

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday February 18, 2017 4:30 p.m.
+ Linda Butler

Monday February 20 – Ferial

Tuesday February 21 – Ferial

Sunday February 19, 2017 8:30 a.m.
+ Amelia Haluza

Wednesday February 22 – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

Thursday February 23 – St. Polycarp, Bishop Martyr

11:00am

Friday February 17 – Ferial

+ Jose Faller
+ Bill Fleming
+ Mariano Ubial
+ Gerald Lucifer

Weekday Masses are held at the Good Sheppard Centre Tuesday to Friday at 12:00 noon



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
LINDA BUTLER



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I have never really been put to the test when it comes to the set of expectations that Jesus places before us in today's gospel. I really don't know what I would do in the heat of the moment, if someone struck my cheek or demanded my coat. I do know that my instinctive responses seldom flow the path of the "WWJD – what would Jesus do?" movement.

I think Jesus knew we would have a problem with this set of instruction. So instead of beating myself up about where my instincts lead me, I look to see if Jesus had some additional purpose in mind. Did he have an additional message that he hid among all those expectations?

As I look more deeply I find a message about our "heavenly Father." I see that Jesus has actually painted for us a picture of the rich merciful love that God showers on us every day. All these extravagant behaviours are modelled on the extravagant behaviour of God toward us.

The extravagance of God is precisely why we gather today and every Sunday: to celebrate God's abundant love revealed to us in our very own lives. God's style of love is a hard act to follow, but nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, we take up the challenge to show God's love to those who most need to experience it.

Margaret Bick, Toronto ON



CONFIRMATION 2017

St. Paul's Basilica

In our Catholic faith there are three sacraments that are called Sacraments of Initiation (sacraments of belonging), they are Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation.

There will be a Mass of Enrolment for confirmation students on **Sunday March 5th at the 11:00a.m.** Mass.

After the 11:00a.m. mass there will be meeting for the candidates and their parents in church hall.

Father Smith Sister Caroline



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Next First Communion Class is Saturday **February 25th, 3:00p.m. – 4:15p.m.** in the church hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy for all children JK through to Grade 6 is **every Sunday at the 11:00am mass.**

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

The presenting of the bread and wine to God's Altar is a tradition that began in the early church. If you or your family would like to participate in the ancient custom please sign the book at the front entrance to the Basilica.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult to the restrooms and all public areas of the Church, at all times.



MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 1ST AT ST. PAUL'S BASILICA
12NOON BASILICA MASS
5:15P.M. BASILICA MASS

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 51)

R. Have mercy, O LORD, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast LOVE; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. R.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever be for me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. R.

Create in me a clean heart, O. God, and put a new and right spirit with in me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. R.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. R



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St. Paul's is starting a children's choir!! We invite children of all ages to come to practice **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

Please come join us for this wonderful opportunity!

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE & CALLING ALL GIRLS EVENT

Cardinal Collins will celebrate the opening of the 8th annual Dynamic Women of Faith conference for Catholic women on Saturday March 25, 2017. The evening prior a mother-daughter event calling All Girls will take place. For further information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905-279-7702

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BRUNCH

If your undergrad days are long gone and retirement is a dream in the distant future, this group is for you. Young adults of the parish (ages 25-40-ish) are invited to go out for a casual brunch after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday March 5. Meet at the back of the church after Mass. We will gather regularly moving forward to discuss living our faith as young Catholics. For more information, email Kevin (kevin_cormier@juno.com) or Marlena (marlena.loughheed@gamil.com).

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend special weekend together at the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend getaway to help married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and a couple. One is taking place the weekend March 17-19, 2017, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For information and application go to www.wwme.org or call Gerard & Marge McCauley at Gerard.marge@rogers.com 905-792-1925.

NEW BEGGININGS

New Beginnings program is a ministry for people who have suffered loss through death, separation or divorce by providing support and hope. By offering a safe and informative group environment to accompany individuals on their journey, we hope to be instruments in bringing God's presence, healing and love. There are two groups being offered at St. Peter's Parish Centre at 830 Bathurst Street. For those suffering the death of loved one – Tuesdays 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm. Those suffering loss through divorce or separation Saturdays from 1-3pm. For details call 416-534-4219 or contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca



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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 Legislator's how you feel. You are encouraged to join the coalition for Health Care and Conscience. Visit 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>

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