



# 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

## Thanks and Welcome!



A week ago, our custodian, Gord McCarroll retired from work here at St. Paul's. I have only been here a little over half a year but working with Gord has been a genuine pleasure. His stewardship of our wonderful parish church and the property has been exemplary. He has quietly cared for all of us who worship God together here at St. Paul's. I have also appreciated how Gord has put his heart into it. Gord loves his family, and this central blessing of his life will now be a full-time occupation. We will miss your good humour and happy teamwork Gord, but I know we will see you around the parish and look forward to you and Cathy joining in the mission of spreading the Good News!

And a word of welcome . . .

Beginning right after the long weekend our new part-time custodian, Eugenio Alvarez will begin working here at St. Paul's. He will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. He and his family live in the central part of the city. I am looking forward to seeing him joining our little team here at the basilica! Eugenio has a shorter name he likes to use, so I will say, "Welcome Ives!"

As we are coming out of the pandemic, I would also like to add a short word on community. In our Catholic faith it really does begin and end with the Eucharist. It is the source and summit of our life! But mountains are not made up only of the foothills and the peak. The mass of the mountain is between those two places. Much of the Christian life is found in our particular vocation. Many have discovered as well, a sense of belonging and mission in lay movements and various associations spanning the life of the Church. Like the family, the parish is right at the root of Catholic life. Along with the formal activities and ministries of the Church it is often the

way in which we simply "rub shoulders" that gradually has an effect on us and helps us to understand the Communion we receive and participate in. Sometimes our image of the parish can become static; we don't see new people or even longer-term parishioners whom we have yet to meet. A simple awareness of each other will expose us to the breeze of the Holy Spirit and will lead to good fruits in time. I hope that we will be able to have activities, in prayer and in a bit of socializing that will help to experience the reality of community anew.

In Christ,

*Fr. Bob*



## ❖ EVENTS

### Young Adult Bleacher Brothers Summer Tour

Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 7 pm. Doors open 6:45 pm

Come meet Fr. Casey and Fr. Tito - two Franciscan friars on a pilgrimage like no other. This summer, in 11 weeks, they plan to visit all 30 Major League Baseball stadiums, meeting people where they are, to invite them to return home - to Jesus and his Church. Toronto is one of their stops!



Scan to register

Join the young adults (19-39) of Spiritus Ministry for this special event with two friars that you may recognize from their podcast or on YouTube - Breaking in the Habit and Under Friar Review. The night will consist of mini talks on various topics from both friars, some fellowship time, a large Q&A session and socializing time at the end. Food will be provided. Registration deadline is Friday May 27, 2022.



### Doors Open Toronto: May 28 & 29, 2022

St. Paul's Basilica will be participating in this year's Doors Open event. The parish will be open to the public on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm and Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 5 pm. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

Other nearby locations also participating are: Little Trinity Church, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, Daniels Spectrum, Toronto's First Post Office, St. Lawrence Hall, The Market Gallery and many more. To learn more about Doors Open please visit their website [toronto.ca/doorsopen](http://toronto.ca/doorsopen) or scan the QR code.



Scan for more info



## Free Webinar! Estate Planning from a Catholic Perspective Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 9:00 am

Join this online seminar 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, send an email to: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

Please include **'Webinar May 28'** in the subject line and provide your name in the body of a message. For statistical purposes, please include if you will watch this online seminar alone or together with a family member.

You will receive a link closer to the online seminar.

## Special Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works May 22, 2022

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed onto the Holy Father so the Church can provide an immediate humanitarian response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

## Office Closed for Victoria Day Monday, May 23, 2022



Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 23, for the Victoria Day Holiday.

## 6th Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022



### Living the Gospel through ShareLife

Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Thus far we have raised \$15,773 toward our goal of \$50,000. Please make your donation via the parish website, at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org), or during the ShareLife Sunday special collection on June 5.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 416-934-3411 or [slife@archtoronto.org](mailto:slife@archtoronto.org).

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT 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.

## 2022 Offertory Envelopes

If you have not already done so, please pick up your Offering Envelopes for 2022 which are available at the back of the church.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

*Saturday, May 21*

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

*Sunday, May 22*

8:30 am ♦ † Kevin O'Leary  
11:00 am ♦ † Ercole Mercuriano

*Tuesday, May 24*

5:00 pm ♦ Manuela Puziarski

*Wednesday, May 25*

5:00 pm ♦ Manuela Puziarski

*Thursday, May 26*

5:00 pm ♦ Mario Annecchini

*Friday, May 27*

5:00 pm ♦ Manuela Puziarski



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