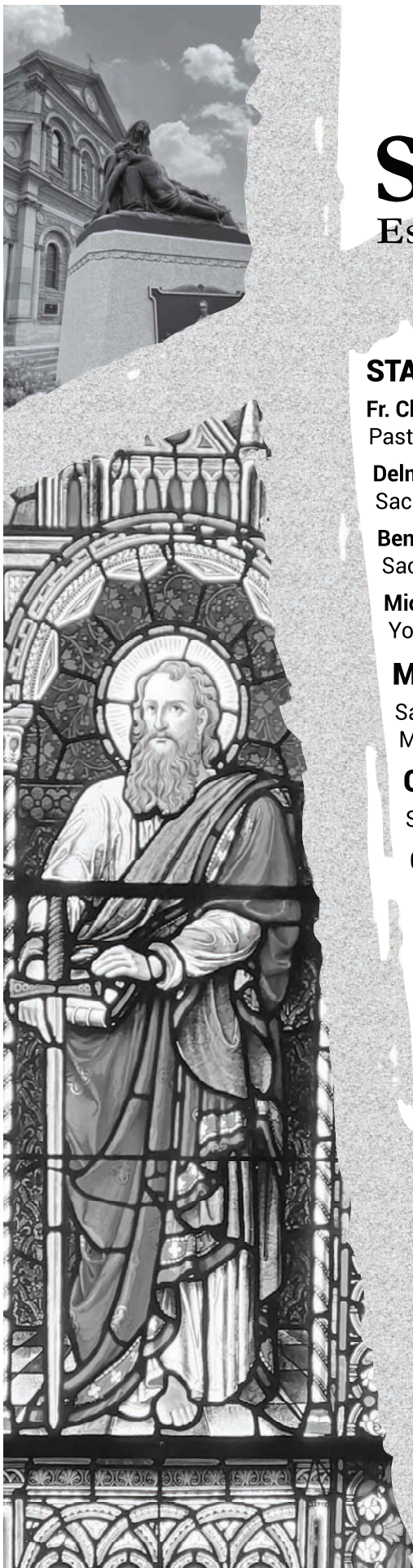




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MASS TIMES

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.

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Fr. Charles and 'Associates'

Over the past several decades, vocations to the priesthood have waned, as evidenced by the fact that the vast majority of parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto, and many other dioceses throughout the world, are pastored by a single priest, and in some cases, one priest covers three or four smaller parishes. With my working-world background, that is good job security because there isn't the threat of layoffs any time soon. Kidding aside, it's a sign that in North America we, who once sent missionaries all over the world, are now missionary territory ourselves, as other countries are sending priests to us due to the shortage of Canadian and American ordinations. God hasn't stopped calling, but His voice is harder to hear in an often secular, self-absorbed culture. The good news is that the response to the need for priests seems to be on the upswing, and men are contemplating the call – and it is most definitely a call – responding with discernment and a willingness to consider whether the Lord may be summoning them to be a priest after Christ's own heart.

While I've only been the pastor of St. Paul's for just over a month, I didn't come here alone. I brought two 'associates' with me.



They are both male, of course, but not men. Their genus is Canis, which is God spelled backward – dog. Teddy and Finnigan are male and wear collars, though they aren't ordained. They traverse the rectory on all fours and eat from bowls placed on the floor. Teddy is 11.5 years old and likely a Scottish Deerhound, born in Mexico and rescued to Canada. Finnigan is Canadian and is a mix of Beagle/Shepherd at 8.5 years old. They've lived in two other rectories before, but never in a bustling city such as Toronto. Because Teddy wasn't used to walking without a collar and leash, during the first week here, while running around in the green space behind the Basilica, he kept returning to the back door of the rectory, not used to being off-leash. It's nice to see him running and

scouting out all the scents left by raccoons, skunks, and goodness knows what else. They're my good and close companions with me at St. Paul's for as long as the Lord deems that 'we' are here. Yes, St. Paul's has 'gone to the dogs,' outnumbering me 2 to 1.

Weekday Mass Time Changes

Changing Mass times is a sticky issue in parishes, though the Basilica has had weekday Masses over the past four years, with Fr. O'Brien scheduling a 5:00 pm. Mass Tuesday through Friday. With evening appointments and the existing 5pm Mass time, I find it nearly impossible to have dinner at a normal hour. I acknowledge that changing the Mass time might be inconvenient for some, but most, if not all, parishes have a morning Mass during the week.

Beginning this Tuesday, August 4, the regular Mass times will change from the previous Tuesday–Friday 5:00 pm to Tuesday at 7:00 pm, offering an evening Mass, and to 8:30 am on Wednesdays to Fridays. St. Michael's Cathedral, our neighbouring parish to the west, has a 5:30 pm Mass and a 7:30 am Mass during the week.

Fr. Charles

❖ NOTEWORTHY



New Weekday Mass Times!

Effective August 4, weekday Mass times will change. Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM** and **Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30 AM**. Any previously scheduled Mass intentions have been transferred to the new times. Weekend Mass times remain unchanged.

Prayer and Life Workshop

Wednesday's August 26 - December 2; 7 - 9 pm; and Retreat Saturday, December 5

St. Paul's Basilica will host a 15-week Prayer & Life Workshop, designed to help participants deepen their relationship with God through the art of prayer while finding healing, reconciliation, acceptance, and peace. Participants will learn to pray with Scripture, explore more than a dozen methods of prayer, develop practical tools for Christian living, and deepen their commitment to the Church.

An introductory session will be held on Wednesday, August 26. Weekly sessions will follow every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm until December 2 in the parish hall, ending with a full day retreat on December 5 (location TBD). Materials Fee: \$20.



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Welcome!

Welcome to St. Paul's Basilica! We are delighted to have you with us and invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Charles Forget, after Mass. If you are new to the area or celebrate Mass with us regularly, we encourage you to join our parish community. Registration forms are available near the main entrance or can be emailed by contacting the parish office. To our parishioners, thank you for your continued support!

❖ NEWS

Bulletins During the Summer

Our next bulletin for the summer will be published on August 30th. Regular weekly bulletins will resume in September.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions scheduled between August 1 and August 28 will be listed in our next bulletin.

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!

Summer Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed:

- Civic Day: July 31st to August 4th
- Labour Day : September 3rd to 8th

Have a wonderful and safe Summer!

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
July 5	\$ 4,302	\$ 3,692	↑\$ 610
July 12	\$ 3,826	\$ 2,637	↓\$ 1,189
July 19*	\$ 6,285	\$ 6,810	↓\$ 525
July 26	\$ 3,958	\$ 2,341	↑\$ 1,617
Mth Totals	\$ 18,370	\$ 15,479	↑\$ 2,891

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **August 2** - Preservation Fund
- **August 16** - Canadian Missions
- **September 6** - Preservation Fund

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.



Weekly Mass Intentions for July

(August Mass Intentions will be listed in the September Bulletin)

Saturday, July 4

4:30 pm ♦ † Sara Gonzalez

Sunday, July 5

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Pamela Karen Bermejo

Tuesday, July 7 - 5:00 pm

† Marietta Raymundo

Wednesday, July 8 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Thursday, July 9 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Friday, July 10 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Saturday, July 11

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, July 12

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Fallen Law Enforcement Officers

Tuesday, July 14 - 5:00 pm

John Ciavarella

Wednesday, July 15 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Thursday, July 16 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Friday, July 17 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Saturday, July 18

4:30 pm ♦ † Finola Fagon

Sunday, July 19

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Health & Safety of Vickie Sugarman

Tuesday, July 21 - 5:00 pm

† Gladys Irene Gonzalez

Wednesday, July 22 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Thursday, July 23 - 5:00 pm

† Christy Agbing

Friday, July 24 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Saturday, July 25

4:30 pm ♦ † Eduwiges Cazares

Sunday, July 26

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Recently Deceased Holsmer Family Member

Tuesday, July 28 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Wednesday, July 29 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Thursday, July 30 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Friday, July 31 - 5:00 pm

Private Intention

Get Involved!

We are inviting parishioners to consider getting involved in different parish ministries. The parish depends on and is grateful for the support of our parishioners through their time and talents. Please consider volunteering for one or more of our ministries, such as Ushers / Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers for Sick and Shut-ins, Altar Servers and Counters. If interested please contact the parish office. Training will be available.

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



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