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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Monday: No Mass ♦ Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 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 the parish office 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

DONATION OPTIONS

To begin donating via Weekly Offertory Envelopes or Pre-Authorized Monthly Direct Debit, please contact the parish office.

To donate by Credit Card, visit our website or use the Tip Tap Device located near the main entrance. To receive a tax receipt please register your card after your first tap. Information is available near device.

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dedicated to Loving God and Neighbour. Pope Francis

As we remember, give thanks, and pray for Pope Francis, who joined Our Lord in the early morning hours of last Monday, April 21st, we can also take time to remember those he reached out to in his long and diverse experience as a shepherd of souls. He generously shared his many gifts with all of us. One I will treasure is the depth of his spirituality, the fruit of his religious life as a member of the Society of Jesus.

Those in religious life are called to observe the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. They are all a challenge, but in a world in love with material things, Pope Francis' simplicity has been a particular gift. As a priest, I can positively appreciate the challenges he put before those of us in lifelong ministry. He exhorted us to help people to live what we believe to be revealed by God and brought to us in the Son of the Father. He asked us to be doctors to souls wounded by indifference and sometimes the malice of this world. I heard that I need to do more than present a picture of the Christian life. I need to walk beside others, listening and identifying paths to healing, wholeness and a life given over to trusting in God's love and mercy.

As our world has become more "instant", full of short sound bites, hashtags and video clips, the need for this return to a profoundness in life is becoming ever clearer. It is always hard to examine



ourselves and humbly discern what God genuinely desires of us. As a Jesuit, this was the heart of Pope Francis' spirituality.

Pope Francis sought to imitate the Lord Himself who showed us at the Last Supper that service is at the centre of our life. May this servant who truly was a servant to all of us, receive the blessings he longed for and lovingly shared with us.

As the Cardinal electors prepare for the Conclave, please also pray especially to

the Holy Spirit, seeking the closeness of Our Lady as well, that we may receive a shepherd graced with what is needed not only in the present but also nourishment that will lead the Body of Christ closer to the Kingdom.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Adoration and Social



All are welcome to join us after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, May 25th, as we host Holy Hour (adoration) in the Church until 1 pm, followed by a social in the parish hall until 2 pm.



St. Paul's Summer Day Camp

Weekdays from July 7 - August 1; 9 am - 3 pm (extended care available)

St. Paul's is once again running a four-week summer day camp for children in grades 1 to 7. The camp focuses on helping children learn about our Catholic faith while providing fun opportunities to meet new friends and participate in a variety of activities including games, arts & crafts and sports. Each week will feature prayer, games and sports, a field trip and a drama production open to families and friends. The weekly cost per child is \$130, plus extra for extended care. Full four week registration and family discounts available. For more information please reach out to our youth minister, Micah, at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 26

4:30 pm ♦ Ron Hearn

Sunday, April 27

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Aileen Menez

Tuesday, April 29

5:00 pm ♦ † Joseph Vandenbroucke

Wednesday, April 30

5:00 pm ♦ Maria Luisa Asumcion

Thursday, May 1

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, May 2

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Apr 6	\$ 4,712	\$ 3,989	↑ \$ 723
Apr 13	\$ 4,354	\$ 3,478	↑ \$ 877
Apr 20*	\$ 11,337	\$ 6,793	↑ \$ 4,545
Apr 27	\$	\$ 3,954	\$
Mth Target	\$ 20,404	\$ 18,213	↑ \$ 2,191

*Includes Easter Donations

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Thank you for supporting our parish!



Cashless Donations

With fewer people using cheques or cash, here are some new ways to donate!

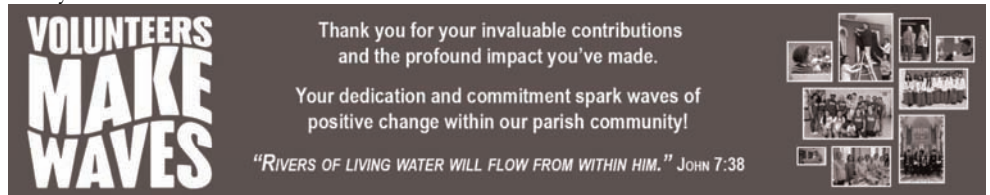
Online at 'stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org' or scan the QR code or and hit the Donate button. Check that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.

Tip Tap - Simply tap your card on the 'tip tap' device, located at the back of the church, to donate. If you would like to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year, you can register your physical card by scanning the QR Code next to the 'tip tap' device. An information sheet is available next to the 'tip tap' device.



Thank You Volunteers!

Every week parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that our parish volunteers are at the heart of the call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you, from the tireless work of our Office Assistants, Members of our Finance and Social Committees, the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Choir Members, Collection Counters, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, and so many other volunteers.



Thanks for Helping during Holy Week!

Our parish community extends a special word of thanks and gratitude to all those who helped make our Holy Week celebrations so prayerful. Especially our **Musicians**, for providing the beautiful music, the **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers** and **Ushers** for their endless service and dedication, and our **Sacristans** who help make sure the liturgies run so smoothly.



A Day With Mary – Registration Open

May 31, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm; Villanova College, King City



Online registration is now open for **A Day With Mary** taking place May 31 at Villanova College in King City. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities – something for everyone. For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.



You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education. The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!



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