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.

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday

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.

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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 November 5th 4:30 p.m. Mario & Mary Marrelli's 40th wedding anniversary

Fr. Philip Jones +Fr. Brian Higgins

Sunday November 6th 8:30 a.m. +Fr. Brian Higgins

11:00 a.m. +Jose Faller

+Lydia Wagner +Fr. Brian Higgins



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:

+ALL SOULS REMEMBERED IN OUR BOOK OF LIFE



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When I was much younger, we used to play a game called Truth or Dare. If you didn't want to answer your opponents question truthfully, you had to accept a dare. Today, Jesus turns the game inside out and challenges his followers to tell their truth by accepting his dare. Jesus asks, Do you dare to be publically Christian? How? What are your limits on doing so? What consequences are you willing to risk? Jesus does not promise us the proverbial rose garden. Rose gardens, like nations and kingdoms, will surely pass away. Jesus simply promises his presence, his words and his wisdom. These will never pass away. Here is where the good news lies today for us who accept his challenge.

This is a good time to start preparing for the new church year ahead, asking ourselves how we will be boldly Christian in 2017. Pope Francis offers an example. In his quiet, gentle way, he calls us to examine the lines we have drawn in the sand – and to take one small step past them.

Two of the great dismissals at the end of Mass graciously instruct us, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Perhaps one should boldly declare, "The living God is with you. Don't just sit there: do something. Change the world!"

Margaret Bick, Toronto, Ontario



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 19th. 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

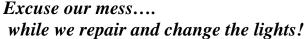
If you have a child in grade 2 who wishes to celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year or a child in grades 7 or 8 who wishes to celebrate Confirmation this year, they must be registered in the parish for the sacraments. Registration forms were sent to parents whose child attends St. Paul's School. If you child attends another school please obtain a registration form from the table at the back of the church and return it to the parish office

A public meeting has been scheduled for <u>December 7</u>, <u>2016 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul Catholic School</u> regarding a Pupil Accommodation Review of schools which include St. Michael, St. Paul and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Details about the review are posted on the Board website at https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/PlanningandFacilities/PlanningServices/SARC/Pages/default.aspx.

All parishioners are welcome.

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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 Legislator's how you feel. You are encouraged to join the coalition for Health Care and Conscience. Visit <u>CanadianConscience.ca</u>. A video of Cardinal Colin's' statement on federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation is now available online at http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia

Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide Are Not The Answer.



SAVE THE DATE!

The next Taize Prayer Service will take place on Saturday <u>December 3rd, 2016</u> at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join this meditative Advent activity. Please contact <u>stpaultaize@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in assisting with this service.



Please do not flush anything down the toilet except for toilet paper. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated!

Christmas Cake sales will take place after all Masses November 26/27 and December 3/4th

HOLY DOORS & YEAR OF MERCY

The Year of Mercy will conclude at the Basilica on **Sunday November 20th, 2016 at the 11am** Mass with an Anointing of the Sick.

What is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick?

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is especially intended to strengthen those who are suffering serious illness. For a long time, this sacrament was celebrated only with people who were dying and for this reason came to be known as "last rites." It was meant to give them strength to face death. But today, it is offered to support, encourage and comfort all those who are seriously ill. Participation in the celebration of this sacrament offers those who are sick an opportunity to open themselves to the healing power of God's grace and to continue to grow in wholeness. In this sacrament, we meet Jesus who heals and consoles us by giving us the Holy Spirit. The Risen Lord comes to strengthen us in body, mind and spirit during our time of illness.

Who should celebrate the Anointing of the Sick?

Those who are elderly and whose frailty is becoming more pronounced. Those adults and children who are suffering from a major illness, are facing surgery, serious medical tests or have suffered a serious accident. Those who suffer from chronic illness such as arthritis or diabetes, or who suffer from a serious mental illness.

There are sign-up sheets on a table at the entrance of the Basilica.

Reception to follow in the Basilica Hall. Please join us!

Theology on Tap West: How to Fight Fair Monday, November 14, 2016 — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Boston Pizza, 50 Courtneypark Dr. E, Mississauga Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth, and the local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest: Shereen McFarlane, Program Manager, Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! For more information call Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt 416-467-2645 at or visit www.faithconnections.ca — a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER (LAITY) is open to receive those discerning a call to follow Jesus in the Franciscan spirit. Formation & Candidacy is part of the process leading to Profession. Location of daytime monthly meetings is St Francis of Assisi Parish, 72 Mansfield Ave., (College & Grace St). Contact Margaret Maines, Minister 647 228 5931 for more information. God bless!



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