

# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

*Established in 1822*

*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

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## **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

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Food Bank

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	September 17 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	
Sunday	September 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	
		11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller Req. by Rona Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:  
+JOSE FALLER



### 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings raise a difficult question: is it possible for one who enjoys a life of privilege to be a true Christian? I am reminded of the uncomfortable image of the camel trying to pass through the eye of the needle. Are good intentions enough?

Amos and Paul offer some valuable clues. The first reading sternly warns the rich and powerful against cheating and taking advantage of the poor in the pursuit of profit. The second reading reminds us that "kings and all who are in high positions" need our prayerful support in order to carry out their responsibilities to promote peace and dignity for all.

The psalm, however, draws us deeper. We are told, "The Lord raises the poor from the dust...to make them sit with the princes." In other words, God erases the artificial distinction between rich and poor, between the powerful and the needy. For the Christian, there can be no "us" and "them." "There is one God," says Paul, and so we are all members of the same family, the same body. As we work to promote justice, peace and equality in our world, we are called to embrace each person as our sister or brother. Though our circumstances may differ, we are all in need and we are all blessed.

*Krystyna Higgins  
Guelph, ON*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children's Liturgy begins Sunday for all children in JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2, and every Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. 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. A big thank you to the volunteers who help in the program.



### OUR PARISH FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY!!

On Sunday **September 18th after the 11:00am mass** we will celebrate as a parish here on our church grounds, the third annual parish festival. All are invited to come, there is no cost involved. Feel free to bring any parishioners who we may not be seeing regularly. There will be games for kids, hamburgers and hot dogs and lots of information on the parish.



**OUR FOOD BANK DRIVE HERE AT ST. PAUL'S BASILICA WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Items in need:**

- \*Beans
- \*Soup
- \*Crackers
- Large baby diapers
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Cookies
- Juice

**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.

**RCIA**

**(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

Are you or is someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Are you an adult in need of completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist)? If so, please call or visit the parish office as soon as possible to begin the registration process. Sessions will begin in the near future.

**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](http://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.

**Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre**

**Women's Fall Retreat October 21-23.**

The theme for this retreat will be the road to God is Mercy, preached by the Centre team. For further information or registration please call 905-278-5229.

**Next COFFEE SUNDAY will be OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> and 2<sup>ND</sup> after all the Masses**

*A Message from our Pastor...*

As we begin our second year together we will focus on the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The Pastoral Plan is deeply rooted in prayer, the foundation of our efforts. The mission is two-fold. The Pastoral (inward) mission is to nurture and strengthen the faith experience of committed Catholics, drawing on the model of St. Peter to whom Jesus said "Feed my Lambs." Our Apostolic (outward) mission is to announce the Gospel both to the faithful and to those outside the church.

Our model for this effort is St. Paul, who first encountered Christ through conversion and then proclaimed Him throughout the world.

Thank you for your continued support!!

*Fr. Smith*

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