

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

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Food Bank

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday January 7 th	4:30 p.m.	+John Dhuy
Sunday January 8 th	8:30 a.m.	+Anna Orlando +Muriel Reinhart Shoebottom
	11:00 a.m.	+Apolonio Villanlon +Paddy Doyle



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+LUCIA & BIAGIO VALERIO



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

It is very clear that the Jewish people are the chosen people of God. Yet in the Old and New Testaments there are indications that the message of the God of all creation is to be offered to all nations.

The early Christians, after Jesus's death, held that The Way of Jesus was intended for Jewish Christians but not for Gentiles, even though Jesus was open to them in his lifetime. Paul's conversation turned all that upside down. "In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind"

Paul had a tough time convincing some of the apostles that Jesus and his message were to be shared with Gentiles. Eventually, Peter recognized Paul's approach and missionary efforts to the Gentiles. Paul went out to "all nations" and the word of God spread. He took the light of Christ to everyone he met and wherever he went.

The feast of the Epiphany, the feast of "opening" our doors to others, speaks to our day. Mary opened the door of her house to the Wise Men from the East. Pope Francis opens his arms to all. The promise of a Messiah for all is fulfilled.

This Epiphany let us advance the fulfillment of the promise by inviting and welcoming all who want to praise Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

*Friar Ed Debono, OFM Conv
Kingston, ON*

BREAKFAST AT THE BASILICA

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

The Knights of Columbus were founded by the venerable Fr. Michael J. McGiveney 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 on **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, that 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.



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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>

When Can I Visit St. Paul's

You can visit St. Paul's Monday to Friday during office hours. There is a buzzer by the side door, just press the buzzer and the parish secretary will let you into the church. We do have visitors every day as it stands right now. More would be welcome.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

On the front of the bulletin week after week is this passage of scripture from St. Paul's letter to the early faith community at COLOSSE "May the message of Christ, in all its fullness, continue to find a home in you" (Colossians 3:16)

As we begin a New Year, that is my prayer for all of us here at St. Paul's Basilica. Every year has its challenges and dreams fulfilled. Whether it is a good time in our faith journey or a challenging time, the words of Jesus are valid for all times and all seasons.

"Rejoice so highly favoured"

"Do not be afraid I am with you. I go before you".

St. Paul discovered these words time and time again in his own faith journey.

As we look forward to a new year, may every good gift come from Our Father of Light and may He grant us all His grace of unwavering faith, constant hope and a love that endures to the end.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Sincerely,
Fr. Smith

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