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.

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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

Taize Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

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Food Bank

Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday April 8, 2017 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Monday April 10 – Purple

+Thomas Lynch

+William Mott Tuesday April 11 – Purple +Jose Calpito Jr

Sunday April 9, 2017 8:30 a.m. Wednesday April 12 - Purple

+ Gerald Hagan

11:00am

+Grace Antonia Baptiste Friday April 14 – Red

+Jose Faller

Weekday Masses are held at the Good Sheppard Centre Tuesday to Friday at 12:00 noon

Thursday April 13 – White



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: RICO AND FAMILY



Passion (Palm) Sunday

What did Jesus cling to? Not to the fleeting glory of crowds shouting, "Hosanna!" Paul says Jesus didn't even cling to his divine position: he "did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself," becoming human. He accepted the suffering and pain of human life. He lived in vulnerability, God's Suffering Servant, not hiding his face "from insult and spitting."

But he did not cling to suffering...he did not let it become the final word. Not even on the cross. He clung, instead, to his identity as God's beloved. He clung to his relationship with the Father. Even in his agony, he remembered who he was. His final, heartbroken, cry was, nonetheless, a cry of faith, a prayer from Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He clung to what he know best: he was God's beloved; he trusted in God. And God did not let him down. Paul assures us, "God highly exalted him."

We need to be reminded that evil, hatred, suffering and death don't have the final word. Jesus gives us this gift. He show us that life is stronger than death: love is stronger than hatred; faith and hope are stronger than fear and suffering. He shows us that we, too, are God's beloved. Let us cling to this love.

Dinah Simmons Halifax, NS

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS PALM WEEK-END

SATURDAY APRIL 8 4:30 P.M. SUNDAY APRIL 9 8:30AM and 11:00AM

HOLY THURSDAY- APRIL 13

MASS SERVICE 7:00PM ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT UNTIL 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14

12 NOON AND 3:00PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 15

4:30PM EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16 8:30AM AND 11:00AM

SENOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (Grades 11 & 12)

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at **St Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill on Saturday April 29, 2017 (from 9am to 5pm).** Provides time to pray, interact and socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration and Confession. For more information please call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

BE RECONCILED TO GOD!

God created us in love and calls us into relationship. When we lose track of that, we don't live as we should: we aren't being the people God meant us to be. We all need to be reminded of who we really are, so we can live from that fullness. We are offering the opportunity to be made whole again. FR. RON KRAFCHIK will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession the weekends of April 1/2 and April 8/9. BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MASS.

SOCIETY OF SHARING INNER-CITY VOLUNTEERS

A SharLife member agency, is currently seeking volunteers for various positions, including friendly visitors, social group facilitators and medical/shopping escorts. You can make a difference in the life of a senior, or an adult with physical disability, who is isolated and living in downtown Toronto. For more information, please contact our Recruitment & Training Specialist at 416-413-0380 or donnett@societyofsharing.org

APPRECIATION EVENING

An evening of Appreciation will be taking place on Saturday May 13th, with a reception and dinner, to thank all the parishioners who have a Ministry at St. Paul's Basilica. An R.S.V.P. is needed no later than Friday May 5, 2017.

Thank you Fr. Smith

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Every Sunday at the 11:00a.m. Mass.

PABASAN NG BAYAN 2017 IN TAGALOG

Join us in mediating the Passion of Christ through chanting and praying. Service taking place on Holy Thursday, April 13th at 12:00 noon and 2:00pm on Good Friday, at St. Ann's Parish (120 First Ave. Toronto). For more information, please contact St. Ann Parish office at 416-466-2127.

Kolbe Eucharistic Apostolate

Join the Kolbe "KNOW YOUR FAITH" series for a 4 week Salvation History V study of the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Malachi and Maccabees. Through prayers, study and informative DVDs deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own lives. Classes begin Tuesday April 18, 7-9p.m. at Holy Cross Parish OR Saturday April 22, 9:45a.m. to noon at BLESSED TRINITY PARISH. For more information go to www.kolbeapostolate.com



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

IN GOD'S OWN "GOOD TIME"

In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried out to God; from his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. Psalm 18:7

How does one know that God has heard one's voice? More importantly, when does one know for sure that prayer has been heard? It would be convenient if prayer were immediately answered, one way or the other. But I rarely get that sense. Instead, over time I become aware that a certain burden has been eased or some cloud over my well-being lifted. I attribute such improvement to the prayers I brought to God on the subject.

Or perhaps I had been praying about something else altogether — or even just praying, just asking for help. I believe God takes our prayers as they are and gives us what we need most when we need it. May my Lenten prayer yield fruit in God's own good time.

Mark Neilsen



EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

There has been a great deal of interest in the Cardinal's Statement. You are asked to tell Legislator's how you feel. You are encouraged to join the coalition for Health Care and Conscience. Visit <u>CanadianConscience.ca</u>. A video of Cardinal Collin's' statement on federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation is now available online at http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia

HOLYLAND COLLLECTION

Once a year on Good Friday, the parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

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