



ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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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

Reflections on Bringing the Good News to the World

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord to the Father, and observe the days ahead of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended. The Acts of the Apostles describe a scene where the Good News is being proclaimed and heard in the many languages of those gathered. Just recently, we witnessed the election of Pope Leo by the most international group of Cardinals in the Catholic Church to date. We are part of a truly global community of believers, with many voices proclaiming one faith.

More than 25 years ago, Pope John Paul II began a series of teachings preparing us for the celebration of the coming of the Third Millennium of Christianity. He sought to strongly ignite in us the vitality of the Gospel and reinvigorate us to bring Christ to the world. He also understood that to embody this new Advent in the life of the Church much work needed to be done.

If anything, 25 years on from that momentous anniversary, we see the need for new charisms, gifts of the Holy Spirit, to effectively send us out to share the Good News. Thus far, in his very short tenure, Pope Leo has already reminded us to move outward, echoing the words of Pope John Paul II to “go out into the deep”, a common encouragement for young people during World Youth Day events.

As I shared from our annual priests’ retreat last week, the vitality of the Holy Spirit comes in the midst of everyday life. Because



Christ comes to us, both fully revealed but also somehow hidden, it is in unexpected ways that He makes Himself known. Our first conviction must be that we are in a real relationship with God, and that God loves us, and thirsts for us. And we can trust that God is working in the midst of our imperfect efforts. The Holy Spirit comes to us as the Advocate, breathing the life of Christ into us, and through us; and also as the Encourager, the One who fills us with Hope, healthy aspiration, and the peace that

helps us to be more fully alive.

No matter where we are in life, God is with us. Each of us has a most beautiful calling. Let us go out into the deep, bringing Christ day by day to all those we meet. I pray, also, that we, as a parish community, will continue to discover new ways to work together, and embody the life of the Risen Lord

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Youth Ministry Fundraiser

June 7/8, 2025, after each Mass



We invite you to stop by our bake sale, next weekend, and pick up something sweet to support our various youth ministry events. If you would like to volunteer to help bake please contact Micah at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org. Hope to see you there!

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.



June 1, 2025

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 31

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, June 1

8:30 am ♦ † Raymond & Helen Cuneo

11:00 am ♦ † Pamela Karen Bermejo

Tuesday, June 3

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, June 4

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, June 5

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, June 6

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
May 4	\$ 3,639	\$ 2,238	↑ \$ 1,401
May 11	\$ 5,783	\$ 4,122	↑ \$ 1,660
May 18	*\$ 6,479	*\$ 7,515	↓ \$ 1,036
May 25	\$ 3,426	\$ 3,808	↓ \$ 383
Mth Target	\$ 19,326	\$ 17,683	↑ \$ 1,642

**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.



Popular Mission

June 1, 2025; 2 pm - 3 pm, in front of the parish

This Sunday, we will be hosting the Neocatechumenal Way Lay Association for a Popular Mission. In essence, a Popular Mission is an attempt to bring our faith to the public square, which is what we, as Christians, are called to do in the world through our Baptism. Now more than ever, the church is called to bear witness to God's unconditional love for us. Taking place in front of the parish, the Good News God has for each one of us will be announced with prayer, music, singing, and personal testimonies of people who have experienced Christ's saving grace. Come join us and see that the church is truly alive, as a sign there is hope for this generation through Christ!

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, June 7, 2025 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/WebJune7



Special Collection: Marygrove Camp

June 13/14, 2025



On June 13/14, there will be a second collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience. Please give generously.

Corpus Christi Mass & Procession

June 22, 2025; St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto, following the Noon Mass



All are welcome to join Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, June 22nd, following the Noon Mass. A procession (45 minutes) will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction and some time for fellowship. Join us as "Pilgrims of Hope" during this special Year of Jubilee.

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