

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

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	Dec 01	12 noon	Open
Wednesday	Dec 02	12 noon	Open
Thursday	Dec 03	12 noon	Open
Friday	Dec 04	12 noon	+ Agrinoald Couto
Saturday	Dec 05	4:30 p.m.	+ Juan Carlos Casas
Sunday	Dec 06	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Open + Nicola Belfiore & Vittoria Niceforo



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
ANNIE KWON AND FAMILY IN THANKSGIVING



First Sunday of Advent

Advent calls us to prepare for the two comings of Christ: at the Incarnation and at the end of time. The gospel on the first Sunday of the new liturgical year urges us to be ready to greet the son of Man. We are to be awake and aware of our surroundings and concerns.

A quick reading of this gospel may lead us to long for a gentler time. The images of roaring seas and waves can cause turmoil, fear or unease. This time of year can be busy with demands on our energy, time and resources, demands that may trap and weigh us down. We wonder how we can be ready to greet Christ at the end of time when our hearts and minds are trapped in the demands of today. But as we learn to recognize Christ in the present, we will be ready to stand before the Son of Man.

Jesus calls us to be alert and raise our heads, recognizing salvation is near. Advent is a time to refocus and put worry away, for our God has come to us. Today as we celebrate Eucharist, may we come with hearts ready to encounter Christ in the Word, in the people among us and in the breaking of the bread so that, nourished, we may be sent, ready to greet Christ in our midst.

THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Mercy beginning on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015 and concluding on Saturday, November 20, 2016.

Pope Francis states in his letter announcing the Jubilee of Mercy that this is to be a year allowing every person to encounter the Mercy of God. The Pope states that the most evident sign of this pastoral Year of Mercy is the opportunity to open A Door of Mercy in every Diocese. These Doors of Mercy are analogous to the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas in Rome. St. Paul's is one of the seven churches throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto that will have A Door of Mercy.

On the weekend of December 12th and 13th at all the Masses, we will have a Special Ceremony opening our Door of Mercy.

Throughout the Year of Mercy, there will be opportunities to celebrate the mercy that only God the Father offers through His son Jesus.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Mercy on the weekends of December 12th/13th and 19th/20th. Fr. Ron Krafchik will be available before, during and after all the Masses on these weekends to celebrate the Sacrament of Mercy (Confession) with you.

A HUGE THANK YOU



I want to thank all of our good people who have contributed to our Family of Faith Campaign. Your generosity is outstanding!! Together we have continued the very strong legacy established by so many other people

of faith who have worshipped here at St. Paul's from one generation to the next and have given thanks to God for their blessings!

Through our collective generosity we have raised to date **\$507,708.00** If you have not contributed please call the parish office or see Fr. Smith.

Help to the Refugee Crisis

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope" a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise 3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal visit: www.archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to *St. Paul's Basilica-Project Hope-Refugee Sponsorship*. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting by being a volunteer should contact the Office for Refugees at 647-780-0827.

Pauline Book & Media Fair

You are warmly invited to come to the Pauline Book & Media Fair that will be held at our Church on the weekend of December 12-13, 2015 before and after the scheduled Mass times. There will be an extensive selection of Catholic Bibles, books, Music CDs and DVD movies for all ages. You are certain to find something inspiring for yourself and others. Please stop by and show your support for the Sisters who this year celebrate their 100th Anniversary of Evangelization with the Media Communication.

Next First Communion Class is Saturday December 12th at 3 p.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room in the Church Hall.

Lessons to be reviewed are 5,6,7 & 8.

WHY BAKE A CHRISTMAS CAKE?

Christmas cakes will be available after all the Masses on the weekend of 28th & 29th. Purchasing a Christmas cake here at St. Paul's Basilica will support the Pro-Life Movement. Thank you!!



ORGAN DONATION

We want to thank you Mindu and the Team from the Toronto General Hospital for making us all aware of the need for organ Donation. Mindu may be contacted at 416-556-7312



CHRISTMAS MASS AT ST PAUL'S BASILICA

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 PM, 7:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

LESSONS AND CAROLS AT ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 3 P.M.



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.

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