

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday March 4, 2017 4:30 p.m.
+ Gerald Sewell

Sunday March 5, 2017 8:30 a.m.
+ Deacon Hugh Taylor
+ Raymond Cuneo
11:00am
+ Jose Faller

Monday March 6 – Ferial

Tuesday March 7 – Ferial

Wednesday March 8 - Ferial

Thursday March 9 – Ferial

Friday March 10 – Ferial

Weekday Masses are held at the Good Sheppard Centre Tuesday to Friday at 12:00 noon



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
FATHER ED KEAYS



1st Sunday of Lent

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus responded to the Holy Spirit's direction and went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Through his willingness to enter a weakened state, Jesus showed his love for us and the ways in which we can find strength. Through him, in him and with him, we can find renewal, freedom and the joy we seek.

Who has not been in a weakened state – emotionally wrought, spiritually tired, or physically suffering? Who has not been just plain worn down? Do you have your own launch sequence when seeking comfort? Do you deliberately walk by the bakery on your way to work? Or that bar? Do you flirt with the stranger at the coffee shop? Does the pressure let up a bit? Does the relief from your discontent last?

Yet here is our God, who loves us, knowing our dark ways, showing us the way to lasting comfort and freedom: serving only the Lord. On our own? No. In our weakness, God is strong for us. This Lenten season is *our* 40 days. Let us embrace the Eucharistic love that will create a clean heart in us and renew in us a steadfast spirit. May we allow the Holy Spirit to restore the gladness of our salvation. Let us allow God to lead us out of the desert

*Johanne Brownrigg
Orleans, ON*



**Stations of the Cross at the Basilica
Friday evening at 7P.M. Let us pray together
on Fridays.**



Coffee Weekend

All are welcome to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship following Masses on Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am. Please join us in the parish hall.

BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into our parish family the following young people, *Mikayla Leech, Victoria Vitale, Amari Vitale, Adriano Mannella, Bryson Russell*. Please keep these little ones, their parents and godparents in your prayers as they begin their journeys of faith.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday at the 11:00am mass.

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

Mass will be celebrated on Friday March 17, 2017, 10:00am at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto. Presider and Homilist will be Bishop John A. Boissonneau.

HISTORY OF LENT

The evolution of Lent as a time of preparation for Easter began as a very modest few days of preparation before the annual celebration of the Paschal Vigil. By the end of the fourth century, those days had expanded to a 40 day period of prayer and fasting that began on a Sunday, with an emphasis mainly on the preparation of catechumens for initiation at Easter.

In subsequent centuries, with the decline and virtual disappearance of the catechumenate, the focus of Lent shifted to those doing public penance in anticipation of being reconciled to the Eucharist for Easter. The public penitents had ashes placed on their heads as an outward sign of their mortification. When public penance disappeared, the custom grew up of all the faithful asking the penitential ashes at the start of Lent. At the beginning of the sixth century, the start of Lent was shifted from Sunday to the preceding Wednesday so that there would be exactly 40 days of fasting (since Sundays were not observed as days of fast), and during the next two centuries a preparatory period of three weeks was added prior to Ash Wednesday. By the end of the eleventh century, Ash Wednesday was observed throughout Christendom, and by the thirteenth century even the Pope himself accepted ashes as part of the papal liturgy on Ash Wednesday.



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



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's choir is well underway and new members are welcome. Children 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. Please contact: st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com

Please come join us for this wonderful opportunity!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

There is a women's spring retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga the weekend of March 31st to April 2nd. The theme is "The Call to Peace". For further information or registration please call 905-278-5229.

THE COME and SEE WEEKEND

March 17-19, 2007 at St. Augustine's Seminary
Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older. To cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ: leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0977; or email vocations@archtoronto.org

PRO-LIFE APOLOGETICS WORKSHOPS

Learn how to defend the pro-life position with courage and compassion, using science and human rights, in order to change hearts and minds – and save lives.

Reasons to attend an apologetics workshop if you are new to pro-life dialogue, get equipped to have fruitful conversation in your community; and if you are experience, improve your dialogue skills and help newcomers learn.

Sessions on abortion dialogue are Wednesday March 8th, 6-9pm at Newman Centre Library, 89 St. George St. Toronto; and Monday March 13th 10:00am -1:00pm at Senior Common Room, Brennan Hall, 81 St Mary St. Toronto. For further details contact Toronto Right to Live at 416-483-7869 or email office@trtl.ca



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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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