



ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
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SACRAMENTS

Please contact us 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, For all other marriage inquiries please contact the parish office
- ♦ First Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in the fall
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion of the sick and shut-ins;
Please contact the parish office

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



A Variety for the Octave of Easter, the Sunday of Divine Mercy

Off the top ... I hope you have had a joy-filled week to celebrate the reality of our salvation in the Risen Lord. The whole week has been a continuation of the Easter Day.

Second ... I want to share with you a little event that happened quietly before Easter. As some will remember, when I first arrived I was asking questions about a bingo that the parish was hosting at Delta Bingo Hall. I discovered a very dedicated volunteer, Anna Giardino, who has shouldered much of the weight of the hours to raise money in support of our breakfast club. As you may also know, COVID was not kind to this staple of our parish life and by the time I arrived the pool of volunteers was not sufficient to remount it. The school, however, is now operating a nutrition program. Last week I was at the school with Anna to present a cheque on behalf of St. Paul's Parish to the school for over \$35,400. This will help the school to enhance what it is doing and to offer support for the families of students.

Third ... Thank you to everyone involved in our Holy Week and Easter liturgies! We had excellent altar serving from Michael, and great music from Joe and Allison and our visiting trumpeter. Our decorator, Ewa, outdid herself with good taste and reverence. Readers, Ministers of Communion, collection counters, ushers,

Cathy our sacristan and Ives our custodian – Thank You! For the glory of God and assisting the prayer and worship of the whole community you all have contributed something beautiful to our reception of Our Risen Lord.

Fourth ... This weekend is the Octave of Easter, our 8th day of the Easter Day itself. The devotion to Divine Mercy and its closeness to the heart of Pope John Paul II has joined it to the Octave. Divine Mercy is the redeeming love of Jesus given through His sacrifice and resulting in the conquering of sin and death for us all. As a devotion it is simple in form because it goes to the centre. It is like the “Jesus Prayer” of the East: Christ Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner.” The devotional prayer proclaims the power of that mercy. We pray for it of course and we are sent out to concretely share it as well. Particularly at this time of spiritual renewal in our hearts we can be more convinced that we have been given God's love and mercy so as to share it. Let's make Easter season this year a particularly fruitful one for those we serve.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Parish Collection Summary

April	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 7,215	\$ 3,309	↑ \$ 3,905
Mth Total	\$12,861	\$ 16,787	↓ \$ 3,925

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Take a tour of St. Paul's Basilica



Curious about the building's architecture and beautiful artwork, the Irish connection and the tragic epidemics, or the historic importance of the Parish within Toronto and why it is now a Basilica? Self-guided tour booklets are available or speak to one of the ushers after the 11 am Sunday Mass about a guided journey through the church.

Coffee Socials Returns!



After a long hiatus, we are pleased to announce the much anticipated return of our Coffee Socials.

The parish's Social Committee will host our first Coffee Social on Saturday, April 22nd, following the 4:30 pm Mass and Sunday, April 23rd, following the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses in our parish hall. All are welcome and encouraged to stop by for coffee, tea or a sweet treat, and stay for friendly conversations with fellow parishioners!

Volunteering Weaves us Together!

Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 16th to 22nd, 2023

Thank You!

We appreciate and recognize the impact our volunteers make by serving others with their unique gifts and talents. Our volunteers are an essential part of the fabric of our faith community.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Every week parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that our parish volunteers are at the heart of the call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We ***thank each one of you,***

from the tireless work of our Office Assistant, Members of our Finance and Social Committees, the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Ushers, Choir Members, Collection Counters, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, and so many other volunteers.

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

Your ShareLife gift changes lives



Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$13,000 toward our goal of \$46,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website. A blessed Easter to you all!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, April 16

8:30 am ♦ † Claude Kavanagh

11:00 am ♦ † Jessica San Juan

Tuesday, April 18

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, April 19

5:00 pm ♦ † Alice Gomes

Thursday, April 20

5:00 pm ♦ Unannounced

Friday, April 21

5:00 pm ♦ † Gabriel Cooke

Doors Open Toronto Volunteers

May 27th & 28th, 2023



St. Paul's Basilica will be participating in this year's Doors Open event. The parish will be open to the public on Saturday, May 27th from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday, May 28th from 12 pm to 5 pm. We are looking for volunteers to fill the roles of tour guides and greeters. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

Donate Online



Don't carry cash or even own cheques? Want to collect miles or points on your credit card? A single or monthly donation through your credit card is a great option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for a single donation and at the end of the year for a recurring gift. Select the Donate button at stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org or scan the QR code. Please ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



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