



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

Jesus is Lord

This was the motto of one of our former Archbishops, Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic. The words sound solemn and strong in Latin: *Jesus est Dominus!*

Today we mark the Feast of the *Exaltation of the Cross*. Only recently in the Gospel, Jesus reminded us: *If you want to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow me.*

When we reflect on the Cross, we often dwell on the pain it represents, and that is an important part of its meaning. Yet the Cross is more than a symbol of suffering—it is also a companion on our life's journey. Sometimes we experience the Cross in the burdens, challenges and hardships that come to us from outside. At other times, the Cross is an interior path—found within the quiet work of listening to our thoughts and our hearts, to the impact of our relationships, and to the ebb and flow of our intentions that shape us.

The Cross is not static. It leads us to moments of resurrection, to revelations of the grace of new life we received. How often have you been raised up overcome by another's words or actions? Have the trials you journeyed through nourished and enabled you to accompany someone else in their need?

Jesus tells us, *My yoke is easy and my burden light*. Much of our daily experience of the Cross is not extreme suffering, but the practical experience of growing in love, tending to our families, friendships, and vocations.

As we saw last week, this is the season of new beginnings. Micah was at the church doors with information on a range of parish activities—opportunities intended to help equip us to live out our vocations. Through these, we learn to reflect the gift of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, the very mystery we celebrate at Easter. In this way we prepare the pathway, provided to us by God's grace, to the fullness of life.



I want to thank you for the many ways you strive to live as committed disciples. When we gather at the Lord's Table, recalling His actions, it is clear that the Holy Spirit is at work among us. Some of the best fruits of the Holy Spirit we may never see—but they still build up the Kingdom of God more than we realize. Other fruits we will glimpse and rejoice in.

In an age when there are so many ways to distract ourselves or escape from reality, it is our share in the life of Christ that makes renewal possible. When we take up our Cross in faith, we can trust that it will always bear fruit—for ourselves, for those we love, and for the Kingdom of God.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Thank You!



The parish, together with the LeBlanc and Flint families, extends sincere gratitude to all who attended, donated, and assisted at Cathy's funeral Mass and reception last Saturday. The generous contributions of food and refreshments, along with the support and kindness shown by parishioners, were a true reflection of the special person Cathy was and of the many lives she touched during her more than forty years of dedicated service as our sacristan.

Upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive

September 20th to October 4th, 2025



Starting September 20th, the parish will be collecting non-perishable food on behalf of the Good Shepherd, who help provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Most needed are canned foods such as tuna, tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, soups and vegetables. Dry goods needed include cereal, granola bars, bagged rice, condiments, tea and coffee. Boxes for food are available at the front of the church through thanksgiving weekend. You can also donate financially by visiting goodshepherd.ca/donate.

September 14, 2025

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13

4:30 pm ♦ The LeBlanc and Flint Families

Sunday, September 14

8:30 am ♦ The Cristillo Family

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, September 16

5:00 pm ♦ † Cathy LeBlanc

Wednesday, September 17

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, September 18

5:00 pm ♦ † Rogers Kayihura

Friday, September 19

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Aug 31	\$ 4,104	\$ 3,293	↑ \$ 811
Sep 7	\$ 4,950	\$ 2,661	↑ \$ 2,289
Sep 14		\$ 3,317	
Sep 21*		\$ 6,786	
Sep 28		\$ 3,016	
Mth Target	\$ 9,054	\$ 19,072	↓ \$ 10,018

* 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.



Youth & Young Adult Ministries Kickoff Dates!

Youth Ministry programs resume this month, including a new program for high school students and a new Alpha Series alongside the Little Saints. Contact Micah at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org for info.

- **Young Adult Ministry** - September 17th at 7 pm
- **Lifeteen (H.S.)** - September 19th at 6 pm
- **Alpha (Adults) & Little Saints (Gr JK-8)** - September 28th at 12:30 pm
- **Edge (Gr 5-8)** - Second & Fourth Fridays, 6:30 pm start



Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 am



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the ArchTO estate planning team invite you to join this free webinar to learn about how to avoid issues with your Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code, visit qrco.de/WebSept27



Cardinal Leo encourages you to reach out to your neighbour in need

"We cannot turn away from the suffering around us, especially when so many struggle just to eat. Our Catholic family is called not only to witness God's love but to live it boldly: feed the hungry, restore dignity, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need. As Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 58:10, 'If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.' Together, through these grants and our generous hearts, we bring hope where despair threatens to take hold." Please help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity!



Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:

Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country



The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of September 27 and 28. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

St. Michael's Presents: Stop & Song

September 28, 2025, 2:30 pm; St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto

On Sunday, September 28th at 2:30 pm, you are invited to join the distinguished faculty of St. Michael's Choir School the distinguished faculty of St. Michael's Choir School as they present an unforgettable afternoon of music for voice and organ, featuring timeless works that echo the grandeur of our sacred space. Experience the artistry and spirit that define SMCS in a concert celebrating tradition, talent, and transcendent sound. The recital is free; a suggested donation of \$25pp can be made online at smcs.on.ca/concerts or on the afternoon of the recital.

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