

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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First Parish of the Archdiocese of Toronto

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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord, For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright with scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friend so dear, For those we love,

For all thing sent from heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	October 8 th	4:30 p.m.	+Delia & John Brosnahan For Teresa Dziobon prayers & blessings for her family Maria
Sunday	October 9 th	8:30 a.m.	+Delia & John Brosnahan +Iris Turnbull Collins Req. by Rick Meloney
		11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller Req. by Rona +Delia & John Brosnahan Maria



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+DELIA & JOHN BROSNAHAN



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There are a lot of ‘peripheries’ in today’s gospel. Pope Francis often uses the word to translate the margins of society to which he urges us to take Christ’s compassion. Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee, whose populations of Samaritans and Jews were usually bitter enemies. Such frontiers were fraught with ethnic and religious tensions.

Lepers were also people of the ‘periphery’, living on the edges of communities, isolated for fear of contagion. The Master who approached did not fear those on the margins, and indiscriminately lavished God’s mercy and healing on them. The lepers asked for mercy. Jesus offered it, and then wondered at the gratitude expressed only by one – the hated Samaritan. To all, Jesus had given life: he had re-created, healed and restored them to family, friends, community.

Jesus offers life restored to us too. Perhaps we imagine ourselves far from the margins, little in need of mercy. But in moments of utter honesty, we recognize that we too are marginalized. We need healing. Jesus invites us to trust his word of power, and to surrender ourselves to God to be transformed and restored by his Spirit in this Eucharist so that, brimming with gratitude and joy, we may return to the margins as bearers of God’s mercy. *Bernadette Gasslein, Edmonton, AB*

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.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The R.C.I.A. is a faith program for people who have never been baptized or have been baptized in another faith or for Catholics who have been baptized and have not received any other sacraments.

There are several people who have expressed an interest and we have qualified instructors to lead the program. We are asking you to approach someone who you may feel would make a good Catholic and if the response is positive, ask them to contact Fr. Smith at 416-364-7588 or email stpaulsbasilica@on.aibn.com Sessions will begin soon.

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!

FOOD BANK DRIVE

On behalf of our entire community, I would like to thank you for your support. Your generous donation of food and money helped ensure that hundreds of people within our community had enough food to nourish themselves and their families during this Thanksgiving season.

We wouldn't be able to help our community in need without the generous support of our supporters – the many individuals, community groups and businesses that give monetary, in-kind, and food donations.

Thank you once again for your generosity!



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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.

HOLY DOORS

The Archdiocese has recently released a new video promoting the nine Holy Doors! The video was filmed right here at St. Paul's Basilica and offers a brief explanation of the jubilee indulgence, while directing viewers to more information at <http://archtoronto.org/mercy>. To view the video directly go to <http://bitly.com/gatesofmercy> or google search "Gates of Mercy" You will see some familiar faces!

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.

A public meeting has been scheduled for October 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Catholic School regarding a Pupil Accommodation Review of schools which include St. Michael, St. Paul and Our Lady of Lourdes. All parishioners are welcome.

26th Annual Mass of Memory at St. Paul's Basilica Sunday October 30th at 2:30pm

Sacred/Celtic Prelude by Harpist Eithne Heffernan at 2:45pm
Mass of Memory commences at 3:00 pm
Celebrant: Fr. Pat O'Dea
Homilist: Fr. Pat O'Dea
Guard of Honour: GAA

In memory of the many victims of the Irish Famine of 1847 who died of typhus on arrival in Toronto. 861 people buried in the then St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery and 281 were buried in St. James Anglican Cemetery.
Reception to follow: downstairs in the Basilica Hall.

Proceeds from this celebration go to the Children's Breakfast Club program of St. Paul's Basilica

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