

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

Established in 1822

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

Patrick Cleary, Principal

Phone: 416-393-5204

PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

Taize Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	February 15 th	4:30 p.m.	+Ida Fusaro
Sunday	February 16 th	8:30 a.m.	Jim Wallace
Sunday	February 16 th	11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica

Weekday Masses are held at the Good Shepherd Centre Tuesday to Friday at 12 noon.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica



TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE Sunday, March 8th 2020 from 3:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Basilica Parish invites you to meditative Scripture-based prayer and music in the Taize tradition. Join us in celebrating **"Finding Hope in the Darkness"** through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome. Social and light refreshments to follow. RSVPs appreciated. Contact: St. Paul Taize Prayer Group at stpaultaize@gmail.com, website: www.stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org

11th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference Saturday March 28, 2020

Register for this full day event as part of your Lenten journey. Make new friends, reconnect with old friends and discover new Catholic books and resources. Make this Lent the best ever! Be inspired by two internationally renowned speakers, Kimberly Hahn and Colleen Carroll Campbell.

If you have further questions call 416-907-1042.

To register: <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com>

New Beginnings Separated/Divorced Support Group

If you are struggling...you don't have to do this alone. *New Beginnings*, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through, separation and divorce.

A six (6) week group will launch on **Wednesday, February 19, at 7:00pm** at St. Basil's Parish, Toronto. For more information and to register, contact Arcangelo Limanni at 416-921-1163 ext. 2225 or alimanni@cfstoronto.com

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE AT THE BASILICA

On the week-end of February 22 and 23 at all the Masses there will be a Special Blessing for all Married Couples. Please sign the registration form at the Front Entrance to the Basilica

THE SCARAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Love is our origin. Love is our constant calling. Love is our fulfillment in Heaven. Everything the Catholic Church teaches about marriage begins with this proclamation. As a church, we know that in varying forms throughout history and in widely varying cultures, men and women have married one another in love.

Marriage is not simply a human institution, but is part of God's plan in creation. The Old Testament scriptures speak eloquently about marriage and the love of a husband and wife for one another. With the coming of Christ, however, God in Jesus raised the marital covenant between baptized persons to the dignity of a sacrament. By his presence at the wedding at Cana, the Church understands that Jesus confirmed the innate goodness of love in marriage. Thus, marriage becomes an effective sign of Christ's presence.

In the eyes of the Church, what is this sacrament? Marriage between two baptized persons (a man and a woman who freely enter into a permanent, loving, and faithful covenant with one another) shares in the fruitful love and unity that exists between Christ and the Church. Husband and wife assist each other in attaining holiness of life and in rearing of children. Therefore, they have their own special place, their own gift and vocation, among the people of God. This sacrament is not a contract, but a covenant and is freely entered into.

In today's Gospel Jesus warns us that he has not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.

Just because God loves us, does not mean he has to do what we want him to do. We can't manipulate God or guilt-trip him into doing what we want. It's humbling for us to realize that we are not entitled to his favour. God chooses to help us with perfect freedom from a place of pure love. The law that he gave to us was not meant to limit us, but to ensure we use our freedom in a way that is good for us and others.

Love requires freedom, and freedom means we have to respect the other person's ability to say "no" to us. If we truly desire to be in a mature relationship with God, then we need to respect this freedom and ensure we use our freedom in a way that gives God glory, which will strengthen our relationship with God and others.

Today as we celebrate the Eucharist, a sacrifice made freely on our behalf, let us repent of the times we've trespassed against God and our neighbour, and embrace the gift of God's law and the true freedom it leads us to.

*Cheridan Sanders
Toronto ON*

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. The church offering for Announced Masses, which 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.

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