

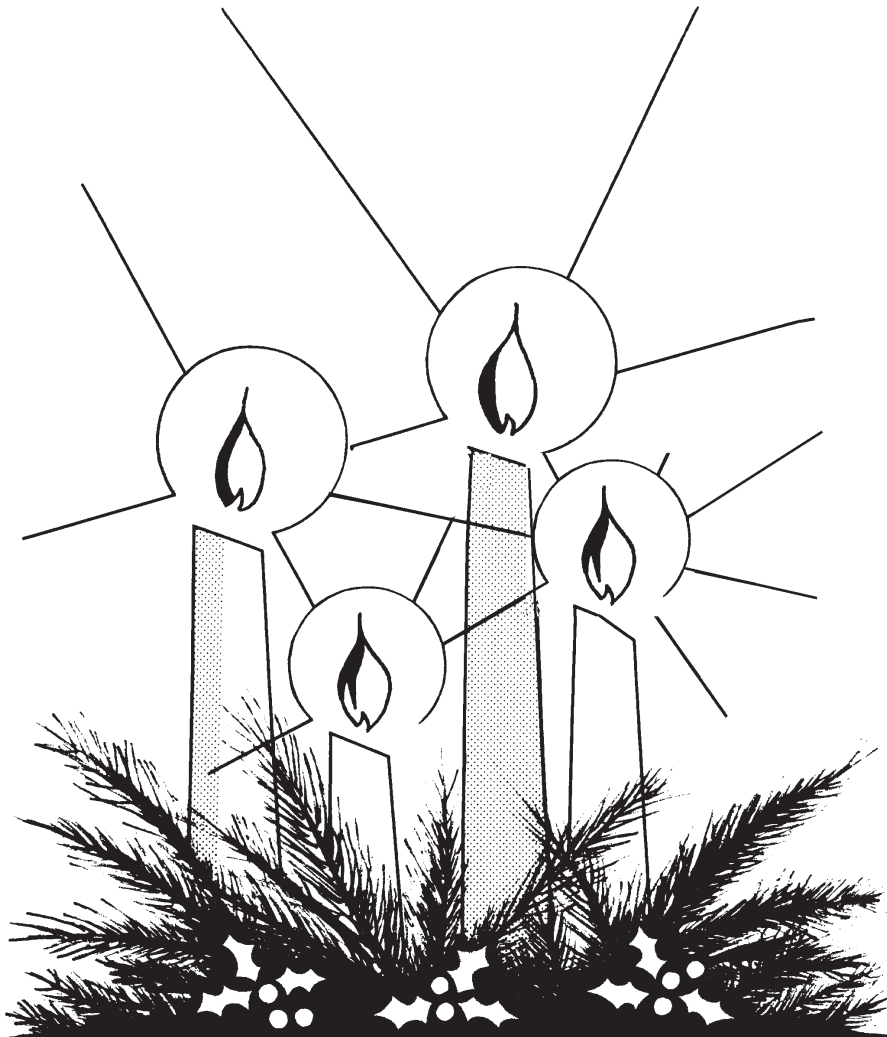
St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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Advent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 23rd	4:30 p.m.	+Arianna Taylor Campbell
Sunday, December 24th	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+ETTORE MEMME



DAY OF CONFESSIONS

“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential.” - *Thomas Cardinal Collins*.

From **December 11 to 23, 2017**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. Confessions at our parish will be available on:

December 16th / 17th & 23rd / 24th

Saturday:

Confession 3:45pm to 4:15pm
Mass 4:30pm to 5:15pm
 Confession until 6pm following Mass

Sunday:

Confession 8am
Mass 8:30am to 9:15am
 Confession 9:30am to 10:30am
Mass 11am to 11:45am
 Confession until 1pm following Mass

4th Sunday of Advent

“The Lord is with you.” One can only imagine how Mary felt receiving this knowledge. Despite her lowliness, she was chosen to give birth to the Son of God. She was perplexed and moved by what she heard, yet Mary accepted the tremendous responsibility and proclaimed a joyful “yes.” Mary’s faithful response to God’s call carried her through life when, years later, she watched her son be put to death. Even then she drew on God for strength.

Just as Mary felt perplexed by the angel’s greeting, we too can feel overwhelmed by the intense love of God. In a few hours’ time, we will gather at the crèche and celebrate that the Word of God took on human form to be present with us. And then, after dying for our sins on the cross, Jesus remains with us through the Eucharist. The Lord is always with us.

It is astonishing to think that, regardless of our failings, we are not alone. As Advent comes to a close, may we allow knowledge that God has a plan for each one of us and that the love of God will not lead us astray. God is with us every hour of the day, and we need only ask for the strength and hope that will allow us to overcome our challenges.

Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

Toronto, ON

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Smith

12 Midnight

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Krafchik

Christmas Day

8:30 a.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Smith

11 a.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: Bishop Kasun

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On all First Fridays, until June of 2018, St. John's has Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration – a time where we watch and wait, where we remain silent in His Presence, and where we open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. All are welcome. Start time is 7:00 p.m.
God is Good, all the time!

Deacon Paul

The Rosary at St. Paul's Basilica

According to some Catholic traditions, the rosary was given to Saint Dominic in a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sunday December 10th after the 11 am mass come and pray the rosary for Pope Francis intention which is for elderly people that they will be sustained by families and Christian communities.

**Prayers of Petition in the Chapel of Mercy
(Located to the right of the middle door)**

Prayer is our direct avenue to reach out to God with our requests and concerns. Our prayer becomes a form of adoration and a way to show our trust in our Creator God and Jesus the Eternal High Priest, who intercedes for us with his Father.

Starting this weekend there will be two petition boxes with paper and pencil that you may write your concerns on and place in the petition box. On the last Sunday of each month the 11 am mass will be offered for the people and concerns that have been placed in the petition box.

The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass:

Christmas Eve

on VisionTV at 9:00 p, ET

yesTV at 10:00 pm ET

Christmas Day

on VisionTV at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET

on Salt+Light at 11:00 pm ET

on yesTV at 1:00 pm

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