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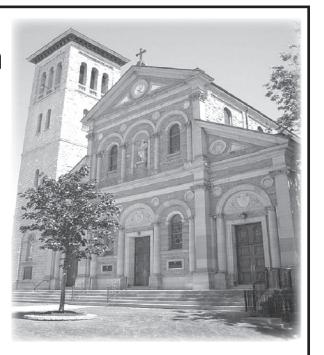
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"May the message of Christ, in all its fullness, continue to find a home in you."

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

Patrick Cleary, Principal Phone: 416-393-5204

### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Sacramental Preparation **Breakfast Club** Children's Liturgy

### **Taize Prayer**

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

Choir

Saturday	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mass Intentions for the 4:30 p.m.	he Week +Conrado & Isabel Mendoza req. by Gemma Mendoza +Paul Gain
Sunday	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Lucia Valerio req. by Family
Sunday	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller req. by Rona Faller



## THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: +JULIE CLUNE



## **Divine Mercy**

In today's Gospel, Thomas' act of doubt reveals an important aspect of faith. Faith is rooted not only in a supernatural virtue, but in the experience of inclusion.

Imagine how Thomas felt when the other disciples joyfully told him of their encounter with the risen Lord. The pain of exclusion can be heard in his declaration. "I will not believe." Thomas has missed out on one of the most important events his companions had ever experienced. The disciples have been elevated to a new level of awareness about Jesus. Thomas, however, has not. He feels excluded.

His is a normal human reaction. We don't like to miss out on the action. Absent from some great event, we may seek to minimize the experience of those who were present. But in doing so, we erect walls around our hearts and barriers between ourselves and others.

Jesus breaks through Thomas' feeling of exclusion. He welcomes Thomas by inviting him to put his hand in Jesus' side. "Do not doubt but believe," Jesus says.

Thomas has been given the gift of welcome. Jesus has healed Thomas' wound, the wound of being left on the outside. Perhaps we can do as Jesus did with those we see sitting on the sidelines. It may strengthen their faith – and ours.

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Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Our Parish have collected \$9,075.25 to date, thank you!

## DAY OF REFLECTION

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Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

Email <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> www.vocationstoronto.ca

## Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3, 2019 as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding; for endurance in committed vocations; and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. Check poster on our bulletin boards for details. If you are unable to attend this event, please take a moment to pray for vocations on Friday, May 3. Vocation resources can be found on the Office of Vocations' website:

www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Come out for a fun-filled evening to support a worthy cause! Mary, Mother of God School invites you to its annual Fundraising Gala on Saturday, May 4th at 7:00 pm at the King's Garden Banquet Hall (Queensway & Islington.) Tickets are \$125 each. Join us for a delicious meal, silent auction, balloon surprises and lively entertainment! Call Stephanie at the school for more information: 416-531-7897 (last day of ticket sales: April 23, 2019.)

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