

# 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

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## **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

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## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

**Taize Prayer**

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

St. Vincent de Paul

Food Bank

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday December 10 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+Chan Shao & Mei Yao
Sunday December 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	
	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:  
JOSE FALLER



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'Tis the season for runaway anticipation. Expending seemingly unlimited time and energy on preparing for the big day, it's easy to lose sight of what Christmas is all about. Then, when it's come and gone, we are left to wonder what all the bustling, buying and baking were for. What a letdown!

That empty, disquieting feeling must have plagued John the Baptist as he languished in Herod's prison awaiting his execution. The Baptist sent word by the disciples to Jesus, asking him, "are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

John the Baptist had been sent to prepare the way for Jesus, the Saviour. John anticipated the coming of a messiah and he was confident that Jesus was that messiah. So, why the lingering doubts? Jesus didn't really fit with John's preconceived notion of a messiah who would come breathing fire and brimstone and take the unsuspecting and unrepentant world by storm.

Jesus sent a return message: "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them." Certainly not fire and brimstone – rather a genuine Christmas story of love and salvation. Its time that we too shifted our focus from unrealistic expectation to embrace the promise of Jesus as the true meaning of Christmas.

*Frank Campbell, Enfield, NS*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy for all children JK through to Grade 6 is **every Sunday at the 11:00am mass** from now until December 19th. Please try to be on time as the children gather and go into their group at the beginning of mass. They will return to you at the offertory. Thank you to all of the volunteers who help in the program.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR



St. Paul's is starting a children's choir!! We invite children of all ages to come to the first practice Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> after the 11am mass. Practices will be 45 minutes with a snack provided. The goal is to have the children sing one song during the 11 am mass. The choir will not conflict with the children's liturgy or other ministries. If you have any questions please contact: [st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com](mailto:st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com)

***Please come join us for this wonderful opportunity!***

**"From my Life to Yours":** An exhibit on the life of Father Luigi Giussani, founder of the Catholic lay movement, Communion and Liberation.

***"Is it possible that faith is still relevant?"***

Fr. Luigi Giussani lived his life answering this question.

Please join us in the parish hall on **Sunday December 18** after the 8:30am and 11am Masses.

For info please contact us via email at

[toronto@clonline.org](mailto:toronto@clonline.org) / [www.clonline.ca](http://www.clonline.ca)

## Christmas and New Year Mass Times

**Christmas Eve:** 4:30pm, 8:00pm and 12 Midnight  
**Christmas Day:** 8:30am and 11am  
**New Year:** Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30 pm  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am and 11am

### Mass Intentions

We continue the tradition at St. Paul's of inviting people to have masses said for a special intention. Most often this is for someone who has died but it may be for someone who is ill or is marking a special birthday or anniversary. If someone wants that mass on a certain day that can be arranged if the day is not already taken, or the mass is said and you are given a card to give the family. There is a cost. Announced masses, that is a mass on a particular day is \$20.00 and an unannounced mass is \$10.00. Having a mass said is a great gift for someone who has everything

### Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

On **February 18<sup>th</sup>** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries' 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place.

Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/>, [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.



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### EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

There has been a great deal of interest in the Cardinal's Statement. You are asked to tell Legislators how you feel. You are encouraged to join the coalition for Health Care and Conscience. Visit [CanadianConscience.ca](http://CanadianConscience.ca). A video of Cardinal Colin's statement on federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation is now available online at <http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia>

### When Can I Visit St. Paul's

You can visit St. Paul's Monday to Friday during office hours. There is a buzzer by the side door just press the buzzer and Sue will let you into the church. We do have visitors' every day and it stands right now. More would be welcome.

### 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 17, 2016**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. Confessions at our parish will be available on:

**December 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### 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

Confession until 1pm following Mass

**December 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup>**

**SAME SCHEDULE AS DEC 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup>**

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