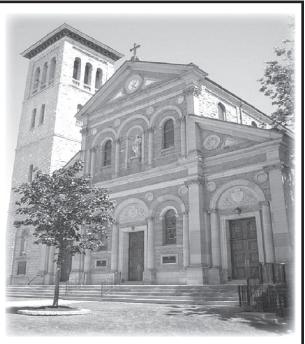
# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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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. 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday

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 St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank

# Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

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April 24th

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April 23rd

11:00 A.M +Roberto Breno

Weekday Masses are held at the Good Shepherd Centre Tuesday to Friday at 12 noon



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR: Lucia Valerio Req by the Family



## THE YEAR OF MERCY

People are talking about mercy again! And it's all because Pope Francis is awakening our world to the need for mercy. He proclaimed that "this is the season of mercy." Francis calls it "a new era," and he urges each of us to "travel this path of mercy." He tells us that "mercy is the Lord's most powerful message," and he hopes that we will "find a form of mercy for all."

We need mercy because we live in an imperfect world. We all know people who have suffered a death in the family, a serious illness, divorce, a job loss, or some other personal tragedy. We have heard shocking stories of violence, oppression, poverty, prejudice, and abuse. And while we can't stop every bad thing from happening, Pope Francis believes that we can become more merciful in our response to people in need.

### WHAT IS MERCY?

We tend to think of 'mercy' as compassion or sympathy, but the word has a much deeper meaning. It is more than feeling sorry for someone. Having mercy means that we enter into the other person's suffering. We feel the other person's pain, see through the other person's eyes, and place ourselves inside the other person's heart and mind. When that happens, we are moved to respond in a merciful way. "The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in mercy. The LORD is good to all, compassionate toward all your works" (Ps 145:8-9). Mercy grows in us as we reflect on how God has been merciful with us.

4;30 P.M. +Roberto Breno + Lourdes DeGuzman- Reg by Gabat

8:30 A.M. +Roberto Breno + Jesus Zonio Ingat- Req. by Family

Family + Mark Rousselle Reg.by Agnes Canlas

#### Jesus is Our Model of Merciful Living

Throughout his life, Jesus responded with mercy to people in all walks of life. He befriended the rich and the poor, tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers, a Roman centurion, and a Samaritan woman. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and fed the hungry. He grieved when his friend Lazarus died, accepted the human weakness of his disciples, and forgave the people who crucified him.

Mercy was not generally practiced in the time of Jesus. The Romans considered mercy a weakness. The Pharisees were so self-righteous that they showed little mercy. But the people who experienced the mercy of Jesus were transformed, and they became merciful to others. In fact, in the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the early Christians followed in the merciful footsteps of Jesus.



We can be merciful because God is merciful.

#### EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

There has been a great deal of interest in the Cardinal's Statement. You are asked to tell Legislators how you feel. You are encouraged to visit <u>CanadianConscience.ca</u> and join the Coalition for Health Care and Conscience. A video of Cardinal Collins' statement on federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation is now available online at <u>https://youtu.be/kGvc</u> eZPdoI.



Working wonders by providing vital liferestoring needs.....

"Agencies are lifesaving and life-restoring to those who regularly rely on them. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Seniors are living independtly, yet have access to the social services and care they need. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they make a tangible difference. Please prayerfully consider today how you can support ShareLife." -Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Every Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass.

#### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY PENTECOST SUNDAY May 15<sup>th</sup>

In our Catholic Faith there are Seven Sacraments which take us from the cradle to the grave. Baptism at the beginning of life and prayers for the dying at the end of our Earthly Life.

There are Three Sacraments that are understood to be Sacraments of Belonging or joining our Catholic Faith. They are Baptism, Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation.

A Mother is a Woman who gives birth to a child and then loves this child unconditionally

#### Mother's Day at St. Paul's Basilica Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>

On this week-end May7/8 there will be a special blessing for all Mothers and three Mothers will win a complimentary Dinner at "The Keg" Restaurant. More details next week-end

Office of Vocations is hosting ORDINATION PRAYER VIGIL. Let's pray together for an increase in vocations especially to priesthood, consecrated life and healthy marriages. Event will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond St. Toronto on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM. Until Midnight.

