



# 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

## Midway Through the Jubilee of Hope

It may be prophetic that we have been invited to be renewed through Hope this year. At first, we might think this invitation comes from the many issues plaguing the world; certainly a significant factor. However, the deeper reasons point to something more fundamental: our identity.

If you examine the themes of past Holy Years, you will find they highlight essential aspects of our identity as Christians. In 1975, the theme was "Reconciliation and Renewal." In 1983, the first Holy Year proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, the theme focused on "Redemption." His first encyclical letter was titled "Redeemer of Man" (Redemptoris Hominis). In 1987, a special Marian Year was declared. The Great Jubilee, which marked the Advent of the Third Millennium of Christianity, took place in the Year 2000, focusing on the entire Mystery of the Incarnation and the radical newness of the Gospel. The most recent jubilee, declared in 2016, was known as the Holy Year of Mercy, emphasizing that it is Christ's mercy that redeems the world.

In the current Jubilee of Hope, we are invited to delve into the depths of our faith, becoming increasingly rooted in our lives of discipleship. The three "theological" virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love are like the facets a diamond. If my hope is certain, then I can entrust myself to God. Absolute trust in God means that I desire, receive, and reflect the divine grace active within me. It happens much more than we are aware. Placing myself in God's merciful care, I can know that God's mercy and love toward me are effective.



While we take time to renew ourselves this summer, it is essential to include the spiritual gift of hope in our aspirations and prayers, both for ourselves so that we may encourage others and for others whose lives are seeking genuine hope. I give thanks for the fruits of all our efforts, especially the good things we don't even see or notice. Grounded now in hope, may we also more easily be able to seek and accept God's mercy, love, and forgiveness. As we move toward the end of this Holy Year, may its fruits grow throughout our lifetimes.

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:

- » 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

## Summer Bulletins Schedule

We are taking a break from weekly bulletin publications for the summer. Our regular schedule will resume with our next bulletin on August 30/31. The next bulletin will also list all Mass intentions received for the month of August.

## 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!

## 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	\$ 3,422	\$ 4,015	↓ \$ 593
Mth Target	\$ 21,831	\$ 20,599	↑ \$ 1,233

	2025	2024	Diff
July 6	\$ 3,692	\$ 3,516	↑ \$ 175
July 13	\$ 2,637	\$ 4,110	↓ \$ 1,473
July 20*	\$ 6,981	\$ 7,642	↓ \$ 832
July 27	\$ 2,341	\$ 2,879	↓ \$ 538
Mth Target	\$ 15,479	\$ 18,147	↓ \$ 2,668

\* 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.



## Weekly Mass Intentions for July

(August Mass Intentions will be listed in the September Bulletin)

### Saturday, July 5

4:30 pm ♦ † Pamela Karen Bermejo

### Sunday, July 6

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Nicolas

### Tuesday, July 8 - 5:00 pm

† Kevin Muniapen

### Wednesday, July 9 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Thursday, July 10 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Friday, July 11 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Saturday, July 12

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

### Sunday, July 13

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ The life of Ugonwa as she celebrates her birthday

### Tuesday, July 15 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Wednesday, July 16 - 5:00 pm

† Roberto Cruz

### Thursday, July 17 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Friday, July 18 - 5:00 pm

† Kamila Buraczynska  
on her name day

### Saturday, July 19

4:30 pm ♦ † Nestor Navarro &  
Nestor Navarro Jr.

### Sunday, July 20

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ The health and recovery  
of Anna Marques

### Tuesday, July 22 - 5:00 pm

### Wednesday, July 23 - 5:00 pm

† Gladys & Percy Pinto

### Thursday, July 24 - 5:00 pm

† Christie Agbing

### Friday, July 25 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Saturday, July 26

4:30 pm ♦ 90th Birthday Blessings  
for Anne Megahy

### Sunday, July 27

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Aileen Menez

### Tuesday, July 29 - 5:00 pm

† Conceição Silva Wilson

### Wednesday, July 30 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

### Thursday, July 31 - 5:00 pm

Birthday Blessings for Teresa Jaskowska

### Friday, August 1 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

## Get Involved!

We are inviting parishioners to consider getting involved in different parish ministries. The parish depends on and is grateful for the support of our parishioners through their time and talents. Please consider volunteering for one or more of our ministries, such as Ushers / Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers for Sick and Shut-ins, Altar Servers and Counters. If interested please contact the parish office. Training will be available.



## 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'



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