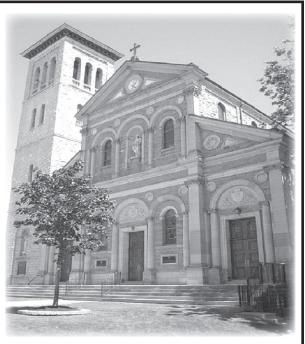
St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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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

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.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday

Sunday

November 4th

4:30 p.m.

November 5th

. +Rex Rosco

8:30 a.m. +Marilu Salcedo

11:00 a.m. +Nicola Belfiore +Vittoria Niceforo

+Jose Faller +Sylvia Stephen



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: +LUCIA & BIAGIO ZALERIO



31th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel Jesus denounces the Pharisees and scribes for practising a superficial faith that is overly concerned with how they are seen by others. Although this passage from Matthew's Gospel is a strong critique of the religious leaders of his day, Christ's sharp admonishment cuts to the heart of us all.

For whom do we make our displays of faith? Do we practise our piety out of joy at what the Lord has done for us? Or out of fear of social rejection; a desire to win the praise and good opinion of others; or merely to attract attention? Are we people-pleasers or God-pleasers?

In asking us to examine the motivations behind our actions, God helps us to realize more deeply who the object of our worship is: others, ourselves or God? Today, God invites us to free ourselves from our pride and make him the object of our worship.

So, when we feel the temptation to keep one eye open during the prayers at Mass to spy which of our friends bothered to show up, or recite the Creed a little louder than the person sitting next to us, let us remember that today's celebration of Mass is about honouring our Lord.

Cheridan Sanders, Toronto, ON

ADVENT BREAKFAST Sunday, December 3rd

After the 8:30 and 11 a.m. masses, you are invited to attend our first Advent Breakfast in the church hall. There is no cost involved! Please sign the sheet at the entrance to the basilica so we will know how much eggs, bacon, pancakes, etc. to purchase. There will be some door prizes!

Christmas cake sales will take place after all Masses <u>THESE WEEKENDS</u> December 9th/10th & December 16th /17th



St. Paul's Basilica Taize Prayer Service: "Remembrance" Sunday, November 12, 2017 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Basilica Parish invites you to meditative Scripture-based prayer and music in the Taize tradition. Join us in celebrating "Do this in Remembrance of Me" through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome. Social and light refreshments to follow. RSVPs appreciated. Contact St. Paul Taize Group at: <u>stpaultaize@gmail.com</u>



Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's Sunday <u>December 17th at 2pm</u>

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!

NEW BEGINNINGS TALK At Masses Nov 25 – 26, 2017

New Beginnings is a Ministry developed to meet the needs of those who are separated, divorced, widowed or who are enduring a significant loss through the death of a significant other. Through various programs, participants are given the opportunity to move through the phases of healing, leading to the beginning of a more fulfilling life. Alex Lopechuk and Arcangelo Limanni will be visiting the parish this weekend to speak about providing this Ministry in this parish.

The Gift of Gratitude: Handling Our Losses

We invite you to join us at St. Ann Parish (120 First Avenue, Toronto) on **Sunday, November 19, 2017** at 11:30 a.m. for a presentation on *The Gift of Gratitude: Handling Our Losses.* A memorial Mass will be held at the 10:30 a.m. mass followed by the presentation at the parish hall. Alex Lopechuk, Coordinator of New Beginnings ministry, will be the speaker. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call <u>416-466-2127</u>

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (Grades 11 & 12) on November 25, 2017

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga, on Saturday, November 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or http://bit/ly/2xh8uMA For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN FAMILIES VISIT on November 4th & 5th

Due to religious wars and conflict, that led many Christian families to leave their homes, the Olive Woods from the Holy Land will be displayed. Hand Carved Olive Woods are religious items that are hand made by these Christian families. Such as crosses, nativities, rosaries and statues. This is their only source of income and our mission is to help these families by selling their work to help with food, shelter and a better education, especially during the upcoming Advent Season. Thank you for your support. God bless,

Holy Land Christian Families

