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

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday Feb. 27th 4:30 p.m +Sara Cortez- The Family

+Aida Garcia- The Family

Sunday Feb. 28th 8:30 a.m. Roberto Breno 11:00 a.m. +Robert De Bleu

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



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR: Anonymous



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

On the first two Sundays of Lent, all three years of the lectionary cycle focus on important events in the life of Jesus: the temptation in the desert (Lent 1) and the transfiguration (Lent 2). However, for the next three Sundays, each year has its own particular focus. This year, C, looks at penance and reconciliation. Today's readings reveal a God who is merciful and forgiving, patiently calling us to conversion. Next week the focus is on the experience of reconciliation, expressed in the story of the prodigal son; and, on the fifth Sunday, the readings point to the new life made possible for us because of God's forgiveness, symbolized in Jesus' words to the women caught in adultery.

Today's gospel contains a parable illustrating the kindness and mercy of God. Jesus himself has been described as "the parable of God" among us. His teaching and preaching, his life and death, point to the loving God who "is always ready to forgive" even though "time and time again" the covenant was broken, God does not abandon sinners. The Church proclaims the mercy of God, praying, "through your Son, Jesus our Lord, you bound yourself even more closely to the human family by a bond that can never be broken."

Indeed, every time the Church gathers to celebrate, it is gathered by the loving kindness of God and

frequently recalls this initiative of God in the Introductory Rites. Thus, the Penitential Rite of the Mass is less focused on our sinfulness and need for penance and more directed toward a proclamation of the mercy, love, and newness of life achieved for us through the Lord Jesus.

LIVING LENT WITH MERCY

Lord, you teach us that any house torn by dissension fails, yet I don't always make a good effort to reconcile my differences with others. I tend to hold on to grudges, which blocks my heart from feeling compassion. I keep an inner log of what others have done to me. I remember only the bad and not the good. I am not ready to mend fences because if I do, I think that I will no longer be in control of the situation. I know that I can be a stubborn person. I need your help, Lord, to let go of all the old stuff and begin to live in peace with everyone. Lord, heal my wounded heart. Reawaken in me a desire to live in communion with you and all people. Amen.

READ LUKE 6:36-38

The Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross is a Catholic devotion that originated in the journey of pilgrims to Jerusalem where they would retrace the steps of Jesus during his passion. Franciscans originally encouraged this devotion, which became popular in the fifteenth century. The focus for the devotional practice consists of fourteen stations that can be as simple as a cross or as elaborate as wood, marble, or other artistic renditions of various aspects of the passion. Specific prayers are recited before each station as the participants meditate on that aspect of the passion of Jesus

Stations of the Cross at the Basilica Friday evening at 7;00P.M. Let us pray together on Fridays during Lent.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass.

A HUGE THANK YOU

I want to thank all of our good people who have contributed to our Family of Faith Campaign. Your generosity is outstanding!! Together we have continued the very strong legacy established by so many other people of faith who have worshipped here at St. Paul's from one generation to the next and have given thanks to God for their blessings! Through our collective generosity we have raised to date \$515,800.00. If you have not

contributed please call the parish

office or see Fr. Smith.

OUR HOMILIST THIS WEEKEND

Our Guest Homilist this weekend is Father Thomas Lim. Father was ordained May 9, 2009 and his Ministry is working at the Marriage Tribunal. Welcome Father to St. Paul's Basilica!

1ST COMMUNION CLASS IS MARCH 5TH AT 3:P.M.

NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS IS

SUNDAY MARCH 6TH AFTER 12:00 NOON

MASS

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CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST
BISHOP JOHN BOISSONNEAU

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WEEKENDS; MARCH 19 & 20, APRIL 9 & 10 AND MAY 14 & 15TH

A WEEK-END SMILE

It doesn't make sense, says comedian Elayne Boosler. 'You're flying at 500 m.p.h.,30,000 feet in the air, and the pilot tells you to feel free to roam around the plane. But when you're on the ground taxiing to the gate at one m.p.h., he tells you to remain seated for your own safety."



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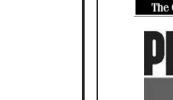
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