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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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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;
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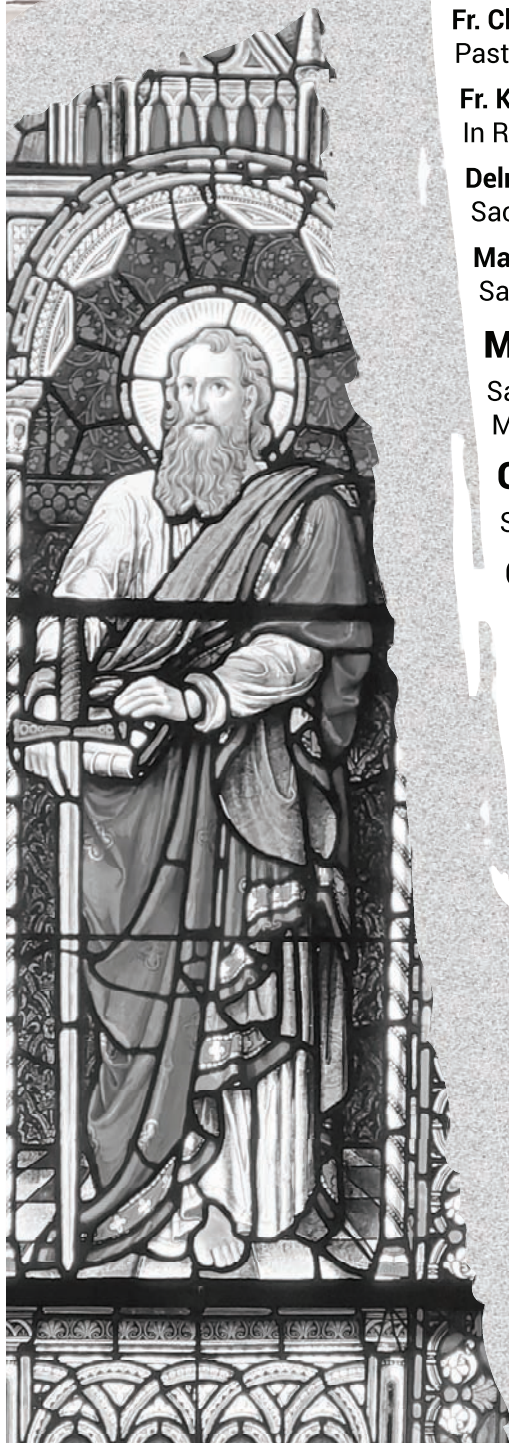
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to be Beatified

On Thursday, September 24th a holy and gifted man will be beatified, the second last step in the process of making saints, or, better put, the self-evidence of a saint's life is proven credible, before they are canonized a Saint.

Archbishop Fulton John Sheen will be beatified at a Mass at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

For decades now I have listened to Bishop Sheen's talks on radio and television and even remember seeing him on TV way back when I was a child. I've listened to his retreat talks, read his books and marvelled at his wisdom, his oratory skills and his evident love for Christ and the Church. He has a history of preaching to anyone in all manner of circumstances which, I think, indicates a genuine love for Christ expressed in a desire to make him known in all of life's circumstances. He was a good shepherd for the Church and his voice in what he stated continues to speak to us today in a keenly prophetic fashion.

In the various stages of investigation where the Church considers a person for the possibility of eventual canonization, they are first 'venerable', then 'blessed' and finally 'canonized'. Archbishop Sheen has been at the stage of venerable for some time now, awaiting it would seem a further look into his life and his cause. Necessary at the beatified and canonized stages is proof of a miracle linked to the intercession of the candidate. In Sheen's case, the following description attests to the power of Sheen's intercessory prayer on behalf of a newborn baby.

"When James was born the midwife scooped him up and put him in my hands. But I noticed that his legs and arms dangled down. He wasn't moving. He wasn't breathing. He wasn't crying, he was kind of a blue colour. So I held him for a second and then my midwife took him and she began CPR." It was at this point that Bonnie fell into a state shock. Her friend, who was present at the birth, called an ambulance and her husband calmly performed an emergency baptism. At the moment that Travis traced water on his son's forehead and baptised him James Fulton, Bonnie's friend began to pray for the intercession of the newborn's namesake. "At that moment, in my head I couldn't really think of anything," Bonnie says. "But in my head I was saying Fulton Sheen's name over and over again. And that was my way of praying by calling on his name." By the time the paramedics arrived there was still no pulse. Bonnie spent the 20-minute journey to the hospital in a separate ambulance from her husband and baby, lying alone, unaware if her son was dead or alive. When they arrived at the hospital it was Travis's turn to endure a solitary, harrowing wait. He lingered outside the hospital emergency room while doctors desperately tried to resuscitate his baby. Five men eventually emerged with tears in their eyes. "They said to him: 'Your son is alive' and Travis understood in that moment that what they were really saying was: 'He's alive now but just for right now.' The fact that they were crying meant that he knew that things were really bad.

"But when he came to see me, what he said to me was: 'James is alive and everything's going to be OK', because he just had faith. My husband had faith. It was amazing. And because I was still in a state of shock I naïvely accepted it. My husband just had the faith in that moment." The miraculous breath had come after 61 excruciating minutes. James had breathed again at the moment doctors gave up their efforts and stopped to record his time of death. "They then took me to the neonatal intensive care unit and then I saw how bad he looked. He was covered in wires and he wasn't breathing on his own. They had knocked him out. They had intubated him. Yeah, it was really..." Bonnie's voice begins to crack and she summons up the composure to complete the sentence: "...it was really sad." A small pause follows before she quietly adds: "It's such a little word but I hope it conveys..." She trails off again. "It was really sad."

Bonnie starts to explain to me the full extent of the miracle. "The way my doctor explained it to me was: 'It's amazing that James came back to life and it's a miracle that he is doing as well as he is. Because he should have had massive organ failure and then they expected him to be very severely disabled. Then they thought that he would have very severe cerebral palsy. They thought that he would have to be strapped to a wheelchair for the rest of his life, have a feeding tube and probably be blind. They thought that mentally he would not be aware of anything. It was supposed to be pretty grim and that was if he even lived.'" Bonnie was able to bring her baby home after seven weeks in hospital. "As he continued I think they gave us an increasingly better prognosis. So it went from very severely disabled to: 'OK, so he's going to have cerebral palsy. We just don't know what it will look like.' But he continued to get better and seemed more and more like a normal baby... I mean, there was always some big question marks for about the first six to 12 months just because he was a baby, so we had to wait for him to hit his milestones to know how complete the miracle was. "But my husband, and I and family and friends, were all at home interacting with James when he was two and a half months old, when he was five months old, and were sitting there thinking: 'This kid is normal. He's like any of our other babies we've seen at this age. This really is a miracle.'"

Sheen once wrote,

*If our lives just "end," our friends will ask:
... "How much did he leave?"*

*But if our life is "finished" our friends will ask:
... "How much did he take with him?"*

*A finished life is not measured by years but by deeds;
not by the time spent in the vineyard, but by the work done.*

In that case then, Archbishop Sheen's life is truly and beautifully, finished. (Fr. Charles)

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

4:30 pm ♦ † Joseph & Louise Purcell

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, September 24

8:30 am ♦ Private Intention

Friday, September 25

8:30 am ♦ † Francisco Anthony
Minda Cabera

Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
Sep 6	\$ 4,326	\$ 4,950	↓\$ 624
Sep 13	\$ 4,077	\$ 3,458	↑\$ 620
Sep 20*		\$ 6,194	
Sep 27		\$ 3,446	
Mth Totals	\$ 8,403	\$ 18,048	↓\$ 9,645

* Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Upcoming Special Collections

- **September 27**- Needs of the Canadian Church
- **October 4**- Preservation Fund

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Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Heavenly and Almighty Father, God of mercy and compassion, we give you thanks and praise for all your kindness and blessings which you bestow upon us, your beloved children, and for the opportunities of spiritual renewal which you provide out of the abundance of your unfailing love and graciousness.

As we honour the glorious Archangel St. Michael, whose zeal for your almighty power obtains for us your own loving protection, in the name of Christ our Saviour and Brother and through your Holy Spirit, guide our steps along the path of holiness of life, and guard our thoughts as we journey through this life to our heavenly homeland. Confident of the powerful intercession of our patron saint St. Michael, we now ask for this grace (say your intention).

Inspire in us the same humility and thirst for justice and holiness which animated your great servant and angelic messenger. May our lives give glory to you, our families bear witness to your love and our communities of faith be filled with the grace and joys of your Kingdom. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Michael, filled with the wisdom of God, pray for us.

St. Michael, perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word, pray for us.

St. Michael, crowned with honour and glory, pray for us.

St. Michael, our help in all adversities, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Thanksgiving Food Drive Ongoing until October 11, 2026

Until October 11, the parish will be collecting non-perishable food on behalf of the Good Shepherd, who help provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Most needed are canned foods such as tuna, tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, soups and vegetables. Dry goods needed include cereal, granola bars, bagged rice, condiments, tea and coffee. Boxes for food will be available at the front of the church through thanksgiving weekend. You can also donate financially by visiting goodshepherd.ca/donate.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA program welcomes non-Catholic adults curious about the Catholic faith, offering baptism or full reception for those baptized in a different Christian denomination. It also supports baptized Catholics seeking deeper faith understanding and Sacraments like Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Confirmation. Participants meet weekly for prayer, inquiry, learning about God's love and the Catechism, leading to Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Contact Fr. Charles via the parish office for more information.

Altar Linen Ministry

The parish is currently looking for volunteers who enjoy washing and ironing to assist with the weekly laundering of linens used during Mass. Training on the proper procedures for handling the linens will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Charles after Mass.

Thank You and Farewell to Micah MacMullen

Over the past three years, Micah MacMullen has faithfully served our parish as our Youth and Young Adult Minister. On behalf of our entire parish community, we thank Micah for his dedicated service and wish him every blessing, along with our continued prayers, as he begins this new chapter in his life.

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