

# The Mass



## INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshiping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

**Entrance Procession:** The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

**Greeting:** The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

**Penitential Rite:** Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord, have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

**Gloria:** We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

**Collect:** With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We reply, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

**Psalm:** The Cantor leads as we praise God.

**Second Reading:** This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

**Gospel:** While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to....” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We reply, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” Then, in his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

**Creed:** In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

**Intercessions:** In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Procession of Gifts:** Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

**Sanctus:** After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

**Last Supper Narrative:** The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The *bread* and *wine* become the *Body* and *Blood* of Christ.

**Memorial Acclamation:** We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

**Doxology, Great Amen:** The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

**Lord’s Prayer:** We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

**Breaking of Bread:** The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

**Communion:** The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. Then the faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

## CONCLUDING RITE

*The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.*

**Prayer after Communion:** The closing prayer of Mass.

**Announcements:** Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

**Blessing and Dismissal:** The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

## Parish Week / Sunday, 19 July 2026

### Saturday, 18 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Douglas Vaz (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (family)

### SUNDAY, 19 JULY / 16-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Thomas, Missionary, 2026 Mission Co-op Appeal*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Crescenzo Tisi (family)  
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Germilina Cruz (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 20 July / St. Apollinaris, *bishop & martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Pakkiyarajah Pushparajah)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Tessie Mendonca (friends)

### Tuesday, 21 July / St. Lawrence of Brindisi, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Roden Cortero

### Wednesday, 22 July / St. Mary Magdalene

- 8.00 am Mass: † Pedro Tabat (Corine Maulion)

### Thursday, 23 July / Bridget, *religious*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Richy & Matty D'Souza (Eddie & Theresa)

### Friday, 24 July / St. Charbel Makhluf, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Audrey Hussey (Alice Larkin)

### Saturday, 25 July / St. James, *apostle*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Danis Mulla (family)

### SUNDAY, 26 JULY / 17-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Charles)  
10.30 am Mass: † Erlinda De Leon (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Ravi Anthonypillai (Doena)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Altar Servers *Training series underway*

Would you like to help honour God in Church as an ALTAR SERVER? The current *Training Series* has just started. Sign up!

For details, speak to **Fr. Edwin**: 416-261-0076.



## Sisters of Life: THE SOURCE Holy Hour

*Visit St. Peter Church, 23 July, 7 – 8 pm*

All parishioners who appreciate **Eucharistic Adoration** are welcome to join a Parish visit to St. Peter Church on Thursday, 23 July, for a 7.00 pm Holy Hour with the *Sisters of Life*. The Church is located at 840 Bathurst Street West, above the Bathurst subway station. All who wish to travel together may come to our Church at 5.15 pm, for orientation and a Prayer and Blessing at 5.30 pm. We will then walk to the Kennedy Station to take the subway to Bathurst Station, and walk upstairs to St. Peter Church.

## Focus on the Word

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Wisdom 12.13-19; Romans 8.26-27; Matthew 13.24-43**

*Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Amen.*

### 19 July, Mission Co-Op, T.O.R. Franciscans, India

Our missionary preacher this year is **Fr. Thomas**, of the Franciscan Friars T.O.R. of India. See the website bulletin for details of the ministry of this religious community.



## Knights of Columbus *Upcoming events*

July 25, Car Wash & Youth Ministry BBQ; Sept. 19, Dinner Dance.

## ShareLife 2026

Thank you for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign this year.

Our 12 July *Freewill*: \$ 6,830.00

So far, we have raised: \$ 37,780.00

toward our 2026 goal of: \$ 99,000.00

Please give generously, and help us to reach our goal.  
Thank you for your support for *ShareLife*.



## BLESSING HOME Charity Barbecue 24 & 25 July

Blessing Home is holding a fund raiser barbecue to help build a shelter for the homeless. Please support this organization and attend this BBQ. It will be held at the Playground at 31 Gilder Drive, 24 & 25 July, from 2 – 6 pm. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon, and help extend a true spirit of caring to those in need in our community. See the notices on the Vestibule bulletin boards.

## COMING UP

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- 27 July ► *Gordie Howe Bridge* opens between Windsor and Detroit  
3 Aug. Wedding: Pineda & Sambo (10:00 am)  
Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
7 Aug. ► *Taste of the Danforth* (to 9 Aug.)  
16 Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Canadian Missions*  
21 Aug. ► C.N.E. opens (to 7 Sept.)  
► *WWE Friday Night Smackdown* (Scotiabank Arena, 7.30 pm)  
23 Aug. SUMMER FAIR: *Krispy Kreme* donuts, bazaar tables  
15 Aug. Feast of the **Assumption of Mary**  
18 Aug. **St. Helen**, mother of Emperor Constantine  
27 Aug. **St. Monica**  
28 Aug. **St. Augustine** of Hippo  
29 Aug. Wedding: Nagendiram & Antongnanaratnam (10:00 am)  
7 Sept. Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
13 Sept. ROSARY SUNDAY at Martyrs' Shrine, Midland  
Sunday School class resumes after Summer break (10.30 am)  
24 Sept. ► Beatification of **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen** (St. Louis, USA)  
by **Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle**, delegate of Pope Leo XIV



Fr. Thomas and Fr. Wilson at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, St. Paul Basilica and St. Michael Cathedral.



*Above: Sharing the Joy of life in the Spirit*  
 Franciscan Sisters T.O.R. of Penance of the Sorrowful  
 Mother, 369 Little Church Road, Toronto, OH 43964

*Below: Sisters of Life: Come to THE SOURCE*  
 Held at St. Peter Church, 840 Bathurst Street (on top of the  
 Bathurst subway station) 7-8 pm. A social follows, 8-9 pm.

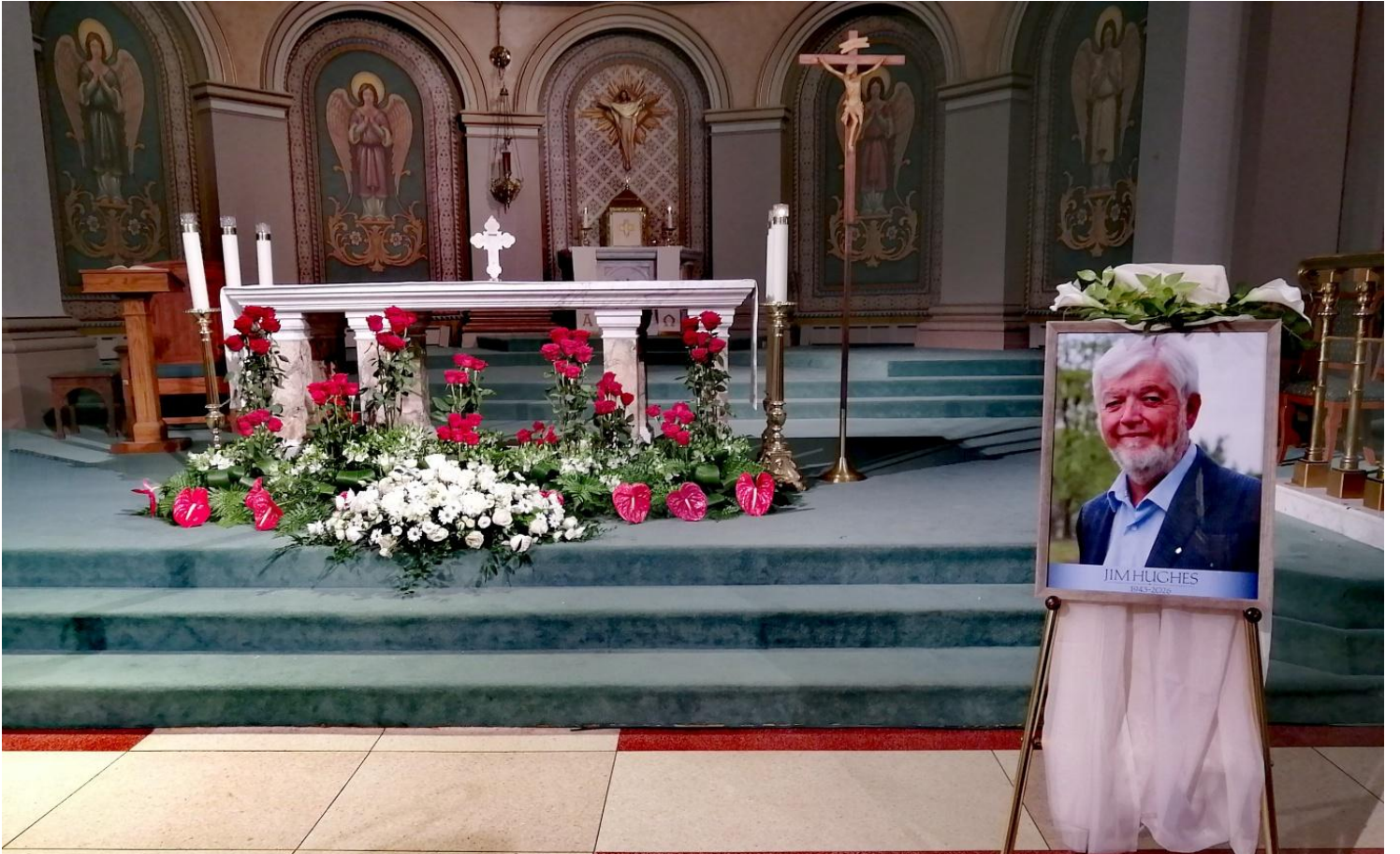
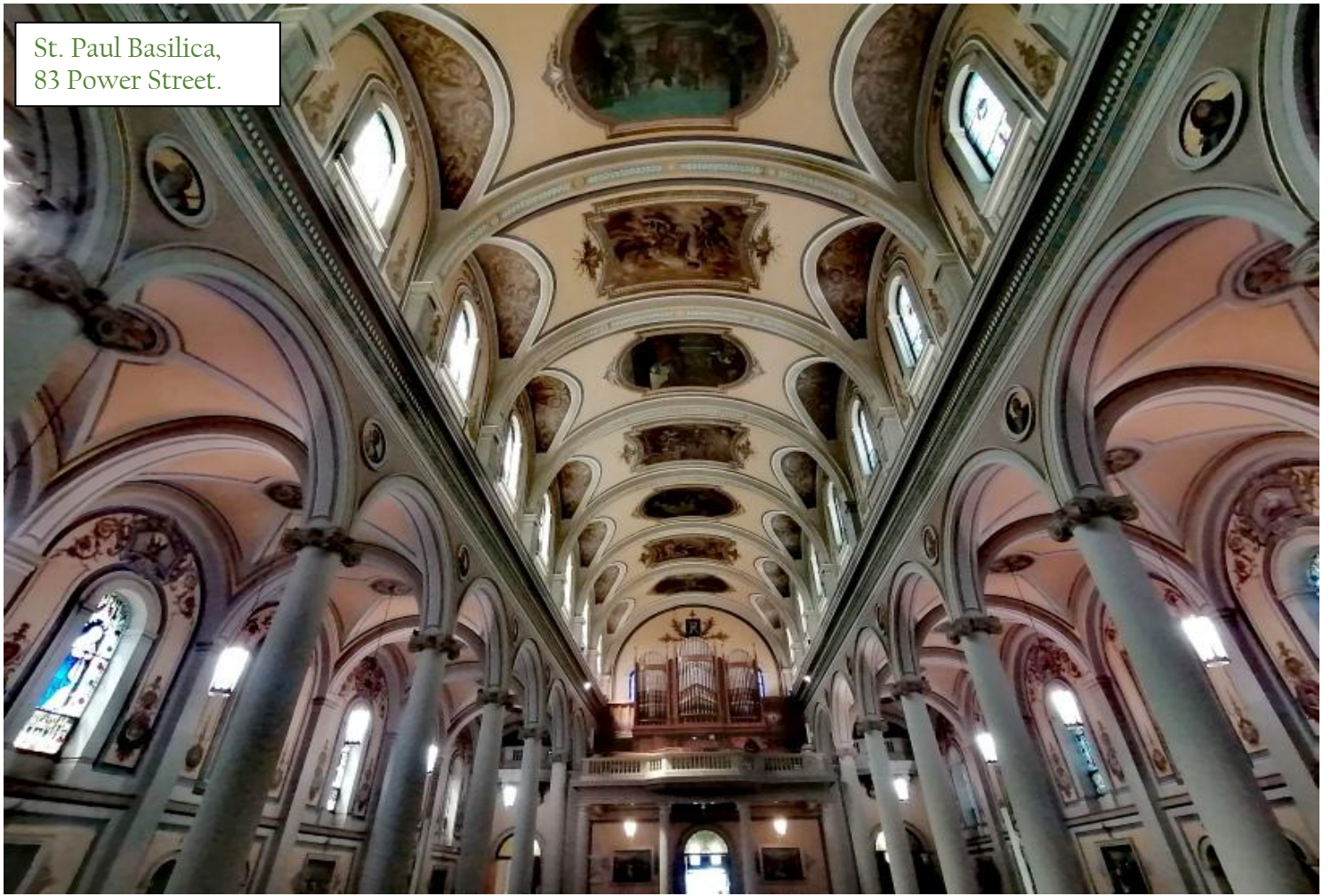


*Next Source: Thursday, 23 July 2026.*  
 The Source is a Holy Hour of praise and adoration.  
 The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the  
 Christian life.”

“...for in the blessed Eucharist is contained the  
 whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ  
 Himself.” Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1324



St. Paul Basilica,  
83 Power Street.







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Above: Foro Imperiali, Roma

*Below: Villa d'Este, Tivoli, Italia*





*Above:* Versailles, France

*Below:* West Sussex, UK

