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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

Alyson Sobol, Principal ♦ Tel: (416) 393-5204

❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Requesting your Support and Prayers



In the midst of all that is going on, we may have failed to notice that the needs of others have continued. Just before Easter we had our first collection for ShareLife our funding arm at the Archdiocese for reaching out and making our Gospel life more concrete. Our next “ShareLife Sunday” is this weekend. In my years working at the Lay Ministry office of the Archdiocese I got to see more closely the value of the work of so many of the agencies that benefit from ShareLife. The family service agencies in each of the regions of the Archdiocese do absolutely essential work. Catholic Cross-Cultural Services assists with the needs of new arrivals here in Canada. Here, we have the Society of Sharing that is beginning to use some space for storing items that will be shared with isolated seniors. Locally, as well, the Good Shepherd Ministries, and St. Michael’s Homes benefit from ShareLife. Covenant House and a variety of other services for young people are supported as well as the pro-life work of Toronto Right-to-Life. Internationally, our Pastoral Mission Fund and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace provide ongoing and long-

term support for many people across the world. This is important and we should remember that it is. I encourage you to support ShareLife. You can do it with an envelope here at the parish or one you may have received in the mail at home or online by going to either the website of the Archdiocese of Toronto or our own website and clicking on the “Donate” button.

Next week is traditionally referred to as “Good Shepherd” Sunday and it is used as a time to reflect on vocations especially to the priesthood. It goes without saying we need priests who are holy, but I would suggest that a key is also to have priests who are happy. Most priests are happy to make sacrifices for the good of the Gospel, in honour of God and in service to God’s people. I would simply encourage you to pray for the fruitfulness of present priestly vocations and for men who will continue to respond joyfully to God’s call. We are making this journey together; let’s not be so concerned with the answers to all life’s problems as we are with the quality and integrity of the love that we share as a reflection of God’s generosity to us.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ EVENTS

Take a tour of St. Paul's



Curious about the beautiful artwork, the tragedy of the Irish or the building’s history? Why is St. Paul’s a Basilica and how can you know that you are in a building of importance?

Tours take place after the Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 11 am Masses. Meet at the back of the church and a volunteer tour guide will take you on a short journey through the church.



Ordination Prayer Vigil

You are invited to attend the Ordination Prayer Vigil, for our soon-to-be priests. This beautiful event is being held at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica on Friday, May 13 starting with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by the vigil from 6 p.m. to midnight. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@archtoronto.org

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Day of Prayer for Vocations will take place on Friday, May 6, 2022. This year you are invited to take a moment to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for endurance in vocations already committed. We also ask you to keep Ordinandi in your prayers along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation. Thank you for all your continued support and prayers.

Please Get Involved



We are inviting parishioners to consider getting involved in different parish ministries. We are currently seeking volunteers for Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation Instructors, Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers for sick and shut-ins and Altar Servers.

Workshops for each ministry will be held in the upcoming weeks. The parish depends on and is grateful for the support of our parishioners through their time and talents. Please consider volunteering for one or more ministries. If interested please call the parish office at 416-364-7588 to sign up.

Catholic Education Week - "Rebuild, Renew, Restore Together"

During Catholic Education Week (April 30/May 1, 2022), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 30

4:30 pm; + Viana de Cadenas

Sunday, May 1

8:30 am; + T. James Brennan

11:00 am; For the People

Tuesday, May 3

5:00 pm; Manuela Puziarski

Wednesday, May 4

5:00 pm; Manuela Puziarski

Thursday, May 5

5:00 pm; Manuela Puziarski

Friday, May 6

5:00 pm; Manuela Puziarski

Bulletin Article Submission



After a long hiatus, St. Paul's has finally resumed publishing

our parish bulletin.

If you would like to include a parish or neighbourhood related article in the bulletin, please submit a write up, (50 to 150 words), including title and any accompanying image suggestions to stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org

All articles are subject to review and approval by the parish.

3rd Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

"ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That's what we do with ShareLife." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Thus far we have raised \$10,066 toward our goal of \$50,000 Please give generously during the ShareLife Sunday collection or at sharelife.org.

2022 Mass Intentions

St. Paul's Basilica is now accepting 2022 Mass Intentions for all weekday Masses at 5 pm (Tue - Fri) and weekend Masses Sat at 4:30 pm and Sun at 8:30 am & 11 pm.

The offering for a scheduled / announced date is \$20 per Mass and \$10 per Mass for an unscheduled / unannounced intention. Monday deadline for the following week.

The parish office is open Mon - Fri from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. To book a Mass intention, please call the office at 416-364-7588 or send an email to stpaulsbasilica@archtoronto.org.

Online Credit Card Donations

If you collect points or miles on your credit card, donating to St. Paul's online is a great option.

You can make a single donation or set up a recurring gift. Donations can be directed as you wish: Offertory, Building Fund etc. For a single donation, a tax receipt will be immediately generated and emailed to you. If you decide to set up a recurring monthly gift, a tax receipt will be mailed out at the end of the year.

To make an online credit card donation visit our website: www.stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org and select the "Donate" button. Please ensure that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



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