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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

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# ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## St. Michael the Archangel

We live in a time with its fair share of contradictions. On the one hand, we recognize that the orderly, logical and scientific approach to life is what physically allows us to live together in greater numbers than ever before. On the other hand, quietly we acknowledge that this is not very satisfying; and so, we look for the poetic. From music to fantasy to the invisible.

Angels are one of those categories of beings that sometimes catch our attention. St. Augustine affirms that “angel” is the job description while they are “spirits”. Like us, who are body and spirit, they are created. In the Book of Revelation, we frequently read about the spirit who is the great messenger, the Archangel Michael. The name, “Michael”, literally means, “Who is like God?”. Michael testifies to the divinity and sovereignty of God. This is an essential truth for us to hear and to live by. Like Michael we give honour to God by our very living.

Because the idea of a spiritual being seems so flexible it can become a “creature” of our own imaginations – hence the more sensational descriptions we sometimes get. Aside from the spiritual being who denied the truth of Michael’s testimonies and

those spirits allied with evil enterprise, the spirits who do adore God give us a greater hope of the salvation which has been won for us, in Christ. They also serve to protect us.

On the other hand, too often we don’t give enough space to our own spiritual nature. The term used in the not so remote past in the life of the Church was that we should be striving to be “recollected”. Just as we might have ways we are expected to behave at work, it is easy to have a veneer of recollection, to appear to have “it together”. It is a bigger challenge to strive to come to grips with ourselves, our busy lives and our distractions. The Holy Spirit is speaking to us. Our angels are not only interceding for us but singing to our hearts to help us turn toward God. The value of our lives also needs to be seen more in the spiritual order. Too often we miss the forest for the trees, both the positive aspect of underestimating the goodness of the graces we receive, and the negative aspect of failing to welcome into the depths of our hearts the intimacy of Christ.

As we celebrate St. Michael, patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto, may we enter into a place of sufficient peace that



God can move us closer and closer. Let’s welcome the saints and the spirits who are our angels as they help us to be free of all that gets in the way of making our lives a vital witness to the unfathomable love of God.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### Youth Ministry Update



Youth Ministry programs have resumed, 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**.

### Breathing Space: Seniors' Caregiver Program

Starting in October, Catholic Family Services Toronto will host an online program for Caregivers of Seniors. “Breathing Space” is a 7-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide support and resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment. To learn more phone 416-921-1163 ext. 2230 or email [csumaway@cfstoronto.com](mailto:csumaway@cfstoronto.com).

### Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar *Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 9:00 am*

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the ArchTO estate planning team invite you to join this free webinar to learn about how to avoid issues with your Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code, visit [qrco.de/WebOct24](http://qrco.de/WebOct24)



# NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

*Saturday, September 28*

4:30 pm ♦ † Rosario Faller

*Sunday, September 29*

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Luz Yolanda Cole

*Tuesday, October 1*

5:00 pm ♦

*Wednesday, October 2*

5:00 pm ♦ 87th Birthday Blessings for  
Francesca Nunez

*Thursday, October 3*

5:00 pm ♦

*Friday, October 4*

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	*\$ 6,786	*\$ 6,149	↑ \$ 637
Sep 29		\$ 3,511	
Mth Target	\$ 16,056	\$ 19,023	↓ \$ 2,967

\* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit 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

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## Upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive

September 28th to October 13th, 2024



The parish is 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).



## Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection



National Day For  
**TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

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).

## The 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is “God Walks with His People.” In his message, Pope Francis encourages us to unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them and entrust them to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as they continue their journey.

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