

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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday January 14 th	4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica
Sunday January 15 th	8:30 a.m.	Marguerite Raper
	11:00 a.m.	Special Intention +Jose Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+JOSE FALLER



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What is a purpose-driven life? Sometimes, the meaning only becomes clear after an experience makes us look back at seemingly unrelated decisions that made us who we are. It's the "ah-ha" moment.

The gospel today describes John the Baptist's "ah-ha" moment. Until that day, John had been following a path he couldn't quite see clearly, wandering the wilderness, preaching of the Son of God whom he might never even meet in the flesh.

John was a recluse who attracted a huge following. These followers believed his wrath-inflicting Messiah would be the political ruler they had been waiting for. But the meaning of John's life decisions became clear in his meeting with Jesus. The heavens literally opened and God spoke to him! Jesus' ministry would be non-political and characterized by love. Jesus was preparing the way, and John's future was forever changed by Jesus.

The purpose of our lives may not always be as dramatically revealed to us as John's was by God. Some of us may feel lost, wandering in our own wilderness. But recognizing the need to search is the first brave step toward finding that purpose. In that search we, like John, may meet Jesus by our own river bank. It is an encounter that will radically change our future.

Saskia Sivananthan, Vancouver, BC

BREAKFAST AT THE BASILICA

A Pancake and sausage breakfast will be served this **Sunday January 15th** after the 8:30am and 11am Mass.

The Knights of Columbus were founded by the venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut, USA. Their motto is **In Service To One, In Service To All.**

The Knights are dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting catholic education, catholic public policy positions and actively defending Catholicism around the world. As a member of the Knights of Columbus I am well aware of the excellent work they do in the name of Jesus.

*Please join us downstairs in the Basilica hall after the 8:30am & 11am Mass this **Sunday January 15th** to enjoy good company and good food.*

(Audrey Hepburn will not be in attendance)

THANK YOU TORONTO COUNCIL 1388!



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 Exhortation, *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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy for all children JK through to Grade 6 is **every Sunday at the 11:00am mass** from now until December 18th, and then will resume January 14, 2017. 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.



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 **Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Basilica, 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!!



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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. 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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