

# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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*First Parish of the Archdiocese of Toronto*

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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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Food Bank

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+Michael Creeden
Sunday	October 1 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Marg Shea +Jose Faller +Jim Conway



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:  
+JOSE FALLER



26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel acclamation verse puts the meaning of this Sunday's readings succinctly. Christian life is about maintaining an intimate and trusting relationship with the Good Shepherd. Such a bond shapes hearts, determines actions, and reveals our shortcomings in such a way that we can regard them as failures and yet turn to, and rely on, God's mercy.

Ezekiel's words are meant to inspire rather than threaten, promising that God has a single, dependable criterion for judgment applicable to, and within the power of each individual: righteousness. God takes no pleasure in the destruction of anyone but desires and offers life to each one.

A testimony to this truth can be found in Jesus Christ who, in his selfless act of sharing our human existence, His forgiveness of sinners and His acceptance of crucifixion, showed the extent of God's steadfast love. He liberated people from what bound them, restored them to community and called them to life. If we know *this* Shepherd, then we can willingly respond in obedient faith. Even when we fall short, though, we are not left without a remedy before God. The unrighteous tax collectors and prostitutes gained the kingdom through sincere repentance. We, too, growing in the kind of humble and open attitude towards God and others exemplified by Jesus, can also share the mind of Christ and his final victory.

*Christine Mader, Waverley, NS*

WELCOME VISITORS!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all who attend Mass with us each weekend as visitors to St. Paul's Basilica Parish. We are happy to have you with us. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Edward Smith at the end of Mass.

We would like to extend a warm and caring invitation to you to join our parish. We look forward to having you become a member of our faith community. Each individual member of our Parish is an important part of the Catholic Family. The gifts of faith from the Lord are strengthened and deepened by our Communion in Jesus Christ. The celebration of the Eucharist is the heart of our parish life. Come share your "faith", your time and your talent in one of our wonderful ministries. Call our parish office to register 416-364-7588.

*If you are already a registered parishioner we would like to thank you for all your support!*



OUR PARISH FESTIVAL

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at this year's festival, it was a huge success!

Raptor Ticket Winners:  
Josephine Kavanagh 416-945-2972  
Josie Flood 647-521-8806  
Congratulations!

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy for all children in JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2 is every Sunday at the 11:00am mass starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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! If you are interested in helping with the program, please email to [therese.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:therese.stdenis@gmail.com)



### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

#### Level 1: Foundations Course

#### Children Ages 3 – 6

**Part 1:** Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 9am-4pm; Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 9am-4pm; July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 8:30-4:30ppm **Part 2:** offered in similar format the following year. **Location:** St. Basil's Church Hall at the University of St. Michael's College **Fee:** \$300 inclusive for Parts 1 & 2

This introductory course for adults will explore the foundations of an internationally recognized, Montessori-based approach to the religious education of children known as the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (CGS). The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* offers to the youngest children, the most essential aspects of our faith, knowing that these truths will nurture their need to love and be loved and their capacity to enjoy God's presence in their life.

The approximately 90-hour course, offered over the course of two intensive weeks, introduces the biblical and liturgical themes which we present to children, through a combination of conversation, reflection and presentation, delivered as we would share them with children. It is especially designed for those who are interested or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children; in the home, parish or school.

For more information or to register please see the CGS Certificate Program page at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or contact Anna Boyagoda, [aboyagoda@archtoronto.org](mailto:aboyagoda@archtoronto.org)

### HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – MEXICO, CARIBBEAN

Over the course of the past several weeks, hurricanes, tropical storms and violent earthquakes have devastated a number of countries in the Caribbean and Mexico. Hurricanes Irma, Jose, Maria destroyed thousands of homes, businesses and churches and left thousands of people without water, shelter or power. As well, on September 19, a massive earthquake hit Mexico City, causing 286 deaths – just two weeks after an earthquake leveled buildings and killed at least 90 people in the Mexican state of Oaxaca. The situation remains grave for the injured and displaced.

In an effort to support people in that region who have been impacted by these disasters, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through Catholic relief channels. Contributions can be made through our parish and through the Archdiocese of Toronto portal at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children are invited to join **after the 11am mass**. Practices are 45 minutes long. Contact: [st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com](mailto:st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com)

### FIRST COMMUNION

If your child attends St. Paul's Catholic School, please register at the school. If not, please register at the parish office. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9am – 4pm.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the 11 a.m. mass. It is a pleasure to announce that Bishop Robert Kasun, C.S.B. will be the celebrant of this sacrament.

### A BENEFIT CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF THE HOPE FOR CHILDREN

Sunday, November 5, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.

In St. Paul's Basilica

Ticket price \$40.00 Order:

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