St. Paul's Basilica Parish

Established in 1822

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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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Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday February 25, 2017 4:30 p.m. Monday February 27 – Ferial

+ Ignatia Anna Arrigo

Tuesday February 28 – Ferial

Sunday February 26, 2017 8:30 a.m. + Amelia Haluza

Wednesday March 1 – Ash Wednesday

11:00am

Thursday March 2 - Ferial

+ Jose Faller

+ Robert Koebel Ron

Friday March 3 - Ferial

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



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: FATHER KEAYS



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anxiety can be debilitating. Fear can not only hold our mind hostage, but can manifest itself through all sorts of physical systems. In today's readings especially in the gospel – God reveals that he wants humanity to be free from the shackles of fear that can keep us from experiencing the fullness of life.

In the gospel, just before Jesus implores his listeners not to worry, he states that we cannot serve two masters. Who is Jesus referring to? The one master is God, but who is the other? Evil? Satin? In a way yes, but in another way, Jesus may be referring to a more specific manifestation of evil. Evil can hold our hopes, fears and expectations hostage by crippling us with anxiety. Instead of looking towards God, we can look to fear. cannot therefore serve God, who is Love, and evil, which brings despair and uncertainty. The other master opposed to God is one of ill-will and misery.

In the first reading, God reassures Zion's people. They have not been abandoned to evil. God's love is beyond worldly limits and therefore cannot be depleted.

In today's world, the media, financial concerns, success all give reason to worry. Some worrying is normal. However, to let anxiety master us, is to give up hope that God is greater than all worldly obstacle.

Andrew Hume. Toronto ON

CONFIRMATION 2017 St. Paul's Basilica

In our Catholic faith there are three sacraments that are called Sacraments of Initiation (sacraments of belonging), they are Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation.

There will be a Mass of Enrolment for confirmation students on Sunday March 5th at the 11:00a.m. Mass.

After the 11:00a.m. Mass there will be a meeting for the candidates and their parents in the church hall.

Father Smith

Sister Caroline



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Next First Communion Class is Saturday March 4th, 3:00p.m. – 4:15p.m. in the church hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy for all children JK through to Grade 6 is every Sunday at the 11:00am mass.

OFFETORY PROCESSION

The presenting of the bread and wine to God's Altar is a tradition that began in the early church. If you or your family would like to participate in the ancient custom please sign the book at the front entrance to the Basilica.



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



MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST AT ST. PAUL'S BASILICA 12NOON BASILICA MASS 5:15P.M. BASILICA MASS

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 51)

R. Have mercy, O LORD, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast. LOVE; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. R.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever be for me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. R.

Create in me a clean heart, O. God, and put a new and right spirit with in me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. R.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. R



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's choir is well underway and new members are welcome. Children practice **after the 11am mass**. Practices will be 45 minutes with a snack provided. The goal is to

have the children sing one song during the 11 am mass. Please contact: st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com

Please come join us for this wonderful opportunity!

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE & CALLING ALL GIRLS EVENT

Cardinal Collins will celebrate the opening of the 8th annual Dynamic Women of Faith conference for Catholic women on Saturday March 25, 2017. The evening prior a mother-daughter event calling All Girls will take place. For further information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905-279-7702

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BRUNCH

If your undergrad days are long gone and retirement is a dream in the distant future, this group is for you. Young adults of the parish (ages 25-40-ish) are invited to go out for

a casual brunch after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday March 5. Meet at the back of the church after Mass. We will gather regularly moving forward to discuss living our faith as young Catholics. For more information, email Kevin (kevin_cormier@juno.com) or Marlena (marlena.loughheed@gamil.com).

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend special weekend together at the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend getaway to help married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and a couple. One is taking place the weekend March 17-19, 2017, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For information and application go to www.wwme.org or call Gerard & Marge McCauley at Gerard.marge@rogers.com 905-792-1925.

LENTEN WALK WITH THE LORD 2017 40 ACTS OF KINDNESS

The Archdiocese is presenting an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. "Lenten Walk with the Lord" invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. There is a calendar in the bulletin to help you keep track of your kindnesses along with some simple instruction to help guide you.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

There is a women's spring retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga the weekend of March 31st to April 2nd. The theme is "The Call to Peace". For further information or registration please call 905-278-5229.



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 Colin's' statement on federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation is now available online at http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia



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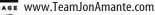
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