



# 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

## Saint Paul

Today, June 29th, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. The feast includes both saints, not only because they were both apostles, but also because they were both martyred in Rome. Peter is the rock and Paul the evangelizer.

It's unusual that this feast falls on a Sunday, but since St. Paul is our patron, it is special for us. St. Paul travelled a good portion of the Roman Empire, around the Mediterranean Sea. We probably owe our faith today to his efforts.

This week, on July 1st, we also celebrate Canada Day, and our country being 158 years old. I would like to indulge in a little mind game. What if St. Paul was evangelizing Canada today? In many ways, he would meet the same challenges he experienced in his Mediterranean travels. The politics of his time encouraged, and even induced, a lot of relocation amongst the populous. The challenges of getting along, the cultural confusion, and the economic disparities are characteristics we also face in our current time. Sadly, the wider world is experiencing

a great deal of armed conflict, with the loss of innocent life that goes along with it. In our own country we are trying to come to grips with our historical treatment of First Nations peoples and find a way for everyone to participate positively in our society.

The heart of the Christian life is as much needed now as at any other time. St. Paul had the gifts to both establish Christian communities and nurture them. As we think of evangelizing the society in which we live, we need both of these abilities as well. St. Paul would travel from one community to another, entrusting the work of building up the faith to locals. In the age of YouTube, we need to learn how to do that again. The desire to be recognized or popular can be tempting, but in following that path we put ourselves ahead of the Gospel and of Christ Himself.

A characteristic of St. Paul's vocation was that communities he worked with developed their own distinct attributes. He became a steward of their unity, along with the other apostles, especially St. Peter. Did this stop

disputes from occurring? No. His letters constantly refer to ongoing differences among believers. However, the counsel he gives most often is to learn to live peacefully with one another and become an example to the wider and much more chaotic world.



May these two great saints help us to both proclaim Christ and nurture the Christian life in people and their communities. May we learn to live in peace ourselves, and show in a humble but direct way, the fruits of the unfolding Kingdom of God, in which we have already begun to have a share.

And, have a blessed summer!

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY

### NO PARKING ALLOWED on Queen Street during Mass!



Please be advised that the parking signage along Queen Street has recently changed. **Stopping or Parking are NO LONGER ALLOWED**, during

Mass times, even with a purchased ticket from the machines. Violations carry a \$120 fine.

### Advertise with us

Liturgical Publications, the company that prints our parish bulletin free of charge, is currently setting up the advertisements for our bulletin to begin running this fall. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service with us. To learn more contact Liturgical Publications directly at 905-624-4422.



### Welcome!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all visitors attending Mass with us at St. Paul's Basilica. We are happy to have you with us and invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Bob O'Brien, after Mass.

If you are a frequent visitor or are new to our neighbourhood, we encourage you to consider joining our parish and becoming a member of our faith community. Each individual member of our parish is an important part of our Catholic Family, sharing in gifts of faith from the Lord which

are strengthened and deepened by our Communion in Jesus Christ. Parishioner registration forms can be found near the main entrance or contact our parish office to have one emailed. If you are already a parishioner we would like to thank you for all your support!

### Summer Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed:

- » June 26th to July 1st for Canada Day,
- » July 31 to August 5th for the Civic Holiday and,
- » August 25th to September 2nd for Labour Day.

***Have a wonderful and safe Summer!***





# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 28**

4:30 pm ♦ † Emperatriz Quiroga Ruiz &   
Ciro Antonio Velasco Quiroga

**Sunday, June 29**

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Aileen Menez

**Tuesday, July 1**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Wednesday, July 2**

5:00 pm ♦ Werner Schidder

**Thursday, July 3**

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

**Friday, July 4**

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	\$ 2,716	\$ 2,268	↑ \$ 448
June 29		\$ 4,015	
Mth Target	\$ 18,409	\$ 20,599	↓ \$ 2,190

\* 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.



## Bulletins During the Summer

Our next bulletin for the summer will be published on August 3rd. Regular weekly bulletins will resume in September. Mass intentions for the month will be listed in the following month's bulletin.

## Remember us this Summer

Sadly, parish expenses do not take a summer holiday and still need to be paid. Please continue to support us throughout the summer while you are on vacation. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

## Congratulations & Prayerful Wishes to our Confirmandi



On Sunday, June 29th, Bishop Robert Kasun will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the prepared young members of our parish community. Congratulations and prayerful wishes to our Conirmandi, Ethan Ahiabenu, Trina Ahiabenu, Isabella Cassule Chilombo, Jasmine Dove, Jude Jaffar, Lucas Hoyte, Nathaniel Pereira da Silva and Maximus Recaido, who will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

## Your faithful heart is the foundation of the Church



ShareLife reaches beyond our local community, extending its mission across borders to share the Gospel and support evangelization in developing countries. Your gift extends mercy and justice internationally, on behalf of vulnerable groups suffering from poverty and injustice. By sharing your blessings and welcoming those in need, you embody the spirit of community and care. Thus far we have raised \$30,000 toward our goal of \$55,000. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at '[sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate)'.

## Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 7 pm**



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed.

Details on this year's Annual Mass can be found by scanning the QR code or at '[catholic-cemeteries.com](https://catholic-cemeteries.com)'



## 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](https://archtoronto.org)' and navigate to the Latest News section, or scan the QR Code to go directly there.



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