

# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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*First Parish of the Archdiocese of Toronto*

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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

## **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

Food Bank

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica
Sunday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Earl McDonnell
	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:  
PARISHIONERS OF ST. PAUL'S BASILICA



**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

“Turn the other cheek.” Many people identify this as a central teaching from Jesus, but it only appears in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Nevertheless, Mark’s narrative of Jesus’ passion and death illustrates what this saying means.

Jesus does not resist when they arrest him, nor does he defend himself at trial. He simply acknowledges his true identity, then submits to mockery, crucifixion and death. But this confirms who he really was: when the centurion saw *how* Jesus died he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The Old Testament tells us about individuals suffering for the sake of their faith. Second Isaiah presents God’s servant who submitted to physical attacks knowing that God was with him, and in Psalm 22 an individual describes his persecution and suffering but in the end is confident that God will deliver him. However, Paul tells us that Jesus sacrificed even more, emptying himself of his divinity to become one of us in order to die on the cross for us.

This is the paschal mystery we celebrate at every Eucharist. Jesus gave his body and blood over to death so that we can have life. As we share the bread and wine, we remember that sacrifice and celebrate its effect in our lives today.

*John L. McLaughlin  
Toronto, ON*

**HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

**PALM WEEKEND**

SATURDAY MARCH 24 4:30 PM

SUNDAY MARCH 25 8:30AM and 11:00AM

**HOLY THURSDAY- MARCH 29**

MASS 7:00PM

**GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30**

12 NOON AND 3:00PM

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION

**HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 31**

7:00PM EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1**

8:30AM AND 11:00AM



**Holy Week**

**“Vocations Seeds”**

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and

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Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto**

Phone (416) 968-0997

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**BE RECONCILED TO GOD!**

God created us in love and calls us into relationship. When we lose track of that, we don't live as we should: we aren't being the people God meant us to be. We all need to be reminded of who we really are, so we can live from that fullness. We are offering the opportunity to be made whole again. FR. RON KRAFCHIK will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession the weekend **March 24/25 BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MASS.**

Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community



Imagine you were a Deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice.

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