

# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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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  
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regularly.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

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## **ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

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Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

**Taize Prayer**

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Saturday	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 P.M.	+Ian Hampton Reg by the Hampton Family
Sunday	Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 A.M.	+ Linda Butler
		11:00A.M.	+Arlette De-La-Loyere , Req by Arielle ,Simon and Eloise Selkrig

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



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#### LENTEN REFLECTION

##### First Reading

To understand the readings this Sunday it is necessary to recall the place of divine election in salvation history. The greater part of the Old Testament concerns God's actions in relation to the people of Israel, whom God chooses from among all peoples to reveal divine goodness. The people of Israel, unlike their neighbors, believed that God was revealed not primarily through the cycles of nature, but rather through God's free actions in history. Israel's consciousness of being God's elect was not based on pride or a sense that they had merited God's favor, but simply on their repeated experience of God's faithfulness to them. A small and insignificant people compared to the flourishing civilizations around them, Israel marveled at God's favor given freely to them and regarded it as a wonder and a sign.

##### Second Reading

Today's second reading from Romans, also thought to be a very early confession of faith, emphasizes both belief in the heart and the importance of speaking one's faith aloud. Jesus Christ and his resurrection stand at the center of his faith. What the children of Israel found in the covenant with Abraham and the events of the Exodus, Christians find in the person of Christ and his Passover from death to life ---the substance of their common identity as a people.

##### Gospel

An account of Jesus' temptations in the desert appears in all the synoptic gospels and is taken from one common source by both Matthew and Luke. In Luke's gospel, the devil's power amounts to a separate kingdom, in tension with the kingdom of God. Throughout Jesus' public ministry, and family at the cross, the conflict between the kingdom of the devil continues to be revealed in Luke.

The temptations Luke describes would have recalled to his gentile audience the three great temptations: love of pleasure, love of riches, and love of power. More fundamental to the story, however, is its Jewish background, which is found in the Israelite experience of wandering forty years in the desert after the deliverance from Egypt. There they were tested by physical hunger, the lure of idolatry, and the temptation to test God. Led into the desert by the spirit for forty days, Jesus experiences the very same temptations but responds to each of them out of his deep fidelity to God. He answers the devil's proposals with the words of Deuteronomy, that passionate work revealing the heart of the Mosaic covenant. He chooses to rely on God's word, to worship God alone, and to trust God humbly.

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

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

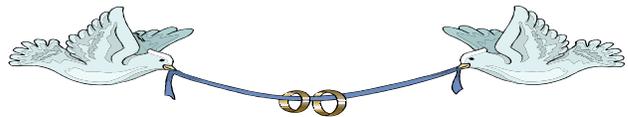
God himself is its author, marriage is of its very nature holy. But Christ our Lord added to the holiness of marriage an even deeper meaning and a higher beauty. He referred to the love of marriage to describe his own love for his Church, that is, for the people of God whom he redeemed by his own blood. St. Paul clearly states that marriage is now and for all time to be considered a great mystery, intimately bound up with the super natural union of Christ and the

Church, which union is also to be its pattern.

We congratulate all the couples who are participating in celebrating this marriage this Sunday at St. Paul's Basilica.

### **Love Prayer**

Love is patient, love is kind it is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, love does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, love does not take into account a wrong suffered, love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails



## **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.

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