

# 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**

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

St. Vincent de Paul

Food Bank

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m.  
+Joyce Diver  
+Ariel Alfelor

Sunday January 15th 8:30 a.m.  
+Laudrick Siu Butt  
+ Eugeniusz Grecki

11:00 a.m.  
+Jose Faller

Monday January 30 - Ferial

Tuesday January 30 – St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday February 1 - Ferial

Thursday February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

Friday February 3 – St. Blaise



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:  
FATHER ED KEAYS



### 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We seek glory because it is our human nature to do so. Self-seeking glory is all around us. God challenges us to recognize that God-in-us will lead to great things. God in our small, weak selves leads to holiness, a different glory. And though our culture shapes us, we shape our culture; the culture changes only when God shapes us. When Jesus taught The Beatitudes, he was challenging the culture too.

Each one of Jesus' exhortations – *Blessed are...* – is a profound witness of faith and trust in someone greater than ourselves. Suffering the cost of living The Beatitudes shows the world a new way to live, one rooted in Christ. Can we be surprised that it will be exceedingly difficult to live this way? How shall we?

Here is how. God's love for us compels him to share his divine nature with us through Christ. Does he need us to accomplish his plan? Not really. Does he invite us? Every day. Let us say yes.

Rejoice then, that Jesus can use us to teach the strong and, at times, humble them. Even in this, no one can boast, because we all share the same self-glorifying human nature. We are only our best selves when God's divine nature is at work in us. There is not glory for us when living The Beatitudes. All glory belongs to God.

*Johanne Brownrigg, Orleans, ON*

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Next Saturday **February 11, from 3pm -4:15pm** there is a First Communion Preparation class.

Parents are welcome to stay with their child.

### OFFERTORY 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 **af** invite children of all ages to come to practice **as** 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](mailto:st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com)

***Please come join us for this wonderful opportunity!***



### TRAINING FOR FRIENDLY VISITORS

In Good Company, ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto, offer a training program for people who visit homebound or isolated individuals. Next session **Saturday, February 18, from 9am to 4pm**, at CSJ Administration Centre, 101 Thorncliffe Park Drive, Toronto. For information or to register call 416-465-6069 or email [infoingoodcompany@csj-to.ca](mailto:infoingoodcompany@csj-to.ca). (pre-register required by February 3) Cost \$30 per person covers materials, refreshments and light lunch.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries' 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

### SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (GRADES 11& 12)

Office of Vacations is hosting a day retreat at **Blessed Sacrament Parish, 24 Cheritan Ave. Toronto** on **Saturday, February 11 (from 9am to 5pm)**. Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please call the Office of Vacations at 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### ECUMENICAL SERVICE

**Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>**: 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 [ykwok@archtoronto.org](mailto:ykwok@archtoronto.org).

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

### FEAST SAINT BLAISE FEBRUARY 3

Blaise is best known for the tradition of blessing throats. An Armenian bishop, Blaise suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Licinius in early 4<sup>th</sup> century. Little is known about him, it is said religious oppression forced him to live as a hermit in a cave. Legend said Blaise performed a miraculous cure on a boy who was choking to death and is long associated with cures for afflictions of the throat.

### WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE 2017

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2017 and in parishes on the weekend of January 28, 29, 2017. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. All are welcome to a special Mass presided by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick today **Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica**, Toronto to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

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



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### EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

There has been a great deal of interest in the Cardinal's Statement. You are asked to tell Legislators how you feel. You are encouraged to join the coalition for Health Care and Conscience. Visit [CanadianConscience.ca](http://CanadianConscience.ca). 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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