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.

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday

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.

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation **Breakfast Club** Children's Liturgy

Taize Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

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Food Bank

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday January 14th 4:30 p.m. Fr. Michael Machacek

+Anton Babnik

+Michael Francis Dix

Sunday January 15th 8:30 a.m. A special intention

11:00 a.m. +Jose Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: SPECIAL INTENTION



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Does it not strike you as amazing that Jesus calls on ordinary people to become his first disciples? Jesus wants them to join him in a new kind of community and to experience intimately a loving and faithful relationship with him and with each other. It is a call to proclaim "the good news of the kingdom" to all people they will encounter and minister to.

What would so profoundly influence their decision to become Jesus' first disciples? I believe it was their faith in and desire for the love of God that inspired them to bring love and hope to a dark world. They were being given the opportunity through God's gift of grace to change their ways and participate as a community in God's plan of love and salvation.

During this Week of prayer for Christian Unity, let this gospel serve as a reminder that Jesus summons all of us to be in real relationship with him and with those around us. As Christians in community, let us listen to Paul who reminds us we are "united in the same mind and for the same purpose," to serve and care for those around us, especially for the poor. It is in communion with Jesus that our hope and promise of God's abundant grace are to be found – a pure gift for all of us.

Julie Cachia, Toronto, ON

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING

The First Communion meeting for parents and children will be on <u>Saturday January 28th at 3pm</u> in the church hall. This meeting is mandatory for all parents and their children.

Fr. Smith

OFFETORY 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy for all children JK through to Grade 6 is **every Sunday at the 11:00am mass.** Please try to be on time as the children gather and go into their group at the beginning of mass. They will return to you at the offertory. Thank you to all of the volunteers who help in the program.

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!

Mass Intentions

We continue the tradition at St. Paul's of inviting people to have Masses said for a special intention. Most often this is for someone who has died but it may be for someone who is ill or is marking a special birthday or anniversary. If someone wants that Mass on a certain day that can be arranged if the day is not already taken, or the Mass is said and you are given a card to give the family. The church offering for Announced Masses, which is a Mass on a particular day is \$20.00 and an unannounced Mass is \$10.00. Having a Mass said is a great gift for someone who has everything.

Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

On February 18th join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine for Serviam Ministries' 2nd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place.

Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

Theology on Tap: Understanding the Joy of Love Monday, January 23, 2017 — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto Faith Connections invites young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest: Fr. Tom Rosica CSB, CEO, Salt + Light Catholic Media Foundation. We'll discuss Pope Francis' Post Synodal Exhoration, Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love). Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! For more information call Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca — a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

2017 ENVELOPES

The boxes of envelopes will remain on the tables just inside the front doors for two (2) more weeks. Please pick yours up today! Thank you for your steady support of the parish.



ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Sunday January 29th: a Ecumenical service will be held for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, led by Cardinal Thomas Collins, 3pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St. Homilist will be Rev. Dr. Peter Holmes of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Call 416-934-3400ext. 344 or 527, email vkwok@archtoronto.org.



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

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE 2017

On Thursday, February 2, 2017 the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 29 at 3:00 p.m</u>. at <u>St. Paul's Basilica</u>, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

Reception to follow downstairs in the Basilica hall after the Mass. Please join us!!



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 <u>CanadianConscience.ca</u>. 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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