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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Monday: No Mass ♦ Tuesday: 7:00 pm ♦ Wednesday to Friday: 8:30 am

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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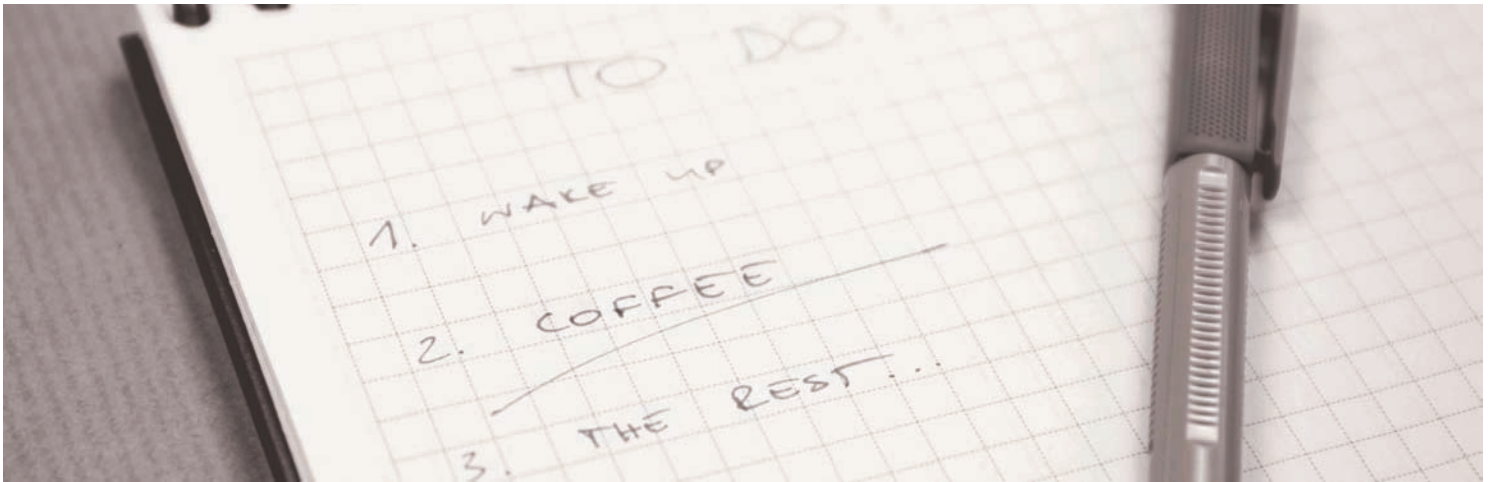
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Tasks of a New Priest at the Basilica

As pastor, I'm genuinely excited about the prayer workshop that began this past Wednesday here at St. Paul's. The backbone of any parish, in its ministries, groups, volunteers, and paid staff, has to be a common love for Jesus and a grassroots attitude that He is our common purpose and the reason for our being. If not, any Christian institution can quickly devolve into a business with a churchy edifice, focused on maintenance rather than building for the present and future. The prayer workshop is yet another voice of the Spirit urging us toward what matters most, and as Catholics, the sacramental life of the Church, centred on the Eucharist, is to be our focus in what we do and the source of energy for all our activities.

I'm uncertain why the Lord has placed me here, but I believe He has, and I already see there is much more to do beyond my priestly duties of 'preach, teach, and sanctify'. Our finances are in poor shape, to say the least.

Every major bill and expense is covered with funds we don't currently have—hardly ideal for managing a Basilica. I plan to work with a financial committee to address these issues and explore ways to enrich our parish life without high costs. Additionally, adhering to the old saying, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," I intend to focus on cleaning the church thoroughly; otherwise, we risk polishing dirt. While we have several staff members, our caretaker is only part-time. Although he works diligently within a 20-hour week, there's far more to do than he can manage in such a limited time. The size of St. Paul's—including the church, sacristy, large hall, meeting rooms, washrooms, kitchen, stairways, entrances, and offices—requires full-time attention to maintenance and cleaning.

Personally, I've always enjoyed cleaning and organizing, transforming messes into renewed spaces. My vehicles, for example, were always well-maintained, clean, and

detailed, but my small SUV became quite dirty during my move to Toronto, both inside and out, and I haven't had time to properly clean it. Since arriving at St. Paul's, I've immediately set to work on many tasks. My time at General Motors in Oshawa taught me that chasing assembly lines without seeing results can feel unrewarding. But cleaning and organizing messy spaces and witnessing the transformation brings a satisfying sense of achievement. I believe that St. Paul's Basilica both needs and deserves this, as well as being a visible sign of our stewardship of the things entrusted to us by God.

The promise of accomplishment in these and other areas and the genuine goodness and generosity of people make me know that it's good to be here.

Fr. Charles

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Prayer and Life Workshop (Last Chance to Register!)

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

St. Paul's Basilica is hosting 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. Sessions have already begun and September 2 is the last day to register. Weekly sessions will follow every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm until December 2 in the parish basement, ending with a full day retreat on December 5 (location TBD). Materials Fee: \$20.



❖ NEWS

New Weekday Mass Times!

Effective August 4, weekday Mass times have changed. 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.

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!

Labour Day Office Closure

The parish office will be closed for Labour Day Weekend from September 3rd to 9th
Have a wonderful and safe Summer!

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Aug 2	\$ 4,252	\$ 4,518	↓\$ 267
Aug 9	\$ 3,478	\$ 3,845	↓\$ 367
Aug 16*	\$ 6,655	\$ 6,459	↑\$ 196
Aug 23	\$ 2,288	\$ 1,722	↑\$ 566
Aug 30		\$ 4,104	
Mth Totals	\$ 16,637	\$ 20,649	↓\$ 3,977

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **September 6** - Preservation Fund
- **September 27** - Needs of the Canadian Church

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 August

Saturday, August 1

4:30 pm ♦ † Rodolph Coutinho

Sunday, August 2

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Rosario Faller

Tuesday, August 4 - 7:00 pm

† Jose Faller

Wednesday, August 5 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Thursday, August 6 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Friday, August 7 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Saturday, August 8

4:30 pm ♦ Fr. Edward Smith

Sunday, August 9

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ D'Alimonte Family

Tuesday, August 11 - 7:00 pm

† Catherine Murphy

Wednesday, August 12 - 8:30 am

† Catherine Murphy

Thursday, August 13 - 8:30 am

Michelle Phillips

Friday, August 14 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Saturday, August 15

4:30 pm ♦ † Michael Reid

Sunday, August 16

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Sunny Crasto

Tuesday, August 18 - 7:00 pm

† Rene Alforque

Wednesday, August 19 - 8:30 am

Healing of Ken Perry

Thursday, August 20 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Friday, August 21 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Saturday, August 22

4:30 pm ♦ † Van Maria Nguyen

Sunday, August 23

8:30 am ♦ † Herbert Harms

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, August 25 - 7:00 pm

† Wendy Emily Rose Dingillo

Wednesday, August 26 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Thursday, August 27 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Friday, August 28 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Saturday, August 29

4:30 pm ♦ † Phillip Soop

Sunday, August 30

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ Rose Oliver

Tuesday, September 1 - 7:00 pm

Private Intention

Wednesday, September 2 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Thursday, September 3 - 8:30 am

Private Intention

Friday, September 4 - 8:30 am

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.

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