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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

## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



### Sheep Who Have a Shepherd! Living in Christ's Spirit Now!

We are hearing a part of St. Matthew's Gospel that comes after the collection of lessons teaching us the characteristics of true followers of Jesus. Just before today's passage Jesus performs many healings. These are the true fruits of the Kingdom. The experience of many people is that following the Law has not only become burdensome but the Law has been used to justify unjust relationships. The result is that the status quo is effectively violent toward many.

A kind of exhaustion has set in, "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mt. 9:36). There is a harvest to be had, however, that the New Covenant brings. In contrast to the exhausting efforts to live up to the socially expected standards of the Law, Jesus says:

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt. 11:28-30)*

That might be a little surprising to us. Isn't living the Christian life difficult? After all, Jesus says that the standard is higher. If we even harbour evil in our hearts without doing evil we are "in trouble".

As the apostles are called and sent out to manifest the fruits of the Kingdom with miracles, we see the Kingdom in Jesus' name making itself present. New life can come to us when we don't get in the way. Jesus is "meek and humble of heart". Our lives need also to be meek and humble of heart.

This is good to remember so we can have hope in our own deepening conversion and for the Church as a whole. Help us O Lord, to live and proclaim Your Kingdom like our Saviour Jesus. Help us to learn to be meek and humble of heart that Your Kingdom may come.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*



# ❖ NEWS

## Parish Collection Summary

June	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,157	\$ 4,167	↓ \$ 2,011
Mth Total	\$ 5,206	\$ 14,359	↓ \$ 9,153

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

## Happy Father's Day!



On this Father's Day weekend, we wish a very Happy Father's Day and all of God's blessings to our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and many other father figures in our lives. We also remember fathers who are no longer with us, but whose memories we will always cherish.

## Summer Street Patrol

*Wednesday evenings, July 05, 2023 - August 30, 2023 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm*  
*St. Patrick's Parish, 137 McCaul Street, Toronto*



Interested in helping the homeless? Street Patrol is a weekly volunteer walk through Toronto's downtown core, offering food and friendship to the homeless. Volunteer by yourself or organize a group of friends. Patrol once or as many times as you wish. Please note that food and drinks are prepared independently by you ahead of time. Individuals or small groups do not need to contact Street Patrol in advance. You may just show up. Groups of 12 people or more, please book ahead. Scan the QR code or visit 'stpatricksto.archtoronto.org' for more information.



## 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!

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Supporting refugees through ShareLife*



This coming Tuesday, June 20, we observe World Refugee Day, an international day to honour refugees around the world.

Through your generosity, you are able to help the Office of Refugees (ORAT) save lives of refugees from different backgrounds and walks of life. In a special way, their work is directed towards assisting Christian refugees who have been marginalized and persecuted for practicing their faith.

Thank you for giving them a new home here in Canada, for giving them hope, and for living the Gospel by giving to ShareLife.

## Mass Intentions

*Saturday, June 17*

4:30 pm ♦ Margaret McNeil's Birthday

*Sunday, June 18*

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Albert Hinkson

*Tuesday, June 20*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

*Wednesday, June 21*

5:00 pm ♦

*Thursday, June 22*

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

*Friday, June 23*

5:00 pm ♦

## Healing after Abortion – Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

*Saturday, July 15, 2023; 9 am to 5 pm*

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing after abortion. This day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. Please contact the Sisters of Life for more information and location details at 416-463-2722 or email [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

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