

# 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

## PARISH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD ROOM

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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	December 09	12:00 noon	Open
Wednesday	December 10	12:00 noon	The Homeless
Thursday	December 11	12:00 noon	Open
Friday	December 12	12:00 noon	+ Miguel Cifuentes
Saturday	December 13	4:30 pm	Open
Sunday	December 14	8:30 am	Arunas Anthony Vale
		11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo

### 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 give the tree a homey feel.

### St. Vincent de Paul Collection - TODAY

Our parish is supporting 470 households this Christmas. There will be a collection for the poor of our parish. The proceeds of this second collection will be used to support families in our immediate area at Christmas. We encourage you to be generous.



### Saint Vincent De Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul Society has been an integral part of the St Paul's Parish for over a century. It is in some ways the conscience of the church at the local level. Since its founding the society has made its concern the support of the poor and the spiritual enrichment of the Vincentians who do the work. We have six members on our council, but others would always be welcome. The two big efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul in our parish are the maintenance and management of the food bank year round and the support of families at Christmas.

If you would like to consider being a Vincentian give Sharon Vernon a call and she will be able to provide you with more information and encouragement in this valuable work. Sharon can be reached at 416-759-4166

### Envelopes - Next Weekend

Envelopes will be available next weekend Saturday and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and on the weekends following. As with last year we will 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.) Please 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 your for your steady support of the parish



## Poinsettias



As we did last year, we once again invite those who are grieving to bring a poinsettia to the church. For many there is great consolation knowing that there is a plant which is part of our decorations that is a remembrance for someone who is very much missed at Christmas. We do not decorate until after the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Bring them in on the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Schedules for Lectors and Ministers of Communion.

New schedules will be prepared soon for January through the end of March. Would ministers tell us when they are **not** available? An email to the parish would be the preferred form of communication though a written note on the collection will reach us. We will presume you are available as we create schedules and will not schedule you when you are away or unavailable.



## New Lectors and Ministers of Communion



We will soon be creating lector and minister of communion schedules for the first quarter of 2015. We have masses where additional ministers would be of value. Others are at full compliment at the present. We are looking for **new lectors** for Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The compliment at 11:00 a.m. is fine. We are looking for **ministers of communion** for 8:30 a. m. on Sundays. Call the office if you wish to assist.

## Maintenance Collection

The monthly maintenance collection will be taken up next weekend with the regular collection. These funds will be used for the maintenance of our building and property.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendars. **Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. here at St. Paul's.** Featured during the concert will be Angelica Ganea, soprano, Charles Di Raimondo, tenor and Grenville Pinto, violinist. The proceeds from this concert will be directed to St. Paul's Basilica. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

## RECONCILIATION DAY

**Wednesday, December 10** is the diocesan Reconciliation Day. Confessions at St. Paul's will take place from **4:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.** We will give more time to the Reconciliation Day in Lent. For those who wish to go to confession before Christmas there are ample times recorded. There are helps to preparation at the back of the church and at the side door. Feel free to take them. Some will be available on the Reconciliation Day as well.



### (Confession)

- December 10: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Each Saturday at 3:45 p. m.
- After all weekend masses on December 20 & 21
- Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

## Website

Have you spent some time on the parish website? There is interesting information there and lots emphasis on the life of our parish. We invite you to have a look anytime. We hope as we become more confident with the technology we will be able to make the website a tool that will assist with the daily life of the parish more effectively.

## Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve: 4:30 p. m., 7:00 p. m. and 12 midnight**

**Christmas Day: 11:00 a. m. only**

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