

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

Established in 1822

First Parish of the Archdiocese of Toronto

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*"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

Food Bank

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 17th	4:30 p.m.	For the Children Preparing for First Communion
Sunday, February 18th	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	For the Confirmation Candidates +Jose Faller +Jade Nelly Faller Hernandez



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PAUL'S



**Stations of the Cross
at the Basilica
Friday evenings at 7P.M.**

Let us pray together on Fridays during Lent



The Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross is a Catholic devotion that originated in the journey of pilgrims to Jerusalem where they would retrace the steps of Jesus during his passion. Franciscans originally encouraged this devotion, which became popular in the fifteenth century. The focus for the devotional practice consists of fourteen stations that can be as simple as a cross or as elaborate as wood, marble, or other artistic renditions of various aspects of the passion. Specific prayers are recited before each station as the participants meditate on that aspect of the passion of Jesus

Ash Wednesday & Lent

The evolution of Lent as a time of preparation for Easter began as a very modest few days of preparation before the annual celebration of the Paschal Vigil. By the end of the fourth century, those days had expanded to a forty-day period of prayer and fasting that began on a Sunday, with an emphasis mainly on the preparation of catechumens for initiation at Easter.

In subsequent centuries, with the decline and virtual disappearance of the catechumenate, the focus of Lent shifted to those doing public penance in anticipation of being reconciled to the Eucharist for Easter. The public penitents had ashes placed on their heads as an outward sign of their mortification. When public penance disappeared, the custom grew up of all the faithful asking for penitential ashes at the start of Lent. At the beginning of the sixth century, the start of Lent was shifted from Sunday to the preceding Wednesday so that there would be exactly forty days of fasting (since Sundays were not observed as days of fast), and during the next two centuries a preparatory period of three weeks was added prior to Ash Wednesday. By the end of the eleventh century, Ash Wednesday was observed throughout Christendom, and by the thirteenth century even the Pope himself accepted ashes as part of the papal liturgy on Ash Wednesday.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

At St. Paul's Basilica

A Prayer and Life Workshop is a service that helps us to learn how to deepen our prayer life. The sessions are very practical in character. By praying we learn to pray. Some of the topics cover God's tenderness, forgiveness, loving like Jesus loved, Mary – a woman of faith and free to love. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. The next session will be on **Wednesday, February 21th.**



PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

A New Evangelization

Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary March 23 to 25, 2018

Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.) at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca
Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Lent Pancake Breakfast

You are invited to attend a Lenten Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, February 25th** after the 8:30 & 11 a.m. masses. Bacon, eggs, juice and coffee will also be served. This breakfast is sponsored by The Knights of Columbus.



CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE WITH A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!

March 2-4, 2018

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www.wwme.org

Or contact Gerard & Marge at
gerard.marge@rogers.com

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Lent: the springtime of the soul... is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto**

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