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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

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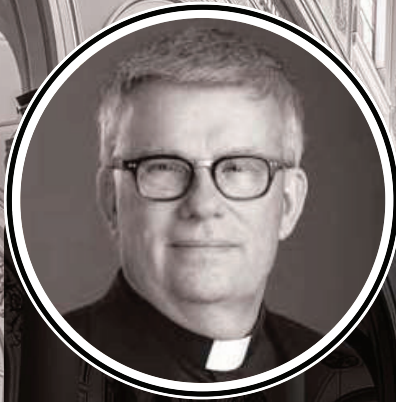
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

A Change in Pastor - June 24, 2026

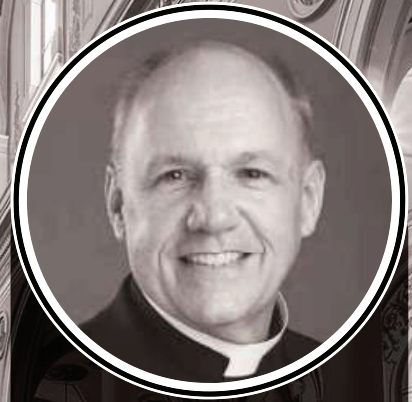


Fr. Robert O'Brien

Pastor of St. Paul's Basilica since 2021

New Pastor of St. Joan of Arc
Parish, Toronto

We Will Miss You!



Fr. Charles Forget

Pastor of St. Mary's Parish,
Collingwood, since 2021

New Pastor of St. Paul's Basilica

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Au Revoir et Bienvenue: Goodbye and Hello

I purposely used the French expression “Au Revoir,” which literally means “until we see each other again.” It is, therefore, a different kind of goodbye.

It is true that, as of June 24th, I will no longer be your pastor, and we will all begin embracing new relationships. Fr. Charles Forget will begin his ministry as Pastor of St. Paul's, and all the things that are part of getting to know one another will naturally be on the agenda. That can feel a little uncomfortable at first. I, too, will have to devote myself fully to getting to know the people of St. Joan of Arc Parish.

The greatest way for that to happen is to nurture an atmosphere of welcome — Bienvenue! When genuine hospitality is shown, we feel a strong permission to be ourselves. That, in itself, is transformative because it allows us to positively influence and change one another.

There will also be time to reflect upon and solidify the graces we have shared here at St. Paul's. We need to tell one another our stories and truly listen to each other. Doing so will help bring clarity to the fruits that have developed among us. These are the building blocks for the growth yet to come. In fact, speaking about these events openly, so that Fr. Charles may come to know the garden he is about to nurture, will help make the goodness for which we are so grateful as a parish family even more real.

I also want you all to know how immensely grateful I am to have been here at St. Paul's. The parish community has been

remarkably hospitable to me, and your graciousness in the many other aspects of the basilica's life has been a tremendous gift: the diocesan Masses, the use of our meeting facilities by so many outside groups, and the beautiful gift of music which we have been privileged to host and share.

I have been a priest for almost 37 years, and I can tell you that I carry in my heart and prayers the people from each of my assignments. I have literally known thousands of people over the years. I always love receiving an update or a visit. These moments affirm the spiritual communion we continue to share throughout life until, one day, we come to the beatific vision and stand together in the presence of God. Some of you know that I regularly post pictures on the refrigerator at the rectory so that I pass by my folks many times each day.

The short timeline before this transition is certainly a bit challenging, but it also compels us to take stock and prepare ourselves for something new. This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension, when Jesus returns to the Father, assuring His disciples that He will send the Holy Spirit. Though we cannot see it, we believe that the Spirit is moving within this change. With the Holy Spirit enkindling within us the fire of His love, we can be quite confident that great good is yet to come.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 16

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, May 17

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, May 19

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, May 20

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, May 21

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, May 22

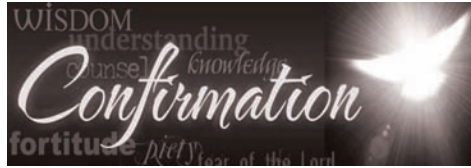
5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

First Holy Eucharist Congratulations



Our heartfelt congratulations to Davian Agyapong, Prince Andres, Sage Besa, Sadé Boyd, Damica Cabrante, Noa Calixterio, Mateus Cassule-Chilombo, Ainara Covarrobias, Zuriel Domingo, Kendrick Gaba, André George-Orumuatu, Vidhun Jegiatheeswayan, Royalty King, Nikita Labayen, Owen Mallari, Naomi Mallari, Alvaro Medalla, Joseph Mukisa, Trinity Ostrea, Yael Yamba who are receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday. Many thanks to Micah for his hard work and prayerful dedication to preparing our children for their sacraments.

Upcoming Celebration of Confirmation



After many months of preparation, our confirmation candidates will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit on **Sunday, May 24th, at the 11 am Mass**. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
May 3	\$ 5,080	\$ 3,639	↑\$ 1,441
May 10	\$ 5,113	\$ 5,783	↓\$ 670
May 17*		\$ 6,479	
May 24		\$ 3,426	
May 31		\$ 5,647	
Mth Totals	\$ 10,193	\$ 24,973	↓\$ 14,780

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **May 31**- ShareLife
- **June 7**- Preservation Fund
- **June 14**- Mary Grove Camp

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 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.



Holiday Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed until Wednesday, May 20, for the Victoria Day Holiday.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, June 6, 2026 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/WebJun6



Through ShareLife, you support human connection

On the 60th World Day of Social Communication, we are invited to pause and connect with each other—for the Church, for the world, and for the future we are helping to shape together. In this moment, one truth remains clear: the Church endures because of the strength and love of parishioners like you. Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond—funding more than 40 agencies, which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations. The third ShareLife Sunday is May 31. Thus far we have raised \$22,000 toward our goal **\$55,000**. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

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.

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