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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

Ministry and Life

Last week my article introducing the idea that all those who are baptized have some share in ministering the Good News to others. When that is formalized in a stable ministry in the Church an important relationship is established.

One of the challenges in our busy and sometimes anonymous world is to establish and build the kind of trust in relationships that makes them work well. We are seeing that in the discussions over working from home or coming into work. How much do we need to actually be with our colleagues? Are too many of our encounters being mediated by those electrons on our screens? It seems we are headed toward some balance, since many of us spend too much time going to and from work.

Trust is key. Casually, we say that we are getting to know each other and that can increase our confidence. I'd like to suggest that the way we receive support and are willing to be accountable is important. As a priest, I am ministering in the name of the bishop. I need a working relationship with him or at least his representatives both for support and accountability.

The same is true when we accept a ministry. We are acting on behalf not of ourselves, but of the Church. It is a wonderful

from 5:30 -7 :30 pm.



privilege to be part of the Church's service. It goes without saying, that this is accompanied by high expectations on the part of people who may receive our ministry. By wanting to be the best we can be in service of the Gospel and welcoming the accountability and support that will help make our ministries fruitful, we can look forward to many beautiful things taking place in our parish.

Compared to what many of us remember of the informal way in which ministries developed, the present requires us to be more intentional. Ministries are designed and documented, and their management included in the process. It is over 20 years now that we have been employing a volunteer screening program. It's necessary both for us and for the Church, to help us to be credible and wise. We should not confuse that, however, with the positive task of being formed on an

ongoing basis to minister well and to be sustained ourselves in doing it. An image I've used before is to say that we are like an orchestra. All the skills and gifts come together, and the goal is the beautiful music of the Gospel.

The last word for this week, is to say that all this is important, but it does arise out of the central thing that we do: we celebrate the Eucharist! We bring our life, work and ministry for the week into the church each week. And at the end of the Eucharist, we are sent out.

Let us pray that as we continue to build up our community in ministry that we will take our part in bringing the healing and reconciliation of Christ to the places He so desires us to serve.

Fr. Bob

In Christ,

❖ Noteworthy

Youth Ministry Update



Youth Ministry programs resume this month, including a new program for high school students and a new time slot for our Little Saints. Contact Micah at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org for info.

(Note: incorrect dates in previous bulletin corrected below)

• Beginning September 20th, we will be starting a new program - *Life Teen*, for high school students, will take place the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month

• Resuming September 13th, 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 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 or visit 'cco.ca/missionaries/tiffany-gbehinto/'

❖ News

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7 4:30 pm ♦ † Louise Purcell

Sunday, September 8 8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, September 10 5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, September 11 5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, September 12 5:00 pm ♦ † Joseph Cuong Tran

Friday, September 13 5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention



Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Sep 1	\$ 3,293	\$ 3,598	↓ \$ 305
Sep 8		\$ 2,866	
Sep 15		\$ 2,898	
Sep 22		*\$ 6,149	
Sep 29		\$ 3,511	
Mth Target	\$ 3,293	\$ 19,023	♥ \$ 15,730
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the Donate button. Check that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



Office of Catholic Youth Notices



Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on September 28-29, 2024. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

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 when it closed in 1857.

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.







Regis College Windows on Theology Continuous Learning Courses

Commencing in September, Regis College will offer three new, dual delivery (inperson 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/' or scan the QR code for more information, dates and registration.



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