

# 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

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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

Phone: 416-393-5204

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

**Taize Prayer**

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday	Feb. 20th	4:30 P.M.	+Sara Cortez- Req by the Family, +Aida Garcia-req by The Family
Sunday	Feb. 21st	8:30 A.M.	+ Georgette Blondeau, +Mary Small reg by Mararet and Gus DeBryne
	Feb 21st	11:00A.M.	+Mateus Fulla Cassule req- Lizete Cassule +Susan Rejano –The Faller family Thanksgiving Mass for the Kwan Family- req by Rona Faller

Weekday masses are held at the Good Shepherd Centre Tuesday- Friday at 12:00 noon



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### 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S GOSPEL STORY is astounding! Jesus took three disciples with him to a mountaintop to pray. Before their very eyes, his appearance was gloriously transformed. Two prophets from long ago then appeared and spoke with Jesus about his imminent death. Can we even begin to imagine the emotions that surface in the three as they witness the unfolding scene? No strangers to Jesus' miracles, even they must have agreed that this moment surpassed anything that they had ever seen!

Although filled with a desire to sleep, "they stayed awake" and beheld the ultimate splendour of Jesus. They heard the voice of his father proclaim, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!" What was their inner response? Fear? Awe and wonder? A deepened awareness of the identity of Jesus? A new sense of mission?

As followers of Jesus, we, too, must "stay awake" to recognize his presence in the myriad situations of our lives. We don't hear God's voice coming from a cloud, but when we listen, we hear his voice in the silence of our hearts. God also speaks to us through contemporary prophets who guide us on our spiritual journey.

At the moment of the Transfiguration, Peter and his companions beheld the face of Jesus. Our hearts longingly cry out, "Your face, O Lord, do I seek."

### CAN YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH ME?

An invitation is extended to you during this Year of Mercy to come to St. Paul's Basilica on Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00P.M. to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be an opportunity for Confession.

### LENT

A Lenten thought for the Year of Mercy Lord, you teach us not to judge and condemn others, yet I am frequently quick to judge people based on how they look, the neighborhood in which they live, the school they attend, the type of job they have and the clothes they wear. I judge and avoid people I do not like. I find that I often have no patience for people who speak a different language. I can be a selfish snob and look down on others. Lord, in this season of Lent, remove my arrogant pride, teach me humility, and strengthen me to imitate your kindness and mercy so that I might see the good in every person. Amen.

READ LUKE 6:36-38

**The Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross is a Catholic devotion that originated in the journey of pilgrims to Jerusalem where they would retrace the steps of Jesus during his passion. Franciscans originally encouraged this devotion, which became popular in the fifteenth century. The focus for the devotional practice consists of fourteen stations that can be as simple as a cross or as elaborate as wood, marble, or other artistic renditions of various aspects of the passion. Specific prayers are recited before each station as the participants meditate on that aspect of the passion of Jesus**



**Stations of the Cross at the Basilica Friday evening at 7P.M. Let us pray together on Fridays during Lent**

**Next Confirmation Class this Sunday Feb. 21st-11:00A.M. MASS**

**Next First Communion class Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00P.M.**

#### **A MASS FOR SCOUTS**

**Cardinal Collins will celebrate a Mass this Sunday at 2:30 here at St. Paul's Basilica for all Boy Scouts and their Leaders. All are welcome to attend.**

**2015 Tax Donations Receipts are available at the back of the Church**

Sunil Issac is the Manager for Community Engagement at Good Shepherd Ministries. Please welcome Sunil to our Parish

Annual Mass of St. Patrick  
Thursday March 17, 2016 10:00 A.M.  
Celebrant and Homilist  
Bishop John Boissonneau

Come and See Weekend February 26-28, 2016  
For single Catholic men, 18 years & older who are considering a possible call to the Diocesan Priesthood.  
Contact 416-968-0997

We invite parishioners to join us for coffee, tea, juice, snacks and conversation with fellow parishioners after 4:30 PM, 8:30 AM and 11:00 A.M. Masses on the following weekends:  
March 19 & 20  
April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **A WEEK-END SMILE**

Two pilots were discussing the merits of a twin-engine, propeller-driven aircraft undergoing service trials. "How does it handle?" asked the pilot who hadn't yet flown the new plane. "Oh, it's not bad," was the reply. "How is it in asymmetric flight? One engine out?" After thinking for a moment, the other pilot replied, "Ah, that's where it becomes tricky. If one engine quits, the other engine immediately takes you to the scene of the crash."

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