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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

Alyson Sobol, Principal ♦ Tel: (416) 393-5204

❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Looking Toward the End of the School Year

As we move closer to the end of June, some of our students will be graduating from elementary school, high school, college or university. Others will be finishing their school life.

At school, emphasis is placed on the idea of “doing our best”, which is a positive outlook to encourage. However, most of us have areas where we lack confidence, skills or the building blocks to achieve something that others are likely to notice. Conversely, the “success” that God looks for in our lives is not rooted in the same types of achievements. To be successful in God’s eyes is to become more in tune with our life in Christ. Can we receive God’s love with gratitude? Can we, in co-operation with that love, develop in service of God and others?

With the rise in use of social media platforms, more than just academic or achievement

pressure is in place. Now there is also social pressure to contend with. Popularity, status, or at least the avoidance of rejection, can be powerful realities that are felt in an instant.

Wherever you are on your journey in, or out, of school, please know that your identity does not depend on these things. Whether you are benefitting from the buoyed-up feelings that come from a popular TikTok or Instagram post, or you are on the short end of the stick, your value far exceeds any of this stuff. In our heart of hearts, we want to be known and loved. It is possible, however, to have that happen in the real world.

In the last few years, one of the big motivators I hear from the young adults who have approached me to become Catholic has been that they want to be part of a real community. They realize that their aspirations, their real wants, draw them out of themselves toward

others, and especially toward God who sustains them in life out of love.

As you think about your life and its changes this summer, please be sure that being yourself is the foundation on which your life will grow. Despite the challenges in the world these days, there are also so many opportunities. It may be that you will be happiest doing something you have never even imagined at this point. School can prepare us in many ways, but we do a lot of learning outside of school too. Consider that God has a real calling for you to fulfill today, tomorrow and into the future. May it evolve in the most fruitful way possible for you.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

WARNING - Email Scam

In recent weeks there has been an increase in fake/scam emails being received by parishioners throughout the archdiocese. These emails, usually sent from Gmail accounts operated by scammers, appear to be from a priest and often request the purchase of gift cards or electronic payments. Please exercise caution should you receive an email like this and contact the parish via telephone to validate its authenticity.

June 15, 2025

NO PARKING ALLOWED on Queen Street during Mass!



Please be advised that the signage along Queen Street has recently changed without notice.

Stopping and/or Parking are NO LONGER ALLOWED during Mass times, even with a purchased ticket from the machines. Violations carry a \$120 fine.



We wish a very Happy Father’s Day and all of God’s blessings to our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and the many other father figures in our lives. We also remember fathers who are no longer with us, but whose memories we will always cherish.

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 14

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, June 15

8:30 am ♦ † Nadine Harris

11:00 am ♦ The safety of Nigel,
serving in the Canadian Armed Forces

Tuesday, June 17

5:00 pm ♦ † Giuseppina Nardi

Wednesday, June 18

5:00 pm ♦ † Mariead Murray

Thursday, June 19

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, June 20

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
June 1	\$ 5,647	\$ 3,570	↑ \$ 2,077
June 8	\$ 3,065	\$ 2,216	↑ \$ 850
June 15		*\$ 8,530	
June 22		\$ 2,268	
June 29		\$ 4,015	
Mth Target	\$ 8,712	\$ 20,599	↓ \$ 11,887

* 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 '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.



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.



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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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