

# 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

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

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Children's Liturgy

**Taize Prayer**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday	Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 P.M.	Parishioner's at St. Paul's Basilica
Sunday	Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 A.M.	+Walter Vanderzwet
		11:00A.M.	+Arlette De-La-Loyere , Req by Arielle ,Simon and Eloise Selkrig +Helen Early- By Family +Francie Higgins –By Family

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



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### ASH WEDNESDAY

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.

Among the reforms of the Second Vatican Council was the elimination of the three weeks of

Preparation for lent and the placement of the blessing and distribution of ashes within the Eucharistic liturgy rather than before the start of mass (as it had been for centuries). The custom is retained of burning palm branches from Passion (Palm) Sunday of the previous year in order to obtain the ashes. Most importantly, the Council re-established the primary focus of lent as a time when the whole Church joins in penance, not merely out of personal piety but in order to help in preparing those to be initiated at Easter.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

**MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEB 10<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. PAUL'S BASILICA  
9:30 A.M. SCHOOL MASS  
12NOON BASILICA MASS  
5:30P.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.

**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 year of the Mercy**

## **CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE AT THE BASILICA**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at all the Masses there will be a Special Blessing and a gift presented for all Married couples who registered previously. Please sit in the reserved seats at the front of the church on the right hand side.**



## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**Every Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass.**

## **A HUGE THANK YOU**

**I want to thank all of our good people who have contributed to our Family of Faith Campaign. Your generosity is outstanding!! Together we have continued the very strong legacy established by so many other people of faith who have worshipped here at St. Paul's from one generation to the next and have given thanks to God for their blessings! Through our collective generosity we have raised to date \$515,800.00. If you have not contributed please call the parish office or see Fr. Smith.**

## **Dear Youth**

**Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:A.M. TO 5P.M. Divine Toronto invites all youth from ages 14 and over only. See bulletin in the back of the church**

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