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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 10:00 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 Mid-Summer Hello!

As we get to the midpoint of our summer, we can be grateful for the activities that these long days allow us: time to be with friends and family, sports, exercise, long walks and a chance to be a little reflective.

When I was young it was the start of the Canadian National Exhibition that marked the beginning of the end of the school break. That will be here soon enough!

Well, we have a few things to look forward to as we start up again. First off, parents with children who will be in either grade 2 or grade 7 in the coming year can think about preparation for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will also be starting again on September 17th for adults interested in becoming Catholic.



And for the first time, since I have come, we will offer something to enrich people's faith. We will be mounting an 11-week program that helps people to pray with Scripture and to deepen their own conversion and sense of communion with each other. The program is called "Alpha" and has an excellent Catholic version. It is easy to participate in and is done in a very hospitable way. Our plan is to offer it

between our two Sunday morning Masses, starting in October and running through to December. Look for more info in the fall.

More is in the planning stages. Our big need right now is to have more people who are able and willing to offer their time to service both for ministries here at the parish and for outreach.

Let's pray that the Lord touches our minds and hearts during the rest of the summer and inspires us to allow the great love we have received to grow!

Blessings and prayers for all, that we may have a safe, healthy and renewing summer, followed by a happy engagement in our vocations in the fall.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

# ❖ NOTEWORTHY

## Welcome Visitors!

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 if you attend frequently, 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.

Registration forms are at the back of the church. If you are already a registered parishioner we would like to thank you for all your support!



## Fr. Bob on Vacation

Fr. Bob will be away on vacation from August 7 to August 23. During this time Fr. Michael Lehman, Fr. Tony Farah and Fr. Luis Melo will be celebrating the parish Masses. For sacramental (baptism, marriage etc.) inquiries please contact the parish office after Fr. Bob's return.

## Bulletins During the Summer

Our next bulletin will be published on September 3, resuming weekly publications afterwards. Mass intentions for August will be listed in September's bulletin.



## Summer Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on:

- » August 4 & 7 for the Civic Holiday,
- » September 1, 4 & 5 for Labour Day

*Have a wonderful and safe Summer!*



## "Pour Out" - Adoration Night For Those Aged 14 - 35

August 18, 2023 from 7-9 pm; Merciful Redeemer Parish - Mississauga

Inspired by John 12:1-9; when Mary of Bethany pours her expensive perfume on Jesus to the astonishment of His disciples, Merciful Redeemer Parish is hosting a night of praise and worship, adoration, prayer ministry and confession. There will also be testimony sharing and a talk by Fr. Séamus Hogan! If you're a teen or young adult looking to reignite your faith this summer, we would love to see you! Bring a friend or meet new people as we dive deeper into how we can give ourselves more fully to Jesus!

## Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Mth-July	\$ 14,186	\$ 12,078	↑ \$ 2,108
Jan-Jul	\$119,425	\$ 93,576	↑ \$ 25,850
Aug Target		\$ 10,248	

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

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## 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!



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## Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

*Wednesday, August 16, 2023 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 on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

For information on Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass visit '[catholic-cemeteries.com](http://catholic-cemeteries.com)' or scan the QR code.



## Mass Intentions

*(August intentions will be listed in our September 3<sup>rd</sup> bulletin)*

### *Saturday, July 1*

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

### *Sunday, July 2*

8:30 am ♦ Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving to Procie Menguito  
11:00 am ♦ † Armando & Antonietta Tiano

### *Tuesday, July 4*

5:00 pm ♦ † Gabriel Cooke

### *Wednesday, July 5*

5:00 pm ♦ Petition for the safe trip of Ruban Carolino

### *Thursday, July 6*

5:00 pm ♦ † Pamela Karen Bermejo

### *Friday, July 7*

5:00 pm ♦

### *Saturday, July 8*

4:30 pm ♦ † Magda Courtois

### *Sunday, July 9*

8:30 am ♦  
11:00 am ♦ For the People

### *Tuesday, July 11*

5:00 pm ♦ † Patrick Nwosu-Adigwe

### *Wednesday, July 12*

5:00 pm ♦ † Patrick Nwosu-Adigwe

### *Thursday, July 13*

5:00 pm ♦ † Patrick Nwosu-Adigwe

### *Friday, July 14*

5:00 pm ♦ † Patrick Nwosu-Adigwe

### *Saturday, July 15*

4:30 pm ♦

### *Sunday, July 16*

8:30 am ♦ † Ursula Fernandez  
11:00 am ♦ For the People

### *Tuesday, July 18*

5:00 pm ♦ Peter Valant

### *Wednesday, July 19*

5:00 pm ♦ Rev. Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy, CHH

### *Thursday, July 20*

5:00 pm ♦ Robert & Deanna Bortolotti

### *Friday, July 21*

5:00 pm ♦

### *Saturday, July 22*

4:30 pm ♦

### *Sunday, July 23*

8:30 am ♦ For the People  
11:00 am ♦ Deceased Members of the Pereira Family

### *Tuesday, July 25*

5:00 pm ♦ Peter & Rebecca Valant

### *Wednesday, July 26*

5:00 pm ♦ † Willy Unger

### *Thursday, July 27*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

### *Friday, July 28*

5:00 pm ♦ † Christie Agbing

### *Saturday, July 29*

4:30 pm ♦ Deceased Members of the D'Lima Family

### *Sunday, July 30*

8:30 am ♦  
11:00 am ♦ For the People

### *Tuesday, August 1*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

### *Wednesday, August 2*

5:00 pm ♦

### *Thursday, August 3*

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### *Friday, August 4*

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