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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



St. Paul's Elementary School Graduation

It is that time of year! Canada Day will be with us soon and grade 8 students will be graduating from elementary school.

If you have been blessed with the sorts of gifts that make school and studying flow smoothly then be grateful.

If you have been the sort of student who needs to stay focused and work hard, then acknowledge your accomplishment in remaining faithful to schoolwork.

If you have lacked confidence or found it hard to be motivated then be active in finding the sorts of paths that will help you to move forward happily.

Adults don't like to acknowledge that we were not really built to be behind desks. The greater part of human history has seen growth in knowledge come from experience. And this sort of learning is still important in many areas of work and life. Informal learning is also important. How else do we find out what we need to know to meet life other than by having the desire to know enough? Even things we don't think of as all that practical can turn out to be very helpful down the road.

As we get older, we even realize that it is good and sometimes necessary to gain knowledge in areas we are not really good at. As a youngster my eyes limited my participation in sports. Now I appreciate pushing myself to keep physically active. It is paying off.

The transition to high school is a big one and it is easy to get caught up with being accepted. Please remember that you are most beautiful when you are yourself. Some of us are also called to pursue lives that follow a different beat. Leaning toward a vocation as a priest was certainly not common when I was a teenager. I am so grateful to the teachers and my local parish community for having supported me so that I could contemplate a life in the priesthood more seriously later. Among my siblings, is a veterinarian, an artist, a psychologist, a translator, a retail manager and a self-employed person. And there are so many other kinds of service that the society-at-large and even the Church need.

Our mission to reflect Christ in our living happens not just when we do something in church together, but also when we give of ourselves knowing that we do it with God's help.

I hope that you will find the parish community very welcoming as you make the move from elementary to high school. We have a new Youth Minister in the parish, Micah MacMullen, who you will meet when you come to Masses on the weekend and who will support your growing maturity in faith and in life.

Through the intercession of St. Paul the Apostle who so fearlessly made Jesus known, may you be blessed now with the peace and confidence that will allow you to be fully alive in Christ's name. Amen.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Parish Collection Summary

| June | 2023 | 2022 | Diff |
|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Last Wkd | \$ 3,119 | \$ 5,698 | ↓ \$ 2,579 |
| Mth Total | \$ 8,325 | \$ 14,359 | ↓ \$ 6,034 |

Thank you for supporting our parish!

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your kindness goes a long way to help others build a good life



“Thank you to all people who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts of building a good life.” – Don Walker, Executive Director, Mary Centre

Thus far we have raised \$39,000 toward our goal of \$46,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

Office Closed for Canada Day

The office will be closed on Friday, June 30 and Monday, July 3 for the holiday. Have a wonderful and safe Canada Day Weekend!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 24

4:30 pm ♦ † Joseph Purcell

Sunday, June 25

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Christine Bhata

Tuesday, June 27

5:00 pm ♦ † Joyceline Hinkson

Wednesday, June 28

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, June 29

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, June 30

5:00 pm ♦

Bulletins During the Summer

This summer bulletins will only be published on July 2 & August 6, resuming weekly publications in September. Mass intentions for the month will be listed in the following month's bulletin.

Celebrating St. Paul (& St. Peter)

On June 29th, our parish will celebrate our patronal feast, The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, at the daily 5 pm Mass and the 7 pm Confirmation Mass with Bp. Kasun. All are welcome to attend.

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!

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.



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.



Confirmation Celebration



This Thursday, June 29, at 7 pm, Bishop Robert Kasun will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the prepared young members of our parish community. Congratulations and prayerful wishes to our Confirmandi, Andrea Barona, Kyla Consular, Sacha Grewal, Emma Hsiung, Gabriela Keza, Zeka-Zeka Nsoli, David Ordenez who will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Many thanks to Rosalia James for her hard work and prayerful dedication to preparing our children for their sacraments.

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