

# 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

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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**

Patrick Cleary, Principal

Phone: 416-393-5204

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

**Taize Prayer**

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	Florence LeBlanc req. by Cathy
Sunday	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Giovanna Zuzek req. by Family
Sunday	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Helena

Weekday Masses are held at the Good Shepherd Centre Tuesday to Friday at 12 noon.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:  
The Souls in Purgatory



March 24, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

In order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and so as to comply with the Government of Ontario's new regulations requiring that all non-essential workplaces be closed, we are sorry to inform you that **the church and the parish office must remain closed until further notice.**

This is a deeply painful, but necessary, decision for our faith community.

However, we are still here for you during this difficult time. You can still leave a voicemail at the parish office: 416-364-7588. Or you can email us at: [stpaulsbasilica@on.aibn.com](mailto:stpaulsbasilica@on.aibn.com). We will return your message as soon as possible. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/covid19](http://www.archtoronto.org/covid19) for updated information from the Archdiocese of Toronto and for links to view the Daily Mass online.

Please continue to pray for those sick and those caring for them. Be assured of our daily prayers for you.

Yours in Christ

*FR. EDWARD J. SMITH*  
Pastor of *ST. PAUL'S BASILICA*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Computers! I turn mine on and then have to wait for everything to open. I have to wait maybe a nanosecond. I press a button; I'm still waiting. But then my son comes and gently takes the time to explain the program. It turns out I don't understand computers, I'm impatient and I take them for granted.

John's story of Lazarus reminds us how important time is to understanding. Lazarus is sick, yet it takes Jesus four days to arrive in Judea. Why does it take him so long? Jesus says, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." But this is so difficult to understand.

The disciples don't seem to understand the relationship that Jesus has with his father. Some of the Jews have already taken Jesus for granted, saying that, because he cured the blind man, he could have cured Lazarus too if he's arrived earlier.

Even Martha and Mary, who have enormous faith, have trouble understanding.

Lazarus has been dead for four days and Jesus raises him from the dead so that everyone may see the Glory of God, his father.

If there is an area in our life that causes us grief, and we walk closely with Jesus, he will help us gain a new perspective – when the time is right!

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