



# 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 the autumn
- ♦ 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

## Spiritual Communion

This weekend, at the end of Mass, we will be praying a novena leading up to the celebration of the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Michael. These nine days of prayers not only keep us mindful of the fact we have a patron saint, but that grace is active beyond our senses. I would say, even when we pray our most private prayers alone, they contribute something to the good of the whole Body of Christ. It is the nature of the spiritual order.

This week I concelebrated at the funeral of my old pastor from St. Edward's Parish, Fr. Bernie Cryer. He was ordained in 1950! He had been retired for quite a while. Not many priests who were any part of his years of ministry were able to be present. His family was there and a few parishioners from his parishes.

To my mind, however, there was a much more numerous body of souls there: his brother priests, friends, family and parishioners who had preceded him. And really, the Church itself was present. It reminded me of something very important, which I know I would do well to remember in the back and forth of everyday life. We are part of a great spiritual communion.



At each of the weekend Masses you usually hear an intention for the Mass announced. One of the Masses is always for the living and deceased members of the parish. It represents my spiritual communion as pastor with the souls of those I serve. As well as that fairly wide net there usually are a couple of Mass intentions that people in the parish have requested. The priest celebrating the Mass is committed to making the requested intention his intention at the Mass. Having the intention announced is also an invitation for others to make the request part of their offering and prayers at the Mass as well. It is another way that our spiritual communion is expressed.

During the week we usually only have a couple of intentions requested. We could have an intention at each Mass and if the intentions increased sufficiently, we could choose a day to have a number of intentions together. Often, these requests are to pray for a particular person who

has died. That's because we can unite ourselves to them spiritually and help them to be fully prepared to be in God's presence. It helps us also to think about those things we might need to let go of to be ready to see God face-to-face. Speaking very personally, it is a great consolation to me to pray for and I believe also with my parents and to continue my communion with so many who have been part of my life. We can also request an intention for someone who is living or even our own intentions, and they can be announced or not announced.

Perhaps, when you reach the end of the day and give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings you might also include that invisible communion. Help us, O Lord, to walk with the living graces You give us through others. Amen.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ 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 our youth minister, Micah, at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org) for information.

- Our parish will be starting a new program, **Life Teen**, for high school students, will take place the 3rd Friday of the month from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.
- 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, takes place on Sundays at a **NEW TIME - 9:45 - 10:45 am**.

### Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel



Beginning September 20th, in the lead up to the Solemnity of Saint Michael, patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto, on September 29, 2024, Archbishop Leo has invited the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese to join in offering a Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel. A novena is an ancient style of prayer that is carried out consistently over a nine day period for a particular intention, in this case Saint Michael. Copies of the Novena can be found in the pews and will be prayed at Masses from September 20th to the 28th. Archbishop Leo's letter regarding the Solemnity of St. Michael, as well as more information on novenas in general, are available near the church entrances.



## Weekly Mass Intentions

*Saturday, September 21*

4:30 pm ♦ † Desmond Percell, RCAF

*Sunday, September 22*

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Biancolin Family & Duilio Guido

*Tuesday, September 24*

5:00 pm ♦ † Ciro Antonio Velasco Quiroja & Emperatriz Quiroja Ruiz

*Wednesday, September 25*

5:00 pm ♦

*Thursday, September 26*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

*Friday, September 27*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention



## Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Sep 1	\$ 3,293	\$ 3,598	↓ \$ 305
Sep 8	\$ 2,661	\$ 2,866	↓ \$ 205
Sep 15	\$ 3,317	\$ 2,898	↑ \$ 418
Sep 22		*\$ 6,149	
Sep 29		\$ 3,511	
Mth Target	\$ 9,271	\$ 19,023	↓ \$ 9,752

\* 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.



## Office of Catholic Youth Notices

Annual Young Adult (19 - 39) Catholic Conference

Nov 23 - Nov 24, 2024

Canada Event Centre  
399 Water St. Whitby

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Young adult ministry serving in 6 regions of our Archdiocese.

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[@spiritusministry](https://www.instagram.com/spiritusministry)

## Upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive

September 28th to October 13th, 2024



Starting September 28th, the parish will be collecting non-perishable food on behalf of the Good Shepherd, who help provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Most needed are canned foods such as tuna, tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, soups and vegetables. Dry goods needed include cereal, granola bars, bagged rice, condiments, tea and coffee. Boxes for food are available at the front of the church through thanksgiving weekend. You can also donate financially by scanning the QR code or visiting [goodshepherd.ca/donate](http://goodshepherd.ca/donate).



## 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 next weekend, 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.

## Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection



On October 5-6, 2024 we will have a special collection as part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, scan the QR code or visit: [archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation). Thank you for your generosity.



## Blessing of the Animals

October 5, 2024 at 3:30 pm; St. Francis of Assisi Parish; 72 Mansfield Ave., Toronto



The Blessing of the Animals event, where people may bring their pets to be blessed, will take place on the lawn next to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. All are welcome, Catholic and Non-Catholics alike. For more information call 416-536-8195 or email [stfrancis.sec@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancis.sec@gmail.com).

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