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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

Dimensions of Parish Life

My parents used to joke that on Labour Day night the water pressure went down in Toronto as children cleaned up after a summer of adventure and got ready for a fresh start at school. Even long after our school days this weekend comes to represent a return to the more active time of work and activities, as most people have taken holidays during the warm months. Parish years seem to work that way too. Activities ramp up in the fall and carry us toward the end of June in the following year.

We have things to look forward to this year. As you know we have just come off a summer hosting a seminarian. Raphael has returned to St. Augustine's to continue his studies for the priesthood. We will be receiving another seminarian every other weekend in the fall and throughout the winter. Our youth minister, Micah, will start visiting St. Paul's school. I have been in contact with the Director of Deacons

for the Archdiocese and hope to have some news in the coming months. Late in the fall we will have a visit from our new Archbishop, Francis Leo. I also intend to take other steps to build up a pastoral team.



There are three “tracks” we will be following:

1. **Prayer:** opportunities for prayer together, and support for personal prayer life.
2. **Faith & Life:** activities aimed at helping us put our faith into every part of our personal lives, and growing in mutual care for one another as a community.
3. **Ministry:** supporting our current ministries, and developing new ones

such as a children's choir and greater outreach to long-term care facilities, i.e., the Reikai Centre and The Sumach.

All these things benefit from good foundations. So, our first initiative is going to be “Alpha” which is an 11-week program that helps us to encounter Christ. It will also bring us together in new ways. Micah will be leading it, but it is not just for young people. It is for everyone. Next week he will tell you more about it, however you can also visit alphacanada.org/campaign/alpha-for-catholics/ or scan the QR code to learn more.



There is more to tell ... but I am going to leave that for next week.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo

Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 pm – St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica - 65 Bond St.



On September 29th at 5:30 pm, in celebration of the Archdiocese of Toronto's patron, St. Michael's feast day, Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, including music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič, will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop! ***Due to the timing of this Mass, our daily Mass on September 29th will take place at 12:15 pm rather than the usual 5 pm.***

The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees ('WDoMaR')

Sunday, September 24, 2023

His Holiness Pope Francis announced this year's WDoMaR theme as “Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay.” Pope Francis acknowledges that while the decision to migrate should always be free, in many cases it is not. This point was reflected by St. John Paul II in his 90th WDoMaR message in which he wrote, “building conditions of peace means in practice being seriously committed to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country.” Pope Francis quoted the words of the Lord, “...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me” reminding us that the Lord's words are a “constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door.” Visit migrants-refugees.va or scan for info.



❖ NEWS

Parish Collection Summary

	2023	2022	Diff
Mth-Aug	\$ 13,142	\$ 10,248	↑ \$ 2,894
Sept Target		\$ 16,773	

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Campus Ministry

Attention Students: Are you headed to university or college this fall? Campus Ministry is waiting for you! Connect with campus ministry to find a welcoming community of friends and faith. Visit chaplaincyconnect.ca or pick up one of the flyers at the back of the church to check out campus ministry on your campus!



Office Holiday Schedule



The parish office will be closed for the Labour Day holiday on September 1st, 4th & 5th.

*Have a wonderful and safe
Labour Day Weekend!*

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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.



Season of Creation 2023



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation, an annual event, begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.



Each year a theme is chosen by an ecumenical steering committee and in 2023 inspiration is taken from Amos 5:24 that proclaims, "Let Justice and Peace Flow" and the symbol is "A Mighty River."

For more information visit seasonofcreation.org or scan the QR Code.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 5

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, August 6

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, August 8

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, August 9

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, August 10

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, August 11

5:00 pm ♦

Saturday, August 12

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, August 13

8:30 am ♦

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, August 15

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, August 16

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, August 17

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, August 18

5:00 pm ♦

Saturday, August 19

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, August 20

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Ella Gaffney

Tuesday, August 22

5:00 pm ♦ † Jose & Claudina Cruz

Wednesday, August 23

5:00 pm ♦ Healing of Greg Boyd

Thursday, August 24

5:00 pm ♦ All those afflicted with cancer

Friday, August 25

5:00 pm ♦

Saturday, August 26

4:30 pm ♦ † Maria Van Thi Nguyen

Sunday, August 27

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ † Lorraine Geroux

Tuesday, August 29

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, August 30

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, August 31

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, September 1

5:00 pm ♦

Saturday, September 2

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, September 3

8:30 am ♦ Thanksgiving from Rico Nerizon & Family

11:00 am ♦ Rose & Jim Marrelli's 40th Anniversary

Tuesday, September 5

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, September 6

5:00 pm ♦ † Trevor Pinheiro

Thursday, September 7

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, September 8

5:00 pm ♦ Robert & Deanna Bortolotti

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