

# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

*Established in 1822*

*First Parish of the Archdiocese of Toronto*

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Pastor: Fr. Edward J. Smith

*"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**

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 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica
Sunday	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica
Sunday	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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



## Stations of the Cross at the Basilica Friday evenings at 7P.M.

Let us pray together on Fridays during Lent



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

## Ash Wednesday & Lent

The evolution of Lent as a time of preparation for Easter began as a very modest few days of preparation before the annual celebration of the Paschal Vigil. By the end of the fourth century, those days had expanded to a forty-day period of prayer and fasting that began on a Sunday, with an emphasis mainly on the preparation of catechumens for initiation at Easter.

In subsequent centuries, with the decline and virtual disappearance of the catechumenate, the focus of Lent shifted to those doing public penance in anticipation of being reconciled to the Eucharist for Easter. The public penitents had ashes placed on their heads as an outward sign of their mortification. When public penance disappeared, the custom grew up of all the faithful asking for penitential ashes at the start of Lent. At the beginning of the sixth century, the start of Lent was shifted from Sunday to the preceding Wednesday so that there would be exactly forty days of fasting (since Sundays were not observed as days of fast), and during the next two centuries a preparatory period of three weeks was added prior to Ash Wednesday. By the end of the eleventh century, Ash Wednesday was observed throughout Christendom, and by the thirteenth century even the Pope himself accepted ashes as part of the papal liturgy on Ash Wednesday.

### **Lenten Pancake Breakfast**

You are invited to attend a Lenten Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** after the 8:30 & 11 a.m. masses. Bacon, eggs, juice and coffee will also be served.

This breakfast is sponsored by The Knights of Columbus.



### **MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, February 26**

12:05 p.m. Parish Mass

5:10 p.m. Parish Mass

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

### **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

How far should a Christian disciple's love extend? Are there not times when we might appropriately retaliate in response to a slight or attack? The recollection of who God is, and who we are because we belong to God – the theme of all of this Sunday's readings – provides a challenging response.

Christian love is meant to be limitless, extending beyond the local communities and comfort zones of disciples, and embracing even enemies and evildoers. We are not to obliterate our opponents, nor to exact revenge, even if taking only an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. The extent of a disciple's obligation exceeds treating others the way we would like to be treated. A disciple's love gives priority to the other's welfare first.

Disciples aim to emulate God's love, which is selfless, forgiving and unconditional. Such a love has called all creation into being, is ongoing, redemptive and life-giving. Such a love seeks the salvation of all. We can recognize all of this in the gifts of Jesus Christ, who announced the reign of God and freely gave himself up to death on a cross, and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church's steadfast love and mercy, we strive to imitate the perfection – wholeness, holiness – of God with unreserved service of God and neighbour.

*Christine Mader  
Waverley, NS*

### **TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpaultaize@gmail.com),

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