

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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He is Risen



EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday April 15, 2017 4:30 p.m.
+Jacqueline Ferreira

Sunday April 16, 2017 8:30 a.m.
+Gerald Hagan

11:00am
+ Jose Fallar

Monday April 17 – White, Easter Octave

Tuesday April 18 – White, Easter Octave

Wednesday April 19 – White, Easter Octave

Thursday April 20 – White, Easter Octave

Friday April 21 – White, Easter Octave

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



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS IN:
THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



EASTER SUNDAY

“On the third day he rose again, in fulfillment of the scriptures...”

The unconditional and overwhelming love of God for us made visible in the incarnation does not disappear and fade with the death of Jesus on the cross. Indeed, that passionate love of God for us is enthroned upon the cross, which becomes the pulpit of God's truth. That message of divine love is deepened in the death and entombment of Jesus. That love transcends the tomb in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The Church exults: “Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave!”

The chains of death are truly broken. Just as the divine nature took on our humanity (in all things but sin), so too the resurrection of Jesus was accomplished in a real human body. The Risen Lord is not a ghost who returns to haunt the disciples, nor some sort of resuscitated corpse. The resurrection of Jesus is a passing over from death into a new life, a new existence. The Church sings: “Of Jesus is a passing over from death into a new life, a new existence. The Church sings: “Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!”

The resurrection is a glorious mystery that deserves a full throated “alleluia” from every believer. And yet this wonderful gift from God to us comes at a price that

Jesus is willing to pay. It is continuous with the mystery of the cross. Jesus Christ is the Crucified, Risen Lord, in whose resurrected body wound marks are visible. The Church gives thanks: “This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb is slain, and whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers!”

That Jesus rose from the dead is an actual, historical event and not a psychological or spiritual experience of the disciples. This is not some myth or wish-fulfillment on their part, or ours. Those first disciples witnessed something totally unexpected and surprising which they only gradually understood. And in understanding it, they were willing to be martyred in telling the good news of the resurrection. The Church proclaims: “What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer?”

The implications for us believers is that by the resurrection God ratifies Jesus' whole life and teaching Baptized into his death by our plunging beneath the waters of the font, we rise as adopted children of God whose inheritance is the resurrection. Even now we taste the promise of new, risen life in the Eucharist. The Church glories in this mystery: “Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness!” Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever.

Happy Easter!

April 16, 2017



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

THANK YOU

This is the last weekend for the two seminarians **JOHN IKKA and EVANN YAKABUSKI** at St. Paul's Basilica. We have been blessed with these two men to be part of St. Paul's community and share their love of God with us. We pray for them as they journey to final ordination.

SENIOR 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

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



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**RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS OF
LESBIAN DAUGHTER AND GAY SONS**

Acceptance & Seeing with Heart

A Day of Reflection is being held on Saturday June 3, 2017, 9am to 5pm at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd, Pickering to assist parents dealing with gay and lesbian adult children. For brochure and information call John Montague 416-523-6449.



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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 CanadianConscience.ca. A video of Cardinal Collin's statement on federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation is now available online at <http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia>

100TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

There is a 10 day Pilgrimage to Portugal to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima offered over three dates in October 2017. Lisbon Fatima, Santarem Portugal, Lourdes France and Barcelona Spain will also be visited. For further details call James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or email at jlmadair@thecatholictour.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

*First Communion class on
Saturday April 22nd 3-4:15pm*

*Confirmation Preparation class
Sunday April 23rd
beginning with Mass at 11:00am*

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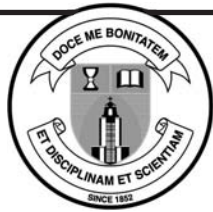
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