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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

Here, Now, With You

Life is filled with an endless series of beginnings and endings. This pattern is evident in children's lives as they move from formula and milk to solid food, from home to daycare to school, high school, college, and university, and ultimately to the end of these stages in the pursuit of a career and a life. As a diocesan priest, I am expected to move every so often, leaving a state known to parishioners only to be moved one day to start again elsewhere, amid the beginnings and endings of priestly shepherding.

A parish move at this time was not expected, so I didn't see it coming. Faced with the prospect and a very brief discernment period, I was given a sense of peace that did not come from within but from without. I had a sense that this was part of the initial call to priesthood I had experienced for as long as I can remember.

For whatever reason, I was asked to be the pastor of St. Paul's Basilica, which is to say, of you good people. Frankly, I've been overwhelmed by the assignment, in part because I've never lived deep in the city before



and because of the many sensory aspects that come with it – the people, the pace, the sounds, the soaring buildings, the constant movement of people both day and night, and *the Basilica!* This hallowed edifice is a great symbol of the Church herself, solid and strong, existing in time yet timeless, anchored in the bedrock of Catholic faith and visible to an ever-changing world. And the Basilica stands, not above the people but in the midst of them as the sign, voice and presence of Christ in the world, evidence of those things that will never pass away.

And so, I am yet another 'new' priest at St. Paul's Basilica. While the building stands imposing and magnificent, it is not the primary reason I have been assigned here.

As St. Pope John XXIII stated in his opening remarks at the Second Vatican Council, "[The Church's teaching] is a treasure of incalculable worth, not indeed coveted by all, but available to all men of goodwill. And our duty is not just to guard this treasure, as though it were some museum piece and we the curators, but earnestly and fearlessly to dedicate ourselves to the work that needs to be done in this modern age of ours, pursuing the path which the Church has followed for almost 20 centuries." Earlier, the future pope wrote in his journal about the death of Pope Pius XII, "We are not on earth as museum keepers, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life and to prepare a glorious future." Our glorious future is Jesus Christ Himself, who is to be known and loved, and through us to be known and loved by the world. It's not so much about this life as about coming to know and experience Jesus Christ in this life. To be with Him now is our homework, and to be with Him forever is Home. I'm so glad to be here with you on this step of our journey.

Fr. Charles

❖ NOTEWORTHY

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!

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. Charles Forget, 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 1st to July 3rd for Canada Day,
- » July 31 to August 4th for the Civic Holiday and,
- » August 31st to September 8th for Labour Day.

Have a wonderful and safe Summer!



Bulletins During the Summer

Our next bulletin for the summer will be published on August 2nd. Regular weekly bulletins will resume in September.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions scheduled between July 4 and July 31 will be listed in our next bulletin.

Humanitarian Aid for Venezuela

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations to support humanitarian relief efforts in Venezuela through its Catholic partners. Donations may be made online at *archtoronto.org* or through the parish by cheque payable to: *St. Paul's Basilica – Venezuela Earthquake Humanitarian Relief*.

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
June 7	\$ 4,927	\$ 3,065	↑\$ 1,862
June 14	\$ 4,213	*\$ 6,981	↓\$ 2,767
June 21*	\$ 7,527	\$ 2,716	↑\$ 4,811
June 28	\$ 9,064	\$ 3,422	↑\$ 5,642
Mth Totals	\$ 25,732	\$ 16,184	↑\$ 9,548

** Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations*

Upcoming Special Collections

- **July 12**- Mission Appeal (speaker/collection)
- **July 19**- Mission Appeal (collection)
- **August 2**- Preservation Fund
- **August 16**- Canadian Missions

Thank you for supporting our parish!



Cashless Donations

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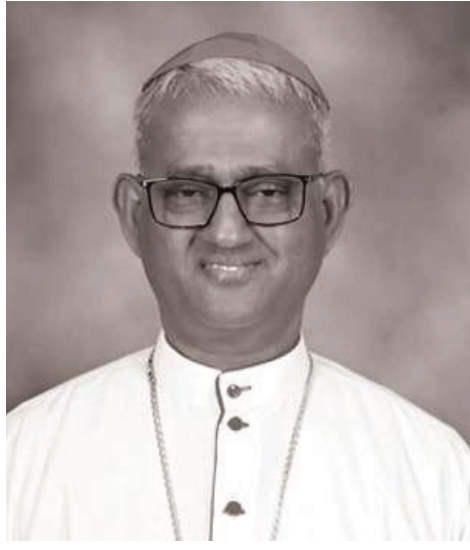


Online: Scan the QR or visit *stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org* and select the Donate button. Ensure that “St. Paul’s Basilica” is selected from the parish drop-down menu.

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.



Mission Appeal Weekend



On July 11 and 12, we welcome Mission Appeal speaker Most Rev. Subroto Boniface Gomes, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dhaka, Bangladesh, where Catholics make up less than one percent of the population. In a country facing widespread poverty, natural disasters, and limited resources, the Church provides vital pastoral and social outreach to those most in need. This year’s appeal will support Asha Griha (“House of Hope”) centres for children and adults with disabilities, offering care, education, therapy, meals, and a welcoming community to those who are often marginalized and overlooked. **The Mission Appeal collection will take place the following weekend, July 18 & 19.**

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 7 pm

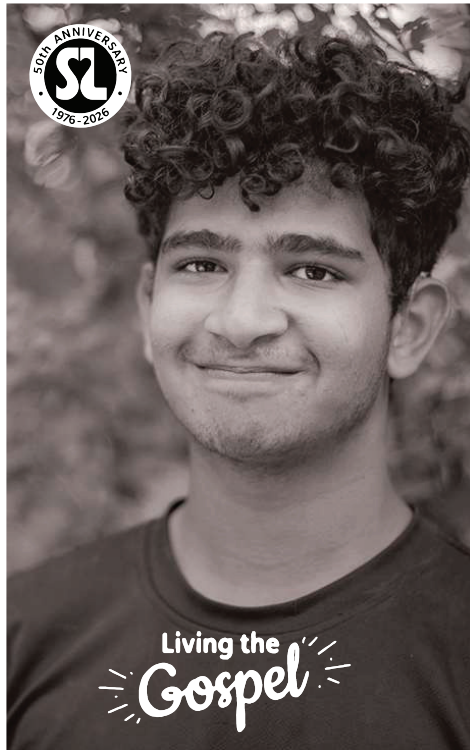


Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed.

Details on this year’s Annual Mass can be found by scanning the QR code or at *catholic-cemeteries.ca*



Your gift to ShareLife transforms fear into peace



Matthew’s mother, Anna, spent years lying awake at night, fearing for her son’s future. Diagnosed with autism as a baby, Matthew’s needs became more complex as he grew. She did everything she could to support him, but when his aggression became too difficult to manage, she made the heartbreaking decision to find community housing for him. Through your generous heart, Matthew found Mary Centre, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, where he is truly understood. From the moment he arrived, he was met with patience, kindness, and the care he needed to thrive. For the first time in years, Anna could finally breathe again. “I never thought I’d find a place where my son would be safe,” Anna shares. “Now, I finally have peace.” Your gift to ShareLife gives mothers peace of mind and a future filled with hope.

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