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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



And the Word Dwelt Among Us

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God. Our own friend, St. Paul, tells us that we live now in Christ's Spirit. To our modern ears, we can easily get the wrong idea and treat our Christian dignity as some kind of personal possession. But this truth has to do with us becoming part of Christ's body. It is the Trinity that shows us the way – a total communion of persons, totally together – one. The Father's love for humanity and desire was that we should truly be His own people. It is something new in the revelation of Christ, that the Father chooses to make us His own through a relationship with His Son

We might ask what heaven will be like and a good indication is in the revelation to us of the Holy Trinity. I've long felt that we Catholics of the West have much to learn from the Christianity of the East. In the traditions around the celebration of Mass, most of the rites of the Church from the East are intensely focused on the richness of the Mystery of God coming among us and raising us up to new life. Side-by-side is a comparatively frank recognition of the ordinary and sometimes gritty parts of human life, making the intervention of God into human history even more wonderful. Sometimes, our preference is to paper over the less beautiful bits of our lives. In the East, the human condition and the generosity and incomprehensible scope of God's grace are both accepted.

Is this why we are so hesitant to be associated with a group; why we must hold our individuality as the highest good? We can be easily disappointed and, I suspect, this is why the temptation to pull back is so strong.

The errors we are prone to, however, are more dangerous when we rely too much on our own judgement. In contrast, when we are in a relationship that earns our trust then we know how much we benefit from advice, encouragement and cautions that come from the one whose love we accept.

As a priest I am acutely aware of the disappointments and upsets that have plagued us. How are we to live together in Christ's Spirit when we also see harm? Like all relationships the hazards are made worse by isolation. We need to learn to be one body together in the Church. I had the privilege of being the Director of Lay Ministry at the Archdiocese for a number of years. It gave me the chance to observe and consider the healthy working together of clergy, laity and religious communities.

On the flip side of my individual faith, I can easily see the Church in institutional terms; however, that kind of "corporate" approach is very "this-worldly" and doesn't lend itself to living together in Christ's Spirit. We need to be focused together on our mission. Thankfully, we do have rich experience, especially here in Toronto, where people with a lively Catholic faith have come from all corners of the world. In a body that needs healing and in a world that needs to hear the Word of hope we have in Christ, is it not by building this life together that our path to the Kingdom may become clear?

As we have received the Holy Spirit, so now, may we dwell in the love of the Holy Trinity and be propelled to join Christ in reconciling the world to Himself.

In Christ, *Fr. Bob*

❖ NEWS

Parish Collection Summary

May	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 2,777	\$ 1,865	↑ \$ 912
Mth Total	\$ 11,688	\$ 12,868	↓ \$ 1,181

Thank you for supporting our parish!

New Beginnings Online Programs

Evenings at 7 pm

Share discussions in a safe, welcoming & non-judgmental online forum. Visit cfstoronto.com/new-beginnings/ to view all programs and learn more.

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

Thank You to our Volunteers!

A big **Thank You** to the Greeters who welcomed over 1,000 Doors Open visitors, this past weekend, and the Guides who lead countless tour groups around and up the stairs to the choir loft!

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.



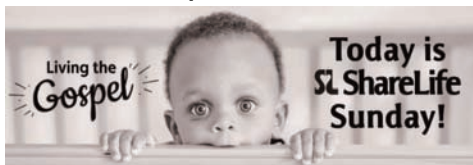
Coffee Social This Weekend!



The parish's Social Committee will host a Coffee Social this weekend, following each Mass, in our parish hall. All are welcome and encouraged to stop by for coffee, tea or a sweet treat, and stay for friendly conversations with fellow parishioners! Anyone wishing to volunteer at future socials by helping to host or baking goodies to share, are asked to contact the parish office.

Most Holy Trinity

Show your love for others by giving on ShareLife Sunday



Today's Gospel talks about God's love for us that he gave us his only Son for us to be saved through his life and sacrifice.

We are called to live by this love and faithfulness. Your generous contributions speak of love for others and allow ShareLife agencies take care of those in most need.

Today is also the third ShareLife Sunday of the year. If you have not yet donated, you may give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

Thank you for your generosity and for living the Gospel by giving to ShareLife!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 3

4:30 pm ♦ Leeroy, Jude, Jeremy & Life in Canada

Sunday, June 4

8:30 am ♦ For the People
11:00 am ♦ Leeroy, Jude, Jeremy & Life in Canada

Tuesday, June 6

5:00 pm ♦ † Ricardo Alvarez

Wednesday, June 7

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, June 8

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, June 9

5:00 pm ♦ Birthday & Graduation
Blessings for Stefano Katsoras

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.



A Silent Ignatian Weekend for Young Professionals

June 9 - 11 at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for young professionals, aged 19-39, that will help deepen your relationship with God, to grow in knowledge of God's desires for your life. Open to men and women. Facilitated by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ. Suggested offering \$245 per person. This includes 2 night's accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. To register visit manresa-canada.ca/.

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