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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
(closed for lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:30 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



Sacrifice in a World of Comfort

Jesus says: “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10) We might well ask why there is still suffering in the world. It comes in many forms. Some of it we can trace to the actions of others. Some we can see as consequences of our own decisions in the past. Some comes from the nature of our bodies, prone to decay. And some, we just can’t trace.

In different cultures over the centuries there have been different responses. Some of the Romans, in Jesus’ time, for example, would have been Stoics, seeing suffering as something to be endured; expected but not to be dominated by. Our modern society seeks to eliminate suffering, often through scientific research and economic prosperity. And what do we find? Well, quite often, we are not somehow satisfied. Perhaps, we have not come to terms with this dimension of life. Especially when we love, we are prone to disappointment and sufferings of the heart. The music industry certainly knows this.

Jesus gives us Himself, laying down His life, as He explains, not only for His friends but for anyone who wishes to accept Him. Sacrifice; it’s a very countercultural word which much of the world sees no value in. While some might accept that personal sacrifices, to achieve some goal might be worthwhile, the idea that it could simply be good for us to sacrifice seems foreign.

Jesus tells us that to sacrifice out of love is of supreme good. Even this path, however, has to be approached prudently. We may be so desperate inside of us that we sacrifice the very things that God wishes us to use. Cutting off the gifts we have, or our emotional intelligence, can simply leave us crippled and our actions can become a way of avoiding life rather than being truly giving.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus has given Himself to us so that we are nourished to live generous and full lives. We can find happiness, therefore, in sharing all the joys and consolations we get in this life, and equally in the challenges and even tribulations that come our way. This is not to be indifferent to suffering, but to join ourselves to Jesus’ own journey, bringing about the Kingdom of God. It also helps if we take time to make even small sacrifices for one another.

As you leave Mass today, ask the Lord Jesus who has given Himself to you, to help you rise to the challenge of allowing Him to touch all the dimensions of life. Peace be with you!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Parish Collection Summary

June	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 3,049	\$ 1,703	↑ \$ 1,347
Mth Total	\$ 3,049	\$ 14,359	↓ \$ 11,310

Thank you for supporting our parish!

New Beginnings Online Programs

Evenings at 7 pm



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- June 14: Bereavement Support
- June 15: Separated/Divorced Support

Social Sunday Thank You!

Many thanks to our volunteer hosts and bakers for last weekend's successful Social Sunday. Socials will be on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Free Webinar: Estate Planning from a Catholic Perspective

Saturday, June 19, 2023 at 9:00 am



Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

To register scan the QR, visit 'qrco.de/june17' or email participant details to development@archtoronto.org, with 'Estate Planning Seminar' as the subject.



Mass in Observance of National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 at 7 pm; Native Peoples' Mission, St. Ann's Church, 120 First Ave., Toronto



His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass at the Native Peoples' Mission, at St. Ann's Parish, in observance of National Indigenous Peoples Day. The day honours and celebrates the culture and heritage of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. Following Mass, a reception will be held in the parish hall. All are Welcome!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 10

4:30 pm ♦ Ron & Theresa Purcell-Hearn

Sunday, June 11

8:30 am ♦ For the People
11:00 am ♦ † Gladys Pinto

Tuesday, June 13

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, June 14

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, June 15

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, June 16

5:00 pm ♦

Take a tour of St. Paul's Basilica



Curious about the building's architecture and beautiful artwork, the connection to the Irish 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.

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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