

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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First Parish of the Archdiocese of Toronto

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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.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Micheline Dutil, Principal

Phone: 416-393-5204

PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

Taize Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

St. Vincent de Paul

Food Bank

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 9th	4:30 p.m.	+Paddy Carson +Jose Ferrer
Sunday, December 10th	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 a.m.	+Albert Rosettis +John Rushe +Jose Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+SOULS IN OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



DAY OF CONFESSIONS

“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential.” - *Thomas Cardinal Collins*.

From **December 11 to 23, 2017**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. Confessions at our parish will be available on:

December 16th / 17th & 23rd / 24th

Saturday:

Confession 3:45pm to 4:15pm
Mass 4:30pm to 5:15pm
 Confession until 6pm following Mass

Sunday:

Confession 8am
Mass 8:30am to 9:15am
 Confession 9:30am to 10:30am
Mass 11am to 11:45am

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.
 Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Smith
 12 Midnight
 Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Krafchik

Christmas Day

8:30 a.m.
 Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Smith
 11 a.m.
 Celebrant & Homilist: Bishop Kasun

A BIG THANK YOU!



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica for their very generous gifts of coats and sweaters for the poor. We collected over 80 coats and 170 sweaters. "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

SISTERS OF LIFE
At St. Paul's Basilica

The Sisters of Life invite you to attend an Advent mass on Sunday, December 10th at 2 p.m. The celebrant will be Bishop Ustrzycki from the Diocese of Hamilton. Refreshments to follow in the church hall.

**Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's
Sunday December 17th at 2pm**

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.

*Refreshments to follow in the Basilica Hall.
Please join us!*

NEW BEGINNINGS AT ST. PAUL'S BASILICA

New Beginnings is a Ministry developed to meet the needs of those who are separated, divorced, widowed or who are enduring a significant loss through the death of a significant other. Through various programs, participants are given the opportunity to move through the phases of healing, leading to the beginning of a more fulfilling life. Last week Alex Lopechuk and Arcangelo Limanni spoke at all the masses. There is a sign up sheet to the right of the middle door if you require further information or you would like to participate in the programme.

The Rosary at St. Paul's Basilica

According to some Catholic traditions, the rosary was given to Saint Dominic in a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sunday December 10th after the 11 am mass come and pray the rosary for Pope Francis intention which is for elderly people that they will be sustained by families and Christian communities.

Prayers of Petition in the Chapel of Mercy
(Located to the right of the middle door)

Prayer is our direct avenue to reach out to God with our requests and concerns. Our prayer becomes a form of adoration and a way to show our trust in our Creator God and Jesus the Eternal High Priest, who intercedes for us with his Father.

Starting this weekend there will be two petition boxes with paper and pencil that you may write your concerns on and place in the petition box. On the last Sunday of each month the 11 am mass will be offered for the people and concerns that have been placed in the petition box.

**AN ADVENT BREAKFAST
THANK YOU!**

I want to thank all the Parishioners for attending our Advent Breakfast last weekend. Over 225 parishioners were present. A very special thank you for all the Volunteers and hats off to our chefs Gord & Ron. Thank you Everyone!
Fr. Smith

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