



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.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Approaching Our Parish Feast

Our parish is privileged to have two patron feast days per year. We celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25th, and we mark the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29th. This year's celebration for Sts. Peter and Paul falls on a Sunday, next weekend, in fact. Appropriately, next Sunday we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, with our regional bishop, Bp. Robert Kasun, CSB.

While we view St. Peter as the Bishop of Rome, and the person who became the foundation of the Church, we also recognize that St. Paul had a vast role in populating the Church. His travels across the Mediterranean established Christian communities sprinkled throughout the Roman Empire.

Paul's letters reveal to us the graces and the struggles of early believers. Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, provides an approach to developing maturity in each of the communities that he speaks to. At the heart is graciousness, along with sensible discernment. He offers encouragement far more than he admonishes, though he certainly "sets the record straight" on occasion. Discerning, for the good of the community, and of the Gospel, is a business that we all have some responsibility for. This path toward the growth of the Gospel and of the Church hasn't changed much over the centuries. These things are still much needed.

While the upcoming feast focuses on the fact that both Saints became martyrs in Rome, we should view this as they did, a crowning of the way in which they lived their lives. They too, shared the fate of Jesus. St. Paul is the one who reminds us that grace is added to grace. We are likewise living toward a crowning of our lives. For us, it is a springboard to the fullness of life. Like a small child who seeks to be in the arms of a parent, we are similarly reaching out to Christ our brother, Mary our mother and to God the Father.



We are very blessed to have St. Paul as our parish's patron; a constant reminder of the natural invitation to generosity. As we approach our great feast let us carry forward St. Paul's ministry of encouragement and his generous proclamation of Christ.

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.

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.

Youth Ministry Fundraiser

June 28/29, 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!

June 22, 2025

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 21

4:30 pm ♦ † Nestor Navarro

Sunday, June 22

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Christine Bhatia

Tuesday, June 24

5:00 pm ♦ † Antonio Bermejo Sr.

Wednesday, June 25

5:00 pm ♦ † Hurdley & Silva Wilson

Thursday, June 26

5:00 pm ♦ † Nadine Harris

Friday, June 27

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*	\$ 6,981	\$ 8,530	↓ \$ 1,549
June 22		\$ 2,268	
June 29		\$ 4,015	
Mth Target	\$ 15,693	\$ 20,599	↓ \$ 4,906

* 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.



Upcoming Celebration of Confirmation



After many months of preparation, our confirmation candidates will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit on **Sunday, June 28th, at the 11 am Mass**, presided by Bishop Kasun. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.



Thank you for bringing empathy to the table



Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, fosters a profound sense of belonging among at-risk children in the Youth in Transition program. Their community dinners create a welcoming space for shared experiences, made possible by your empathetic heart. "These gatherings are an opportunity for youth to learn more about each other and taste food from different cultures," says Fred Shayo-Mushi, Support Services Manager of Covenant House Toronto. "The dinners make everyone feel like they matter because of your love." Thus far we have raised \$28,000 toward our goal of \$55,000. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

A Five-day Silent Retreat for Men & Women - "On the Road Again"

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

This retreat, facilitated by Fr. Michael Coutts, SJ, begins with dinner on Monday and ends on Friday with lunch. Each day will have 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.



The Latest from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

Pastoral Letter "That Blessed Upper Room" - June 17, 2025



Cardinal Leo, has released "That Blessed Upper Room," a pastoral letter inviting the faithful of the archdiocese to reflect together on the significance of The Upper Room in our lives, our families and in our communities of faith as this story is so directly connected to pivotal events in the life of Jesus and of the early Church Visit 'archtoronto.org' and navigate to the Latest News section, or scan the QR Code to go directly there.



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