

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday November 26 th	4:30 p.m.	+Anthony Pham
Sunday November 27 th	8:30 a.m.	+Robert & Paul Sands
	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+GERMAINE GLEASON



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A NEW BEGINNING! Exciting words - a chance to start over with a clean slate. Who wouldn't relish the possibility of starting over and getting it right?

The First Sunday of Advent is the Church's way of announcing the beginning of a new liturgical year – and this Sunday is the beginning of the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. Today's readings give us a recipe for how to "get it right," not just for ourselves but for the whole world.

Advent is a time of expectant preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We observe it as a season of prayer, fasting and repentance – the ways Christians "start over".

In a sense it is also the beginning of the rest of our lives. The readings give us the key for how to live in this moment and for all time in peace and harmony.

The words of the prophet Isaiah tell of the coming of a judge who will help people from all nations to surrender their weapons and make peace. And in that peace, we are told to choose light over darkness. That light is the coming of Christ, for whom we "must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Exciting? Indeed – a message of hope – the coming of a Saviour and the key to preparing for eternity.

Patrick M. Doyle, Carleton Place, ON



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 your 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 **December 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul Catholic School** 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.

We thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in the City of Toronto.

Taizé Prayer

St. Paul's Basilica Parish invites you to meditative Scripture-based prayer and music in the Taizé tradition. Join us in celebrating the Advent season through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome. Social and light refreshments to follow. RSVPs appreciated. Contact: St. Paul Taizé Prayer Group: stpaultaize@gmail.com
Website: www.stpaulsbasilicaparish.com
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1478849965476185/?ti=icl>

**St. Paul's Basilica Taizé Prayer Service:
A Light in the Darkness
Saturday, December 3, 2016 – 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**



**Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's
Sunday December 4th at 2pm**

The **Advent Concert** at St. Paul's Basilica is a celebration of music and Scripture for the Christmas Season. The service will consist of 8 traditional readings for the Christmas Season from Scripture, interspersed with carols, hymns, solos and ensemble music performed by the musicians of St. Paul's Basilica.

Admission is free for all. A freewill offering will be collected during the service.

*Refreshments to follow in the Basilica Hall.
Please join us!*

***Christmas cake sales will take
place after all Masses
THIS WEEKEND
November 26th/27th and
NEXT WEEKEND
December 3/4th***



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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>
Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide Are Not The Answer.

Vocation Discernment Retreat:

The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men, 17 years and older to attend a Vocations Discernment Retreat from December 9 to 11, 2016 at Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering. (Starts on Friday at 7 pm). This is a good retreat for men who are at crossroads in discerning God's desired Vocation for them. The retreat offers Guided reflections, Holy Mass, Adoration, confession and the assistance of a vocations team. Suggested donation of \$150 to help cover costs. For more information, please contact (the parish priest) or call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

Theology on Tap East: God in a Bar

**Monday, December 5, 2016 — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Wille Stouts Pub & Grill, 2175 Sheppard Ave E,
Toronto**

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: Phil Cummings, high school teacher and former chaplain, York University. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! For more information call OCY at 416-599-7676 or visit www.faithconnections.ca.

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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