

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
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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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	October 7	12:00 noon	Open
Wednesday	October 8	12:00 noon	Open
Thursday	October 9	12:00 noon	Open
Friday	October 10	12:00 noon	+ Huguette Slater
Saturday	October 11	4:30 pm	Int. Jim & Gretta MacKenzie
Sunday	October 12	8:30 am 11:00 am	Open Missa Pro Populo

The Parish Festival

Last Sunday we had our parish festival. What a tremendous success! There are endless thank yous to go around, starting with the planning committee for their hard work stretching back before the summer and their excellent attention to detail. We also need to thank our Community Life Group who stepped up in such great numbers to assist with making the day happen. Of course, without our cooks it wouldn't have been the event it was. All this great work aside many would have been most touched by the number of young people who came out to help out with the day, overseeing the children's activities and just being generally useful. And finally a big thank you to the Steel Band of St. Paul's School for helping set a festive tone and providing us with such excellent music. This of course would not happen without the generous leadership of Mr. Michel who teaches steel band.

It is moments like these which help to develop the confidence of a parish and that happens when people come to be part of the day, in particular the number of children were such a great source of joy to the people of all ages that were there.

A BIG THANKS!!!!

Taize Prayer

Sunday October 19th at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an encounter with Christ in song and silent meditation.

Taize Prayer is a meditative, Scripture-based, candle-lit service that centers on music, prayer and silence. Social and light refreshments to follow. RSVP appreciated: 416 364 7588

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Children's Liturgy is beginning again

For all children is JK, SK, Grade 1 and 2. Every Sunday at the 11 a.m. mass from now until December 21.

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



Thanksgiving Food Drive

The parish has a food drive each year at Thanksgiving for the parish food bank. You will receive a grocery bag on the way out which we encourage you to fill while you are shopping for your feast. If you can take two bags we will not discourage you. If someone wants to make a bit of extra effort, the food bank can always use baby formula and diapers, these are of course a great expense for poor families. Otherwise bring in canned vegetables, fruit, fish and meat and soup, pasta, and other dry foods. Please do not bring in perishable food like baked goods and vegetables. Thank you to everyone for their generous spirit.



The Sound in St. Paul's Church A Cross We Share Together

If there is one complaint that is elicited by St. Paul's it is poor sound in the church. Let us start with the obvious; the church was not built with a sound system in mind. The acoustics are actually exceptional when there is no electronic enhancement. That is why so many choirs and other performers approach us to use the church. There have been those who have commented recently that they thought the sound has deteriorated. What had actually happened is the speakers for the back half of the church were turned off, so the folks expressing that concern were right. We have recently had people who are experts in sound visit the church and say our sound system is fine and the equipment up to standard, rather it is the acoustics with an electronic sound system which is the problem, particularly the vaulted ceiling and the rounded apse. They said that these problems could be solved significantly by hanging baffles from the ceiling and covering the pillars with fabric. Let me assure you we will not be doing either of these things. They have suggested having the least mic's as possible on at one time. We are working with this. Also we are experimenting with not using mics with the 11:00 choir and that has helped. We will be trying other things as we go along.

Part of the problem is solved by speaking slowly, because what happens is the sound all mushes together coming from the various speakers. Our readers, to a person, are actually quite good and pace themselves well.

The sound technicians said the best thing we could do for the sound is fill the church with people so that they would absorb the sound. They suspect that sound is better in the winter when folks are wearing more absorbent clothes. There is one obvious solution and I hope I do not sound too facetious, if you are having a hard time hearing, then sit closer to the front, the sound is much better at the front than farther back.



Life Chain is a prayerful, peaceful witness to the evil of abortion and to the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. Life Chain is Sunday **October 5, 2014 from 2-3 p.m.** The closest participating intersection is 155 Broadview (St. John the Compassionate Church).

Fr. Norm Tank

Fr Norm is our presider and homilist this weekend. Fr is a member of the Basilian Community and lives on Sackville St. We thank him for his ministry with us this weekend. Fr Frank is off at his seminary stint. He thanks those who took the time to consider the question he posed in the bulletin about the retreat day.

Maintenance Collection

The Maintenance Collection will be taken up today with the regular collection. We encourage everyone to support this valuable effort for our parish. If you wish to support it next week you will find envelopes by the doors on your way out.



Readers and Lectors

Please pick up a schedule in the sacristy. It has a note attached which we wish all readers and communion ministers to have access to.

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