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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Gifts of the Holy Spirit All the Time

As we travel along the arc of our lives, new things keep appearing on the horizon. Lately, I've been seeing quite a few young children, accompanied by their parents, at Sunday Mass. Their curiosity and sense of adventure is something beautiful to watch. Crawling around the pews or wandering up and down the aisles; there is so much to see! For the older children, our Altar Server ministry and Edge program help give them opportunities to begin envisioning what life and its many possibilities might look like. Young adults then take life's many possibilities and translate them into prospective futures. This becomes sharply pronounced in the couples I see during their preparations for marriage.

Then there are those who of us who have "landed". We work steadily, juggling our responsibilities, while also making sure life retains some of its nourishing texture. Now, speaking of myself, we priests retire at age 75. I'm 64, so retirement is still some time away, but it is a comprehensible number of years. I'm beginning to consider what sort of life I might find fruitful after retirement, aware that I may have some health issues by that time.

There, most certainly, is a "wisdom" phase in our lives. Perhaps, at times, this phase may be undervalued, because the circumstances of life change so quickly. Whether sharing wisdom, or listening to it, we would probably value it much more if we were to make an effort at "translation",



ensuring we are being heard, or that we are extracting the gold from it. Some wisdom is found non-verbally in faithfulness and a graceful attitude. One of the wise things we learn as we live our lives, circles around limitation and suffering. We don't have all the answers. Sometimes, we must simply put one foot in front of the other and be patient. To love and care has wonderful consolations, but also comes with frustrations, questions, and pain, when struggles are required to meet the day.

Lastly, we have the fragility of our lives to consider. This brings us back to something we may have been aware of at the very early stages of our lives: what a gift life is! We didn't decide to show up! We arrived! As we age and become frailer, is it possible to give a profound witness of the beauty of this gift? Yes, I think so. I have seen it again and again, in ordinary people who have met life with extraordinary grace. I found in these people strength and beauty that is far deeper than what we are in touch

with when life is relatively easy.

The Holy Spirit is not only at work in our lives, no matter where in life we are at, but the Spirit is helping us to share what is eternal. St. Paul is not dismissing the body when he contrasts the life of the flesh and the life in the Spirit. He is affirming our reorientation in being part of the new creation. Even when our bodies are not co-operative there is much more at work in this gift of life. I realize that I have learned a great deal about living from those graced people, in the frailest phases of their lives, I have had the privilege to know.

Knowing that the Spirit will help us all along the way, gives us the grounding to live in faith, and consequently be more humanly alive as well. Thank you to all of you embracing the gifts of the Spirit in your lives right now!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Adoration and Social



All are welcome to join us after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, June 15th, 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, June 7

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, June 8

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Michele Vachon

Tuesday, June 10

5:00 pm ♦ † Nicolas Smith-Lemaire

Wednesday, June 11

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, June 12

5:00 pm ♦ Janice Byrne

Friday, June 13

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
June 1	\$ 5,647	\$ 3,570	↑ \$ 2,077
June 8		\$ 2,216	
June 15		*\$ 8,530	
June 22		\$ 2,268	
June 29		\$ 4,015	
Mth Target	\$ 5,647	\$ 20,599	↓ \$ 15,952

* 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.



You are the light of hope this ShareLife Sunday

On the third ShareLife Sunday of the year, you can extend God's compassion and solidarity to our brothers and sisters. Together with your support, let us illuminate His light in the darkest of places, providing strength to those enduring unimaginable hardships. Because of you, people who feel the weight of the world on their shoulders can experience some relief. Like young mother Sarah, and her 4-week-old baby, who fled a life-threatening situation. She went from being alone, homeless and afraid, to supported, secure and safe through programs at Catholic Family Services of Durham. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

Special Collection: Marygrove Camp

June 13/14, 2025



Next weekend, 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.

A Five-day Silent Retreat for Men & Women

"On the Road Again" facilitated by Fr. Michael Coutts, SJ

July 07, 4 pm to July 11, 1:30 pm; Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering

This retreat, begins on Monday afternoon with dinner and ends with lunch on Friday. Fr. Michael will lead each day with conferences, Eucharistic celebration and opportunities for individual spiritual direction with the retreat team. The suggested offering is \$600 per person which includes four night's accommodation with all meals. Scan the QR Code to register or learn more.



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.



The Latest from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; June 1st, 2025

The newest message, *The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, written by Cardinal Leo, is now online. Visit 'archtoronto.org' and navigate to the Latest News section, or scan the QR Code to go directly to the article.



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