

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

Established in 1822

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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

Patrick Cleary, Principal

Phone: 416-393-5204

PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

Taize Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	March 2 nd	4:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving req. by Gemma Mendoza
Sunday	March 3 rd	8:30 a.m.	+Deacon Hugh Taylor
Sunday	March 3 rd	11:00 a.m.	+Bob Amaolo +Jose Faller



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+JULIE CLUNE**



ASH WEDNESDAY

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.

Preparation for lent and the placement of the blessing and distribution of ashes within the Eucharistic liturgy rather than before the start of mass (as it had been for centuries). The custom is retained of burning palm branches from Passion (Palm) Sunday of the previous year in order to obtain the ashes. Most importantly, the Council re-established the primary focus of lent as a time when the whole Church joins in penance, not merely out of personal piety but in order to help in preparing those to be initiated at Easter.



ASH WEDNESDAY

**MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6th AT ST. PAUL'S BASILICA
12NOON BASILICA MASS
5:10P.M. BASILICA MASS**

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 51)

R. Have mercy, O LORD, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast LOVE; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. R.

March 3, 2019

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



Stations of the Cross at the Basilica Friday evening at 7P.M. Let us pray together on Fridays during Lent.

***The Come and See Weekend
March 15 – 17, 2019
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.

Please register online at

www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Please note: Registrants 17 years old will require parental consent.

**A HOLY LAND NIGHT AT ST. PAUL'S
BASILICA**

March 27th at 7:30 p.m.

As was previously announced, we are having a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this November from the 10 – 20. This evening is for people who have registered, want to register or require additional information. Kitty McGilly who has been leading pilgrimages of faith to the Holy Land since 1991 will be present for this evening to answer any questions you may have. Kitty will be our coordinator in the Holy Land and Father Smith will be the Spiritual Leader.

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at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga

Saturday, March 23 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre
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416-907-1042

Speakers & Topics:

Dr. Ray Guarendi – from EWTN Laughter: *The Sanity of the Family Life*

Mary Wagner – *Jesus Won My Heart*

Fr. Eric Mah – *Lawyer to Priest – The Journey*

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