



# 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  
(closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 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

## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## ❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

The Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29th. We are celebrating First Holy Communion at our parish this weekend. On Monday evening at 7pm we will welcome a youth choir and bell ringers from Davidson United Methodist Church in Davidson, North Carolina. The choir is singing at several other locations in the GTA including St. James Anglican Cathedral. Please feel very welcome to gather at the basilica on Monday evening for 7pm for a beautiful experience together! St. Paul, the apostle, mostly associated with the spread of the Good News, helps us to rejoice in the faith and share the joy we have in serving God with our guests.

On the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, especially as a Basilica with St. Paul's name, we celebrate this feast of the Church's unity under the two apostles with vigour. Please pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. The ministry of St. Peter to serve as the centre of unity of the Church is not easy these days. We should understand that the Church's unity is the product of our active support. While there are many challenges, it will be by working together that we respond meaningfully and make the Gospel more transparent. As St. Peter and St. Paul were united in their witness to Christ capped by their



respective martyrdoms in Rome, so this feast draws us together as one ecclesial family.

This week will see our grade 8 students leaving elementary school and enjoying the heat of the summer before they launch into the next stage of their education in high school. The heart of Catholic education is the formation of the person to be able to receive God's love with gratitude and to return it with generosity. In this regard, everyone has important gifts. As good as outward success at school may be, it is the inner success of the soul that is so much more important. I ask you all to join me in prayer that our graduates may develop

quiet confidence to become true agents of Jesus. May God help them to have courage and perseverance and the lightness of heart to enjoy life's gifts as they mature and learn.

Lastly, a short word on my brief trip. I am headed this week to Rome for a conference of the International Association of Catholic Bioethicists. This is a group composed of people representing a variety of specialties (my only specialty is pastoral) who meet every two years to work together to share their knowledge and experience of different areas of health and medicine as they touch a faithful vision of Christian life. This year's topic is a broad one. We will be attempting to look at health in its widest perspective as a reality that exists within the whole ecology of the world that supports life. This integral view of life was already being spoken of by St. John Paul II and has been further developed in the years after his pontificate. Such "foundational" kind of work may not seem to be of immediate benefit, but it can serve to support the things that have more direct effect later on as the Church tries to articulate suitable support and guidance. I hope to share with you something of the fruits of the gathering at the parish some evening.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*

## ❖ EVENTS



### Davidson UMC Handbell and Youth Choirs Performance: June 27, 2022; Beginning at 7 pm

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's Basilica will host the Davidson United Methodist Church Handbell and Youth Choirs for a performance beginning at 7 pm.

Coming from North Carolina, USA, the Choirs are comprised of youth, ages 11 to 18, who are passionate about sharing their creative and artistic gifts from God.

This performance is free of charge but good will offering is appreciated.

All are welcome to attend!

## First Holy Communion Congratulations to ~



Sara Antonio, Danica Cabrante, Paulo Coelho, Gabriel Fuentes, Julian Galarreta, Fareed (Jude) Jaffar, Sasha Lalani, Isabella Lopez Roza, Emily Lozano Ramirez, Xavier Martin, Jazaria Moore, Kamsiyochukwu (Kamsi) Nwachukwu, Leonicio Shepherd Belasco, and Leandro Shepherd Belasco who are receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist this weekend.

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 26, 2022

### Help homeless youth through ShareLife

Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It's located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese.

“Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much,” says the agency's director. “Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now – and you give youth a real chance for a better future.”

Our goal this year is \$50,000. To date we have achieved \$19,773.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).



## Weekly Mass Intentions



### *Saturday, June 25*

4:30 pm ♦ 50th Wedding Anniversary of Brendan & Suzanne Nugent

### *Sunday, June 26*

8:30 am ♦ † Claude Kavanagh

11:00 am ♦ For the People

### *Tuesday, June 28*

5:00 pm ♦

### *Wednesday, June 29*

5:00 pm ♦

### *Thursday, June 30*

5:00 pm ♦

### *Friday, July 1*

5:00 pm ♦ † Daniela Sodowska

## Fr. Bob Away – June 27th to July 23rd



Fr. Bob will be away from June 27th to July 23rd. During this time various visiting priests will be celebrating the Parish Masses. For baptismal and marriage inquires please call the Parish office after Fr. Bob returns on July 23rd.

## Office Closed for Canada Day Friday, July 1, 2022



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 1, for the Canada Day Holiday. Mass will be celebrated as usual at 5 pm.

## Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for us!

O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, intercede for us.

Protect, O Lord, your people who trust in the patronage of your Apostles, Peter and Paul, and by their constant protection protect your people.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Summer Bulletin Schedule

During the months of July and August the parish bulletin will be published on alternating weekends as follows; July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>; August 14<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will resume as normal in September.



## Academic Sports Enrichment Camp for Boys & Girls; 9-14

Toronto Youth Development's ASE Summer Camp for boys & girls ages 9-14, offers an environment that puts learning, exercise, and personal growth first in the daily curriculum, including weekly trips to the aquarium, zoo, theme parks and more. Registration is now open! Visit [torontoyouth.org/asecamp](http://torontoyouth.org/asecamp) to learn more or scan the QR code.



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When: July 4 to Aug. 19; 9am-3pm  
Where: Lord Dufferin School;  
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