

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

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 23rd	4:30 p.m.	+Jade Nelly Faller
Sunday, June 24 th	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller +John Brosnahan +Cheryl Anne Stacey-Barlow From the Barlow Family



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+BRIDGET BROSNAHAN



Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

The Church celebrates John the Baptist's natural birth by a festival of his 'nativity', assigned exactly six months before the nativity of Christ. The fact that Christ praised John the Baptist so highly encouraged a special veneration.

Today's first reading is the second of the four "Servant of the Lord" songs of the prophet Isaiah. John was the Servant made ready and fit for the preaching of God's word. John was the sharp-edged sword who pointed out the true light to the nations, the one whose salvation would reach to the ends of the earth. Saint Paul spoke of John who heralded the Messiah's coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

Because John represents the old, he is born of an elderly couple; because he represents the new, he is revealed as a prophet in his mother's womb. John's preceding Jesus was clearly fixed in the Christian tradition, so much that in two of the three Gospels that begin their story before the public ministry with Jesus' first appearance on earth, John the Baptist is brought forth to precede the appearance as well.

John always defined his humanity in terms of its limitations. He came to teach us that there is a way out of the darkness and sadness of the world and of the human condition, and that way is Jesus himself.

*Fr. Thomas Rosic, CSB
Toronto, ON*

St. Paul's Children Food Bank

For several months now the Finance Council of St. Paul's Basilica has been exploring ways of how to resolve the issue of the food bank.

There are several adult food banks in the area but none specially addressing child hunger.

Five days a week, for over thirty years, there has been the St. Paul's Breakfast Club providing a nourishing breakfast to the children of St. Paul School. During the school day, the children are given two snacks plus pizza on Fridays.

The Finance Council of St. Paul's Basilica has decided to adopt a model that is used in many Catholic schools. The principal and the staff of the school work together to alleviate child hunger.

St. Paul's Basilica has formed a partnership with St. Paul School and together we will diminish child hunger.

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Phone (416) 968-0997

Email

vocations@archtoronto.org

OUR PARISH FESTIVAL



On Sunday, **September 16th** after the **11:00am** mass from 12:00 to 2:00p.m. we will celebrate as a parish here on our church grounds, the fifth 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.

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