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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.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### Complementary Vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday

Although I am writing this the day before the start of the Conclave in Rome, I expect that by the time you read this we will have welcomed a new Holy Father. How providential that we have a new shepherd on Good Shepherd Sunday, the traditional name for the 4th Sunday of Easter due to this weekend's Gospel reading. Christ is, of course, the Good Shepherd, and the pope, as the successor of St. Peter, shepherds the Church in His name.

Additionally, this Sunday, the second in the month of May, we celebrate Mother's Day, when we honour, appreciate, and rejoice in our mothers. Truthfully, we would not have neither healthy families nor a healthy society without their vocation. And motherhood is a vocation. As believers we understand that, but I think anyone as dedicated as a mother can see how it pulls one out of oneself. You've got to want to give, knowing that sometimes it is not easy. I am not sure there has ever been a time where maturing is easy, but at present, with all the changes in the world, it is quite challenging. No parent has been good at every part of the "parenting book". As I get older, I appreciate the challenges that faced my own parents. Not only do I find myself being compassionate toward them, but I see how heroic they were, despite it not being very visible to me when I was young.

This weekend also marks the ordination of three new priests for our Archdiocese, who, listening to the heart of the Good Shepherd, are being called to serve Him, by

being faithful to His self-gift in the Eucharist and in their lives. Congratulations to Rev. James Cyfko, Rev. Jesus Fidel Anon, and Rev. Alvin Joys. Each of these men is being called to serve in the busy parishes within our Archdiocese. May the Lord help them to joyfully enter into their vocation.

Good Shepherd Sunday is a time when we reflect on the importance of vocations to the priesthood, as well as to religious life and the diaconate. There is a great need in current society to live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience, the heart of religious life. Each is both a sacrifice and a privilege. Poverty, a deep simplicity of life, and freedom from encroaching materialism, takes real grace to embrace. When we look at the way we can, at times, become overwhelmed by the sheer amount of information, advertising, and "influencing" that we encounter each day, is it surprising that some of us get confused? How helpful would it be to find souls who, in healthy ways, are able to detach themselves from these issues and in turn can help other become oriented towards God and order their lives? In a world which overlooks the emotional character of relationships, while being lost in a sea of emotions, what is it like to have to confront oneself and, with God's help, come to be at peace? This is one of the fruits of chastity. And finally, in a world of egos, where the highest value is placed on getting what we want or having others agree with us, what is it like to deepen our trust in God and put ourselves truly at



the service of others? "Here I am Lord; send me!"

The diakonia is the service that flows from the words of Our Lord Himself. "I have come for the sick". "I come as one Who serves." "There are many who are last, who will be first." We have many active permanent deacons in our Archdiocese whose ministry quietly serves those most in need, both within the family of the Church and beyond it.

May Christ, the Good Shepherd who calls us by name, bless each of our vocations, and help us to say 'yes' each day to Him.

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](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org).





# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 10**

4:30 pm ♦

**Sunday, May 11**

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Giuseppina Nardi

**Tuesday, May 13**

5:00 pm ♦

**Wednesday, May 14**

5:00 pm ♦

**Thursday, May 15**

5:00 pm ♦

**Friday, May 16**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

## Holiday Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on Friday, May 16 and Monday, May 19 for the Victoria Day Holiday.

## Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
May 4	\$ 3,639	\$ 2,238	↑ \$ 1,401
May 11		\$ 4,122	
May 18		*\$ 7,515	
May 25		\$ 3,808	
Mth Target	\$ 3,639	\$ 17,683	↓ \$ 14,045

\* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

**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 'tiptap' 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 'tiptap' device. An information sheet is available next to the 'tiptap' device.



## Happy Mother's Day!

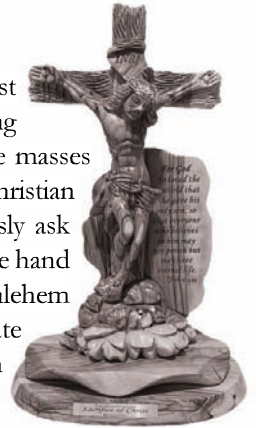
Today we honour mothers. We take time to celebrate our mothers and the many maternal figures in our lives. We are grateful for the gift of their love, care and nurturing, not only today, but always. We also remember the mothers who are no longer with us, but whose memories we will always cherish. Happy Mother's Day!



## Handicraft Holy Land Christians

**May 10 - 11, 2025; After each Mass**

This weekend we welcome our special guest Jonelly from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. "May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers." To learn more visit *HolylandChristians.ca*.



## 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*.



## Sow the seeds of hope for the next generation

The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God's call. When you support ShareLife, you enable the discernment, formation and education of those who will serve in our parishes through the Office of Vocations and seminaries. Your kindness makes it possible for future priests to attend St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary where they learn to tend to the Lord's vineyard and work for the salvation of souls. In addition, St. Augustine's Seminary educates permanent deacons and lay people serving our parishes. Thank you for your prayers and commitment towards young people on their journeys of faith. Thus far we have raised \$21,000 toward our goal of \$55,000. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at *sharelife.org/donate*.



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