

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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*"May the message of Christ, in all its fullness, continue to find
a home in you."*

Colossians 3:16

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Mass available

At the Good Shepherd Centre

412 Queen St. East

Tuesday to Friday 12:00 noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish to begin the
process of preparation

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office so that our
parishioners may receive communion
regularly.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Micheline Dutil, Principal

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

Taize Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

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Tuesday	Dec 08	12 noon	Open
Wednesday	Dec 09	12 noon	Int of Julio & Mariam Lucas
Thursday	Dec 10	12 noon	+ Margaret Shea
Friday	Dec 11	12 noon	+ Peter Shea
Saturday	Dec 12	4:30 p.m.	+ Gerald Joseph Byrne
Sunday	Dec 13	8:30 a.m.	+ Michael Goreski
		11:00 a.m.	+ Alfredo Enriquez



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:
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Second Sunday of Advent

Prophets of old like Isaiah and John the Baptist remain meaningful and powerful voices for our time. Together with Jesus, they stood up and cried out in all possible ways to challenge any type of oppression or injustice as well as the unfaithfulness of their people. Yet they were also exceptional agents of change, tireless preachers of conversion and bearers of good news.

Who would deny that there are paths that need to be made straight and ways to be made smooth everywhere in today's world? Humankind is dying for hope and reconciliation, which seem so elusive, while political powers and leaders fall short of solutions to straighten what goes wrong on this planet and between nations.

We badly need the courage, hope and sense of justice displayed by the prophets. They keep telling us about the ways of the Lord, ways that lead humankind towards peace and lasting joy. May we all open up our hearts to the voices of these prophets, so that we straighten our own ways and become true agents of change in the world. May we too become genuine voices evermore dedicated to the good news brought about by Jesus, voices grounded in love, compassion, justice and joy.

THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Mercy beginning on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015 and concluding on Saturday, November 20, 2016.

Pope Francis states in his letter announcing the Jubilee of Mercy that this is to be a year allowing every person to encounter the Mercy of God. The Pope states that the most evident sign of this pastoral Year of Mercy is the opportunity to open A Door of Mercy in every Diocese. These Doors of Mercy are analogous to the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas in Rome. St. Paul's is one of the seven churches throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto that will have A Door of Mercy.

On the weekend of December 12th and 13th at all the Masses, we will have a Special Ceremony opening our Door of Mercy.

Throughout the Year of Mercy, there will be opportunities to celebrate the mercy that only God the Father offers through His son Jesus.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Mercy on the weekends of December 12th/13th and 19th/20th. Fr. Ron Krafchik will be available before, during and after all the Masses on these weekends to celebrate the Sacrament of Mercy (Confession) with you.

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at the 11:00 A.M. Mass.

A HUGE THANK YOU



I want to thank all of our good people who have contributed to our Family of Faith Campaign. Your generosity is outstanding!!

Together we have continued the very strong legacy established by so many other people of faith who have worshipped here at St. Paul's from one generation to the next and have given thanks to God for their blessings!

Through our collective generosity we have raised to date **\$507,708.00** If you have not contributed please call the parish office or see Fr. Smith.

Help to the Refugee Crisis

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope" a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise 3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal visit: www.archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to *St. Paul's Basilica-Project Hope-Refugee Sponsorship*. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting by being a volunteer should contact the Office for Refugees at 647-780-0827.

Pauline Book & Media Fair

You are warmly invited to come to the Pauline Book & Media Fair that will be held at our Church on the weekend of December 12-13, 2015 before and after the scheduled Mass times. There will be an extensive selection of Catholic Bibles, books, Music CDs and DVD movies for all ages. You are certain to find something inspiring for yourself and others. Please stop by and show your support for the Sisters who this year celebrate their 100th Anniversary of Evangelization with the Media Communication.

Next First Communion Class is Saturday December 12th at 3 p.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room in the Church Hall.

Lessons to be reviewed are 5,6,7 & 8.

WHY BAKE A CHRISTMAS CAKE?

Christmas cakes will be available after all the Masses on the weekend

of December 5th & 6th.

Purchasing a Christmas cake here at St. Paul's Basilica will support the Pro-Life Movement. Thank you!!



CHRISTMAS MASS AT AT ST PAUL'S BASILICA

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 P.M., 7:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

AT ST. PAUL'S

THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 3 P.M.

The Advent Concert at St.

Paul's Basilica is a celebration of music and Scripture for the

Christmas Season. The service will consist of 8 traditional readings for the

Christmas Season from Scripture, interspersed with carols, hymns, solos and ensemble music performed by the musicians of St. Paul's Basilica. Admission is free for all. A freewill offering will be collected during the service.



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