**Saturday, August 17**

4:30 pm ♦ Maria C.

**Sunday, August 18**

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, August 20- 5:00 pm**

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, August 21- 5:00 pm**

**Thursday, August 22- 5:00 pm**

**Friday, August 23- 5:00 pm**

John & Danielle's

20th Wedding Anniversary

**Saturday, August 24**

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

**Sunday, August 25**

8:30 am ♦ † William Grant

11:00 am ♦ Birthday Blessings to

Jeremy Baraka

**Tuesday, August 27 - 5:00 pm**

Mental Health of

David Jonas Ordonez Velasco

**Wednesday, August 28 - 5:00 pm**

**Thursday, August 29 - 5:00 pm**

**Friday, August 30 - 5:00 pm**

Private Intention

**Saturday, August 31**

4:30 pm ♦

**Sunday, September 1**

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

**Tuesday, September 3 - 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday, September 4 - 5:00 pm**

**Thursday, September 5 - 5:00 pm**

**Friday, September 6 - 5:00 pm**

Private Intention

## Season of Creation 2024

*"To hope and act with Creation" September 1 - October 4*

The annual Season of Creation event begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology). This year's theme is "To hope and act with Creation" and the symbol is "The first fruits of hope," inspired by Romans 8:19-25. An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found by scanning the QR codes.



PDF Resource



YouTube Video

## Regis College Windows on Theology Continuous Learning Courses

Commencing in September, Regis College will offer three new, dual delivery (in-person and online) non-credit courses: *Music and Christian Spirituality*, led by Dr. Christina Labriola, *Understanding Sacred Spaces*, led by Roberto Chiotti, Founding Principal of Larkin Architects), and *Science, Climate Change, and Theology: A Dialogue*, led by professors and subject experts from the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, the University of Toronto, and the American Academy for the Advancement of Science. Visit [regiscollege.ca/academics/windows-on-theology/](http://regiscollege.ca/academics/windows-on-theology/) or scan the QR code for more information, dates and registration.



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