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Office Hours – Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm | 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Closed Saturday and Sunday

Church Open – Sunday 7 am to 2 pm; 6 pm to 8 pm | Monday to Saturday 6:30 am to 5:30 pm



Parish Clergy

Rector: Fr. Stephen Amesse, Rector
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General Information

- For the celebration of baptisms, marriages and funerals, please contact the Parish Office
- Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least six months before their proposed date of marriage
- For baptism or marriage, a Catholic must be a registered parishioner or have the consent of their pastor
- For a list of ministries, services and other information, please visit the parish web site

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
8:00 am;
9:30 am;
11:00 am;
12:15 pm;
7:00 pm

Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday – 7:30 am, 12:15 pm
& 4:30 pm. Saturday Morning – 7:30 am

Confessions:

30 minutes before all Weekday Masses
including Saturday morning
Saturday afternoon - 3:30 pm to 4:25 pm
No Confession on Sunday

Mass Intentions:

Intentions can be offered by emailing:
massintention@basilica.ca

Prayer & Devotions:

- First Friday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:15 pm Mass until Benediction before the 4:30 pm Mass
- First Saturday - Morning Prayer at 8 am
- Miraculous Medal Novena - Tuesday 4:30 pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - Wednesday 4:30 pm

Saint Patrick Basilica Parish
1855-2025
Celebrating 170 years



Catholic Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

613 822-1212 | Traditional –
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Chapel – Reception Hall

Notre-Dame Cemetery

613 746-4175 | Traditional – Niches – Monuments

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in the tradition of faith*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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August 17, 2025

† – For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated

Saturday 16th August

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass: Pro Populo – For Parishioners

Sunday 17th August

8:00 AM For our parish all souls intentions

9:30 AM In thanksgiving, by Mernani Nieves

11:00 AM † Frank McGuire by his wife, Toni

12:15 PM † John and Theresa Duffy

7:00 PM † Muriel McEwan by the family

Monday 18th August

7:30 AM † Agnes Ta by Kim Chi Tran

12:15 PM † Clement Pinto by Cecilia Pinto

4:30 PM † Harry Scheer by his son James

Tuesday 19th August

7:30 AM Special intention, by Mary

12:15 PM † Ian Fortune by Nora

4:30 PM Intentions of Andrew and Michelle Hickey,

by Dan and Kathleen Hickey

Wednesday 20th August – Memorial of St. Bernard

7:30 AM † Fr. Leonard St John by Glen Snow

12:15 PM † Janina Cabaj by daughter and family

4:30 PM † Gerald Hogan by Daniel & Divina Hogan

Thursday 21st August – Memorial of St. Pius X

7:30 AM † Pope Francis

12:15 PM † Edward Bruce Box by the Box family

4:30 PM † Fidelma Flynn (née Rafter) by Siobhan O'Reilly

Friday 22nd August – Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM † Sally Wallingford by her niece, Francine

12:15 PM † Robert Wojcik

4:30 PM † A. Franco Mauro by his daughter, Aurelia

Saturday 23rd August – Our Lady's Saturday

7:30 AM † Manuel O. Aquino by the family

Parish News

Please pray for the sick, infirm, and hospitalized of our parish, and for those who are caring for them.

RECENT SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA CELEBRATIONS:

Our congratulations and prayers accompany the families of **Paz Larrat Gonzalez**, **Jack Monkhouse** and **Meadow Kiwan**, who were baptized in our Basilica.

We offer our best wishes and prayers for **Ugonna Nwankwo** and **Ernest Iheanyichukwu**, **Justin Duval** and **Jessica McMahon**, and **Chinedu Okoronkwo** and **Chimebele Rina Egbo**, who were recently married in our Basilica.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Andrew Walsh** and **Denis Lefebvre**, whose funerals were recently celebrated. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

Adult Faith Development

Women of Grace is a prayer and study group which meets weekly to delve into being a Catholic woman today. Info meeting: **September 11**, at 12:45 PM. Further information in the September 7 bulletin.

Info: mimiwilson613@gmail.com

Meditations on Holy Mass Twentieth Sunday in O.T. (Year C)

First reading: Jeremiah 38.4-6,8-10

You bore me, a man of strife and contention, for the whole land!

Second reading: Hebrews 12.1-4 CCC 147

With perseverance, let us run the race that is set before us.

Gospel: Luke 12.49-53 CCC 607; 696

I did not come to bring peace, but rather division.

The *first reading* portrays the unjust suffering that the Prophet Jeremiah endures when he brings God's message to his chosen people. This anticipates the *Gospel* according to St. Luke. In this Gospel passage Our Lord announces that salvation is truly offered to everyone. Always, however, salvation through Christ demands accepting a share in the Saviour's passion and death. Despite this offer of eternal happiness, many choose to reject God's mercy. The *second reading* teaches us that we should take heart from Christ's suffering, for by his holy Cross, he has set us free.

Before Mass: *I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! (First Vespers)*

After Mass: *I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed. (Lauds)*

Later in the day: *Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! (Second Vespers)*

A New Doctor of the Church

One of the great modern thinkers of Christianity, a key figure in a spiritual and human journey that left a profound mark on the Church and 19th-century ecumenism, and the author of writings that show how living the Faith is a daily "heart-to-heart" dialogue with Christ. A life spent with energy and passion for the Gospel—culminating in his canonization in 2019—that will soon lead to the English cardinal John Henry Newman's being proclaimed a Doctor of the Church.

The news was announced July 31, in a statement from the Holy See Press Office, which reported that during an audience granted to Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, Pope Leo XIV has "confirmed the affirmative opinion of the Plenary Session of Cardinals and Bishops, Members of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, regarding the title of Doctor of the Universal Church, which will soon be conferred on Saint John Henry Newman."

A doctor of the Church is a person whose teaching on Faith has been deemed sound and of benefit to the Church through their writing, study, or research. Along with significant theological contribution, the person must also display a high degree of sanctity, which is why all Church doctors are also canonized saints. A third requirement to be named a doctor of the Church is formal proclamation as such by the Pope or an ecumenical council.

The first Church doctors were declared by Pope Boniface VIII in the 13th century: Sts. Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, and Pope Gregory the Great. The first women named as Church doctors were Sts. Teresa of Ávila and Catherine of Siena in 1970 by Pope Paul VI.

Pope Leo on Peace

Please pray for peace as you read these reflections.

Gaza: Pope Leo XIV has renewed his calls for “an immediate ceasefire” in Gaza following a military attack on the Holy Family Catholic Parish. In a telegram signed by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State on his behalf, the Holy Father expressed deep sorrow for the loss of life and for the injuries caused by the attack. He also conveyed his spiritual closeness to the parish priest, Fr. Gabriel Romanelli—who was injured during the attack—as well as to the entire parish community.

The Pope commended the souls of the deceased to the “loving mercy of Almighty God” and offered prayers for the recovery of the injured and the consolation of those who grieve. Finally, he renewed his appeal for peace and for a ceasefire, and expressed his “profound hope for dialogue, reconciliation, and enduring peace in the region.” Over 60,200 people (58,313 Palestinians and 1,983 Israelis) have been reported killed in the Gaza war, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, since 7 October 2023.

War Zones: “We must encourage everyone to leave weapons behind, and to leave behind the money-making that is behind every war.” Those were the Pope’s words to journalists as he left his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo and returned to the Vatican. Pope Leo spoke with reporters who were awaiting his departure and answered their questions.

Regarding the possibility of travelling to war zones such as Gaza, Leo explained that “there are many places” where he personally would “like to go, but this is not necessarily the formula for finding an answer”. “Many times, with the arms trade, people become just tools without any value,” he stressed, adding that we must “constantly insist on the dignity of every human being, Christian, Muslim, people of every religion. We are all God’s children, created in God’s image,” he continued. “So we will continue this effort”.

The Congo: Pope Leo XIV expressed his hope that the blood of those killed in an attack on a Catholic church in the Democratic Republic of Congo’s Ituri Province “may become a seed of peace, fraternity and reconciliation” for the martyred people of the land. In a telegram addressed to Archbishop Fulgence Muteba Mugalu, President of the Congolese Bishops’ Conference (CENCO), Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State, conveyed Pope Leo’s condolences and prayers on behalf of the entire Church. “His Holiness Pope Leo XIV learned with dismay and deep sorrow of the attack perpetrated against the Parish of Blessed Anuarite in Komanda, which caused the death of several faithful gathered for worship,” the message reads. The Holy Father unites himself in grief with the bereaved families and the local Church, assuring them of his spiritual closeness and constant prayer.

This tragedy, he says, “calls us even more urgently to work for the integral human development of the martyred population of that region.” The Pope, Cardinal Parolin continues, “invokes the Lord so that the blood of these martyrs may become “a seed of peace, reconciliation, fraternity, and love for the Congolese people.” Finally, he imparts his Apostolic Blessing upon the Parish of Blessed Anuarite, the mourning families, the faithful of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the entire nation

Haiti: The Holy Father’s cry must first and foremost resonate in the hearts of Haitians, as it is primarily up to us to organize our

country around a common project, promoting dialogue in nonviolence and justice. “For there to be dialogue, for there to be a national conference, the weapons must fall silent. There must be a renunciation of violence.” May Haitians free themselves from chains hindering development.

Expressing gratitude once more to the Holy Father for his appeal, the President of the Haitian Bishops’ Conference said, “We join our prayer to his, that God may help the Haitian people free themselves from all the chains that hinder their development—especially the violence of armed groups, the lack of patriotic awareness, and the petty struggles for power and money.” Finally, Archbishop Mesidor prayed, “May this Jubilee of Hope strengthen the faith of God’s people in Haiti. May the Jubilee bring a time of grace and blessings for us Haitians. Because hope in God never disappoints.”

Hiroshima Anniversary: The Pope highlighted that despite the eight decades which have passed since the bombings, “those tragic events remain a universal warning against the devastation caused by war—and particularly by nuclear weapons.” Pope Leo expressed his hope that the world today—plagued by intense divisions and deadly violence—will replace its false sense of security “based on the threat of mutual destruction” with justice, open dialogue, and trust in fraternity. This appeal comes after the Pope sent a message to the Bishop of Hiroshima during the celebration of Mass for Peace in the city. In Japan, the annual ceremony was held at the city’s Peace Memorial Park to mark the anniversary. Representatives from a record 120 countries and regions participated in the memorial service with a moment of silence observed at 8:15 a.m., the exact time of the bombing.

The Ukraine: Audience with the President of Ukraine: His Holiness Pope Leo XIV received in audience, at the residence of Castel Gandolfo, His Excellency Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine, with whom he discussed the ongoing conflict and the urgent need for a just and lasting peace. During the cordial conversation, the importance of dialogue as the preferred means of ending hostilities was reaffirmed. The Holy Father expressed his sorrow for the victims and renewed his prayers and closeness to the Ukrainian people, encouraging every effort aimed at the release of prisoners and the search for shared solutions. The Holy Father reiterated the willingness to welcome representatives of Russia and Ukraine to the Vatican for negotiations.

Upcoming Memorials

27th August – Memorial of St. Monica

28th August – Memorial of St. Augustine

29th August – Memorial of the Passion of St. John

2nd September – Memorial of Bl. André Grasset

3rd September – Memorial of St. Gregory the Great

4th September – Memorial of Bl. Dina Bélanger

Bulletin – Summer Schedule 2025

This is the last summer bulletin, covering a period of three weeks. Mass Intentions and Meditations on Holy Mass for the weeks of August 24 and 31 will be posted on our website, basilica.ca. On September 7, the regular weekly bulletin resumes.

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