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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.

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Pentecost and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

This weekend we welcome our Confirmation candidates who have been preparing all year and who will receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the 11 am Mass. As we saw at the Easter Vigil, this sacrament was originally conferred during a single celebration at the time of Baptism. As the Christian community grew larger, Confirmation came to be celebrated separately, often when the local bishop was able to visit.

The name “Confirmation” is not necessarily the most revealing. The name does not refer to the candidate “accepting” the sacrament as a kind of rite of passage, but rather to the bishop confirming the Baptism already celebrated.

The eastern Churches have called this sacrament “Chrismation,” referring to the anointing with the Oil of Sacred Chrism. In Rome, the anointing was always central, but there was also a strong emphasis on the calling down of the Holy Spirit through the prayer of consecration and the imposing of hands. While praying, the bishop raises his hands over the candidates, invoking the Holy Spirit. As John’s Gospel reminds us, we are baptized with water and the Holy Spirit.

Candidates, it is important to understand that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are real, but they are not some kind of magic. We need to desire them and learn how to use them. If you do, you will continue growing in them throughout your lives, and you will discover many surprising blessings along the way.

Life will not suddenly become easy, but you may begin to see more clearly: more of the goodness in others, more tenderness

in your own love, and a deeper desire to know God and to share God’s life with others.

And please be convinced that you truly have gifts. If you do not feel like you fit the mold, that is perfectly okay. You simply need the courage to learn how to use what you have been given in order to give of yourself to God and to others.

I have lived long enough to see that not only are the gifts I have enjoyed and appreciated useful, but so too are my tender spots and even the things I might once have seen as weaknesses. They help me forgive, recognize the goodness in others, grow in compassion and patience, and sometimes even offer a few ideas that may help lift others up.

I also hope that you feel a strong sense of belonging to the family of God here at St. Paul’s, and in whatever parish communities you may belong to in the future. The parish is a home for your deepest hopes and, yes, even for your frustrations and questions. When you pray together at Mass on Sunday, all of your life is there. You are also praying for everyone else who carries questions and hopes, fears and faith, trust and love.

May God bless us all on this great feast and pour out the Holy Spirit upon us generously!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23

4:30 pm ♦ † James Hughes

Sunday, May 24

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, May 26

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, May 27

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, May 28

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, May 29

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Congratulations to our Confirmandi



Our heartfelt congratulations to Jasper Amonia-Jasper, Sonari Amonia-Jasper, Sonate Amonia-Jasper, Danica Cabarante, Carmen Grewal, Chedom Ihere, Nicholas Matovu who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. Many thanks to Micah for his hard work and prayerful dedication to preparing our children for their sacraments.

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



Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
May 3	\$ 5,080	\$ 3,639	↑\$ 1,441
May 10	\$ 5,113	\$ 5,783	↓\$ 670
May 17*	\$ 7,920	\$ 6,479	↑\$ 1,442
May 24		\$ 3,426	
May 31		\$ 5,647	
Mth Totals	\$ 18,113	\$ 24,973	↓\$ 6,860

** 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.



Your gift to ShareLife invests in the future of our Church



Your support of ShareLife helps form future priests—men who will listen, accompany, comfort, and offer Christ to the world. Rev. James Cyfko spent a decade in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary, preparing to lay down his life for the people of God. "I deeply appreciate the ongoing charity of ShareLife," says Rev. James Cyfko. "I am eager to give back to the community which has helped me focus on faithfully following my vocational calling." Your devotion lifts the burden of financial worry, enabling men to embrace God's call fully in preparation for a life of service. Next Sunday, May 31 is the third ShareLife Sunday collection of the year. Thus far we have raised \$22,000 toward our goal \$55,000. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

St. Paul's Summer Day Camp

Weekdays from July 6 - July 31; 9 am - 3 pm (extended care available)

St. Paul's is once again running a four-week summer day camp for children in grades 1 to 7. The camp focuses on helping children learn about our Catholic faith while providing fun opportunities to meet new friends and participate in a variety of activities including games, arts & crafts and sports. Each week will feature prayer, games and sports, a field trip and a drama production open to families and friends. The weekly cost per child starts at \$130, plus extra for extended care with family and multi-week registration discounts available. For more information please reach out to our youth minister, Micah, at macmullen@archtoronto.org. To register visit bit.ly/StPB-Camp or scan the QR code.



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