

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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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

Patrick Cleary, Principal

Phone: 416-393-5204

PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

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Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday | January 11th | 4:30 p.m. | Parishioners of St. Paul's |
| Sunday | January 12th | 8:30 a.m. | +Pilar Aquino |
| Sunday | January 12 th | 11:00 a.m. | Parishioners of St. Paul's |



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



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus is baptized in the Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist.

In our Catholic faith there are seven Sacraments. Sacraments are signs of Grace instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which Divine Life is given. The Sacred Scriptures contain the Word of God and are divinely inspired; therefore, we look to the Scriptures to see the origin of the Sacraments.

Jesus gave his church the Sacrament of Baptism when he told the Apostles "To go and make disciples of all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" MT 28: 18-20.

The Symbols of Baptism are. Water is the chosen symbol because it is so important in our lives. Our bodies are largely water. Water is the essence of our survival. We are refreshed by water and it brings life and growth.

Oil an ancient symbol is ever new. It heals, nourishes, energizes and beautifies. In the baptismal ceremony two different oils are used to signify that God will always be present to strengthen, heal and make beautiful.

Oil of the Catechumens – Before Baptism
Oil of Chrism – After Baptism – Person is anointed as Prophet, Priest and King as Jesus was.

The White Garment symbolizes that the baptized person has "put on Christ".

The Candle lit from the Easter Candle signifies that the baptized are the Light of Christ to the secular world.

This year to celebrate our Baptism, we will renew our Baptismal promises and after Mass there will be an opportunity to be anointed with Charism as Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King.

Mass Intentions

We continue the tradition at St. Paul's of inviting people to have Masses said for a special intention. Most often this is for someone who has died but it may be for someone who is ill or is marking a special birthday or anniversary. If someone wants that Mass on a certain day that can be arranged if the day is not already taken, or the Mass is said and you are given a card to give the family. The church offering for Announced Masses, which is a Mass on a particular day is \$20.00 and an unannounced Mass is \$10.00. Having a Mass said is a great gift.

2020 ENVELOPES

The boxes of envelopes will remain on the tables just inside the front doors for two (2) more weeks. Please pick yours up today! Thank you for your steady support of the parish.



Baptism of the Lord

Our faith embraces the tension of the hypostatic union – the fully divine *and* fully human nature of Jesus. The Baptism of the Lord is a profound instance of the revelation of the humanity of Jesus and his desire to draw close to us.

John the Baptist baptized people “for repentance” (Mathew 3.11). If Jesus is God, why would he need to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins? One possible answer is that Jesus was baptized in order to identify totally with us. He is the only member of the human race that does not need forgiveness; however, in order to identify with us, he humbled himself to undergo baptism. He even identified with the *effects* of sin that we experience: suffering and death. I draw great comfort and hope from this episode in Mathew’s Gospel; Jesus is present in every experience of my life, even in my need for redemption and forgiveness. His act of humility has increased my intimacy with him.

Each time we gather for Mass, we bless ourselves with water from the baptismal font, calling to mind our baptism and Christ’s. Let this week’s Eucharist be an opportunity to give thanks that we have a Saviour who understands our humanity and the effect that sin has on it, even as God the Father Calls him “my Son, the Beloved.”

Rose Derksen
Edmonton, AB

New Beginnings Bereavement Support Group

New Beginnings, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through death. Together we explore our grief, experience healing and renew our faith.

Six week group relaunch is starting **Tuesday January 14, 2020 @ 1:30pm** at St. Peter’s Parish, Toronto. Contact Sr. Gabriel Riddle at 416-534-4219 or contactus@stperestoonto.ca

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE 2020

On Sunday February 2, 2020 the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God’s blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

There will be Mass on **Sunday, February 2nd at 3:00 p.m.** at St. Paul’s Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

Reception to follow downstairs in the Basilica hall after the Mass. Please join us!!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy for all children JK through to Grade 6 is **every Sunday at the 11:00am mass**. 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. Thank you to all of the volunteers who help in the program.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult to the restrooms and all public areas of the Church at all times.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

After the 11am Mass. Practices are 45 minutes. The choir will not conflict with the children's liturgy or other ministries. If you have any questions please contact: st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com
Please come join us for this wonderful opportunity!

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