

ST. PAUL'S BASILICA PARISH

Established in 1822 - First Parish of the Diocese

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MASS SCHEDULE

Masses at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses

at the Good Shepherd Centre (opposite the Church, north side of Queen St.)
Tuesday - Friday 12:00 noon

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish to begin the process of preparation.

MINISTRIES TO THE SHUT-INS

If people are in the hospital or are unable to come to mass because of age or other limitations, please call Fr. Frank or Sr. Nida so that they may receive communion regularly.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We will strive to visit parishioners in the hospital on University Avenue and St. Michael's Hospital.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Francis V. McDevitt, Pastor
Sr. Nida Fe Chavez, CSJ, Pastoral Associate
Sr. Carmen Rojas, CSJ, Secretary
Joe Angelo, Music Director
Cathy, Leblanc, Sacristan
Brian Marchand, Custodian

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone (416) 393-5204 FAX (416) 397-6586
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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: 416-483-4944

PARISH REGISTRATION: Count yourself in by registering in the parish. Forms are at the back of the church and in the office all week. Please register in the parish before seeking other services.

COMPANIONS IN MINISTRY: We are always in need of help with pastoral care and more hands for assistance. If you have the time, we have the need. Please call the office and leave your name and number. Fr. Frank or Sr. Nida will call you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	December 02	12:00 noon	Open
Wednesday	December 03	12:00 noon	+ Cathy Cummings
Thursday	December 04	12:00 noon	Open
Friday	December 05	12:00 noon	+ James Dooly
Saturday	December 06	4:30 pm	+ Jilliane Gabriel
Sunday	December 07	8:30 am 11:00 am	+ Jose Ferrer Missa Pro Populo

St Paul's Basilica Lessons and Carols. **THIS WEEK!!!**

This **Thursday, December 4th at 7:30 p. m.** we will have our annual festival and carols. We hope that there is a good showing of parishioners for this great event. Once again the Lessons and Carols will include the many music ministries of St. Paul's. There will be a free will offering during the event. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall.



NEXT WEEKEND

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Our parish is supporting 470 households this Christmas. Next weekend there will be a collection for the poor of our parish. The proceeds of this second collection will be used to support families in our immediate area at Christmas. We encourage you to be generous.



Pre-Authorized Giving Cards

A couple of people who use pre-authorized giving have expressed a need to have something to put in the collection basket when it goes by. It is strongly preferred that you do not put on an empty envelope. This takes extra time in recording donations. There are cards at the back which you can put on the collection. At the same time it should not be required that anything be put on as there are numerous ways that folks give their financial support to the church: some weekly, some monthly, some annually and some through pre-authorized giving. Whatever way a household supports the church is fine and should not be a big concern to the person sitting behind them. Thank you for your steady support of the parish.

Envelopes

Envelopes will be available the weekend of December 13th and 14th and on the weekends following. As with last year we will ask that you take any box of envelopes and put your name on the first couple of envelopes used in 2015. (Please do not start before the New Year.) Please avoid the temptation to think the number is of significance. The number is only required to input your donations in the computer. That is all. We do not identify you by your number nor is their greater esteem attached to some numbers than to others. Thank your for your steady support of the parish.



Pre-Authorized Giving

Thank you to all who have committed to pre-authorized giving. For those who want to know more before picking up a new box of envelopes, there are green forms on the back and the side that gives information and can be used to sign up

Christmas Cakes

November 29th and 30th

This weekend, Campaign Life Coalition will be selling Christmas fruitcakes after all masses. The 2.5 pound cake is \$25.00 and the 1.5 pound is \$15.00. Proceeds fund pro- life efforts to secure legal protection for the child in the womb. For more information call 1-800-730-5358



St Michael's Choir School at Massey Hall

Saturday, December 6 at 7:30

p.m.

Sunday, December 7 at 3:00

p. m.

Tickets are now available, buy on line at www.masseyhall.com
For more information visit www.christmasconcert.ca.



Christmas Concert

Mark your calendars. **Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.** The proceeds from this concert will be directed to St. Paul's Basilica. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person at the door.

More information in next weekends bulletin.



Fr. Frank would like to thank one and all for their best wishes on his thirtieth anniversary. Your kind words and kind gestures will be remembered and valued in the coming years.

Missals

Missals are available at the back today and then will be available in the sacristy. As before there is one free missal per family. Additional copies can be purchased for \$5.00.

There are always missals available during mass.



Reconciliation Day

Wednesday, December 10 is the diocesan Reconciliation Day. Confessions at St. Paul's will take place from 4:30 p. m.to 7:30 p. m.. We will give more time to the Reconciliation Day in Lent. For those who wish to go to confession before Christmas there are ample times recorded below in this bulletin.

Reconciliation (Confession)

- December 10: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Each Saturday at 3:45 p. m.
- After all weekend masses on December 20 & 21
- Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collins will lead Lectio Divina on December 7 at the cathedral, beginning with Vespers at 7. The reading for reflection will be Mark 8:34-9:13. All are welcome.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4:30 p. m., 7:00 p. m. and 12 midnight

Christmas Day: 11:00 a. m. only

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