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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 or by appointment

## 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



we become more aware of the building up of the whole Body of Christ, the Church itself. This gives us hope — hope not only that we benefit personally from belonging to our parish, but also that the challenges each of us carries are gently being overcome through the many graces that flow from our spiritual communion with one another.

As the Easter season continues, Jesus speaks to us about the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who causes the Kingdom to bud forth. It is the Spirit who inspires us into greater unity and fellowship. The Spirit also sends us out into the world. When we gather on Sunday, we look forward to the renewing experience of celebrating the Eucharist and being recharged through worship together. Then, as our work week or school week begins, we are able to draw from that renewed spirit throughout the days ahead.

Each one of us, therefore, is important to the health and vitality of the whole community. This does not mean that we must feel as though every aspect of our lives is perfectly in order. The very courage we draw upon in facing our struggles can itself become a sign of hope for others. Likewise, when we devote even a little attention to noticing and encouraging those around us, we often discover the very inspiration we ourselves need.

Knowing that we can entrust every part of ourselves to God — and that God's love is truly all-encompassing and capable of overcoming whatever burdens us — we can be confident that persevering in our efforts to live an authentic Christian life will bear fruit for many years to come, not only within our parish community, but far beyond it as well.

May we all receive the Holy Spirit anew as we begin our approach to Pentecost.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

### Helping One Another Live Authentic Christian Lives

It is evident in our parish family that so many of you are making practical efforts to ensure that each person feels welcome as we come together each week to give thanks to God. While some people stand at the church entrances serving in the welcoming ministry of hospitality, the warmth with which parishioners greet and receive one another is clearly bearing fruit as well.

Community is something built gradually over time, and each of us has particular gifts and contributions to offer. In this way,

## ❖ NOTEWORTHY



### Happy Mother's Day!

Today we honour mothers and the many maternal figures in our lives. We are grateful for the gift of their love, care and nurturing, today and always. We also remember with love those mothers who are no longer with us, but whose memories we continue to cherish. Happy Mother's Day!

### Holiday Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed from Friday, May 15, through Tuesday, May 19, inclusive, for the Victoria Day Holiday.

### Celebrating the Sacraments

The young people of our parish who have spent many months in prayerful preparation to celebrate the sacraments will do so in the coming weeks.

The Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 17th, at the 11 am Mass.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 24th, at the 11 am Mass.**

Please keep these children, youth, and their families in your prayers.

# ❖ NEWS

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 9**

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

**Sunday, May 10**

8:30 am ♦ † Janet Colley

11:00 am ♦ † Gladys Pinto

**Tuesday, May 12**

5:00 pm ♦ Sardelic Family

**Wednesday, May 13**

5:00 pm ♦ † Fr. Edward Smith

**Thursday, May 14**

5:00 pm ♦ Vicente Castaneda

**Friday, May 15**

5:00 pm ♦ † Petar Sardelic

## Through ShareLife, you are the light in someone's darkest moment



Sarah arrived at the doors of one of the Catholic Family Services agencies you support through ShareLife on a desperate afternoon with her baby cradled tightly against her chest. Fleeing an abusive home, she had nothing but the clothes on her back and a fragile hope that someone might help. Because of your generous spirit, Sarah and her baby found the safety they so desperately needed when shelters were overwhelmed. Your kindness provided the essentials to care for her baby, the counselling to begin healing, and the support to rebuild their lives. Now she and her baby are safe, cared for, and starting to look toward a brighter future. Yet, domestic violence is on the rise and countless others like Sarah are still in need. Your compassion has the power to change many more lives. It is because of people like you that their stories do not end in fear but begin again with love. Thus far we have raised \$22,000 toward our goal **\$55,000**. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
May 3	\$ 5,080	\$ 3,639	↑\$ 1,441
May 10		\$ 5,783	
May 17*		\$ 6,479	
May 24		\$ 3,426	
May 31		\$ 5,647	
Mth Totals	\$ 5,080	\$ 24,973	↓\$ 19,893

\* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

### Upcoming Special Collections

- May 17- Pope's Pastoral Works
- May 31- ShareLife

Thank you for supporting our parish!



## Cashless Donations

With fewer people using cheques or cash, we are pleased to offer several convenient ways to donate:



**Online:** Scan the QR or visit [stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org](http://stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org) and select the Donate button. Ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica" is selected from the parish drop-down menu.

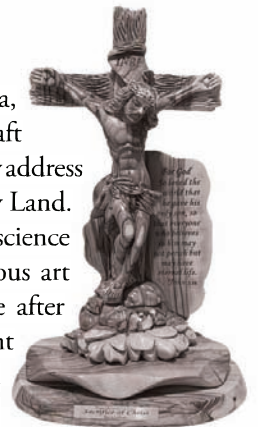
**TipTap:** Tap your card against an amount on the device at the back of the church to make a donation. For a year-end tax receipt, register your physical card by scanning the QR code beside the TipTap device.



## Handicraft Holy Land Christians

May 9 - 10, 2026; After each Mass

This weekend we welcome our special guest, Vanessa, from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. "May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers." To learn more visit [HolylandChristians.ca](http://HolylandChristians.ca).



## Sing Unto God! St. Michael's Choir School Spring Concert

Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 4:30 pm; St. Paul's Basilica



As the school year draws to a close, the St. Michael's Choir School will come together on Sunday, May 31 at 4:30 p.m. for its annual spring concert, hosted by our parish. Featuring a repertoire from their recent Spring Tour, along with new selections reflecting this year's theme, the entire student body will fill the Basilica with their voices in celebration. Admission is free, and a goodwill offering will be gratefully accepted. All are welcome.

6th Sunday of Easter

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