

ST. PAUL'S BASILICA PARISH

Established in 1822 - First Parish of the Diocese

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MASS SCHEDULE

Masses at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses

at the Good Shepherd Centre (opposite the Church, north side of Queen St.)
Tuesday - Friday 12:00 noon

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish to begin the process of preparation.

MINISTRIES TO THE SHUT-INS

If people are in the hospital or are unable to come to mass because of age or other limitations, please call Fr. Frank or Sr. Nida so that they may receive communion regularly.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We will strive to visit parishioners in the hospital on University Avenue and St. Michael's Hospital.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Francis V. McDevitt, Pastor
Sr. Nida Fe Chavez, CSJ, Pastoral Associate
Sr. Carmen Rojas, CSJ, Secretary
Joe Angelo, Music Director
Cathy, Leblanc, Sacristan
Brian Marchand, Custodian

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone (416) 393-5204 FAX (416) 397-6586
Micheline Dutil, Principal

PARISH BREAKFAST CLUB

Sr. Margaret Paterson, CND, Co-ordinator

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Cathy Bates, Co-ordinator

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (TCDSB) (416)-222-8282 ext. 5314

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Tel: (416) 921-1163 Tel: (416) 222-0048

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: 416-483-4944

PARISH REGISTRATION: Count yourself in by registering in the parish. Forms are at the back of the church and in the office all week. Please register in the parish before seeking other services.

COMPANIONS IN MINISTRY: We are always in need of help with pastoral care and more hands for assistance. If you have the time, we have the need. Please call the office and leave your name and number. Fr. Frank or Sr. Nida will call you.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	December 23	12:00 noon	Open
Wednesday	December 24	12:00 noon	Open
	December 24	Christmas Eve	See top of 2 nd page
Thursday	December 25		See top of 2 nd page
Saturday	December 27	4:30 p.m.	Open
Sunday	December 28	8:30 a.m.	+ Nicholas Boyadjieff
		11:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
Tuesday	December 30	12:00 noon	Open
Wednesday	December 31	12:00 noon	+ Monique Collan
	December 31	New Year Eve	See top of 2 nd page
Thursday	January 1		See top of 2 nd page
Friday	January 2	12:00 noon	Open
Saturday	January 3	4:30 p.m.	Open
Sunday	January 4	8:30 a.m.	+ J. Sommerville, L. Lumis
		11:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Another Christmas is upon us and another year drawing to a close. It has been a good year to be at St. Paul's. Wonderful things continue to happen and there is a great sense of community among the people. It seems that this is what Jesus had in mind when he first challenged us to imagine ourselves as church at the first Eucharist and the Spirit called the church into being at the Pentecost.

At St. Paul's there is a great sense of commitment to those in need and it should be a source of pride to all members of the parish how eagerly we respond.

This spirit of hospitality and service will put us in good stead as we move into the New Year. We hope that more will come and join us as part of our parish and that we will continue to celebrate well together.

As we come to the end of the year I would like to thank all who make St. Paul's work every day, especially Sr. Carmen, Sr. Nida, Brian Marchand and Cathy LeBlanc. Our marvellous music ministries under the leadership of Joe Angelo and all who serve the parish in every way, thank you and may God continue to bless you in the year ahead.

May the Christmas that is on the horizon be radiant in good cheer and great blessings and may the New Year be full of great new experiences.

Merry Christmas to one and all and a happy New Year.

Sincerely, Fr. Frank

COFFEE TODAY!!



Virtual Pilgrimage

The Virtual Pilgrimage is coming to St. Paul's on **January 4, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** The Virtual Pilgrimage mirrors spending a day at Lourdes, France. Adoration and Benediction are part of the experience.

DECEMBER 21, 2014

Christmas and New Year Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4:30 p. m., 7:00 p. m. and 12 midnight
Christmas Day: 11:00 a. m. only
Feast of The Holy Family: Dec. 27 & 28. Masses as usual
New Year: Feast of Mary. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 1, 11:00 a.m.

No 8:30 a.m. mass on Christmas Day or New Year

Christmas Decorations

We are one community, but many nations. If you have a decoration that is common to your home country or region that you would like to see on our parish Christmas tree, bring it in or in fact bring it to Christmas mass and put it on the tree yourself. Those that come in early can put it in the sacristy.

Kids!!! If you have the time and want to make something for the Christmas tree, that would be appreciated to. If you are looking for something to do, a Christmas tree really does need strings of popcorn to be a homey Christmas tree.

The new schedules for Lectors and Ministers of Communion are available in the sacristy.

Please pick up your copy today.

TORONTO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WELCOME KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The TCDS board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the September 2015 school year beginning on January 8, 2015. For registration information call 416-222-8282 ext. 5314 or visit www.tcdsb.org

Envelopes – TODAY!!

Envelopes are available today. We ask that you take any box of envelopes and put your name on the first couple of envelopes used in 2015. (Please do not start before the New Year.) Avoid the temptation to think the number is of significance. The number is only required to input your donations in the computer. That is all. We do not identify you by your number nor is their greater esteem attached to some numbers than to others. Thank you for your steady support of the parish.

Pre authorized Givers your special collection envelopes are in the mail.



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Have you Thought of Becoming a Catholic?

On a regular basis people approach the parish to discuss joining the church. Often it is people who have never been baptised, but it sometimes is those who were baptised but have been away from practice and are now seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord. We offer this process at St. Paul's on a persons by person basis. If it is something you would like to pursue call the parish after the Christmas and Fr. Frank will discuss this with you.

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