## 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.

#### 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

Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Daralee Sheppard

Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. +Bradley Jack req. by Susan Nugent

+Jose Faller req. by Rona Faller



#### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: +ED BATTEN



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

The journey towards strengthening our faith can be disconcerting. Take Abraham, for example. He put his trust in forging a covenant with God to father his people. He demonstrated an unshakable conviction in believing God's incredible promise. Abraham and the disciples in today's readings are our examples. The gift of faith becomes their guiding light from darkness that leads them closer to God.

In today's Gospel, the apostles Peter, John and James witness a series of divine events. They experience the holiness of Jesus in his transfiguration. His appearance changes while he prays on the mountain and meets Elijah and Moses. To cap it off, God directly commands the apostles to listen to Jesus, his Son and chosen One. These extraordinary events confirm what Jesus had revealed to his faithful followers about his death and Resurrection, and his identity as the Son of God.

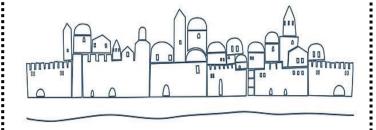
These readings can strengthen our own faith. Like his disciples, we are asked to trust Jesus and follow him in our spiritual journey. The readings show the possibility of experiencing God through sacred moments. As ordinary followers, we can find God in prayer, readings and our everyday lives.

As our light and salvation, Jesus will give us the courage, hope and strength to overcome our trials. Ultimately, faith will help us fulfill God's will.

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# HOLY LAND NIGHT AT ST. PAUL'S BASILICA Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

As was previously announced, we are having a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this November from the 10-20. This evening is for people who have registered, want to register or require additional information. Kitty McGilly who has been leading pilgrimages of faith to the Holy Land since 1991 will be present for this evening to answer any questions you may have. Kitty will be our coordinator in the Holy Land and Father Smith will be the Spiritual Leader.



#### CONFIRMATION AT ST. PAUL'S

We intend to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in June of 2019. Any student who does not attend St. Paul Catholic School is asked to see Fr. Smith. This invitation is also extended to any adults who have not been confirmed.

## 10th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference

Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins

at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga

Saturday, March 23 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre 4300 Cawthra Road Mississauga, Ontario 416-907-1042

#### **Speakers & Topics:**

Dr. Ray Guarendi – from EWTN Laughter: *The Sanity of the Family Life* 

Mary Wagner – Jesus Won My Heart
Fr. Eric Mah – Lawyer to Priest – The Journey
Dorothy Pilarski: Motherhood Matters
Limited Seating!

Register at <a href="http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/">http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/</a> Questions? CONTACT: 416-907-1042

### Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada: Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 30, 2019 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada 120 First Avenue, Toronto

Join us at St. Ann Parish (120 First Avenue) in prayer for all Families this Lenten season. We will have presentations, Marian Procession with Rosary and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Lunch and Dinner tickets will be available at a cost of \$20. All are welcomed. For more information, check our website or email us at familyministry.canada@gmail.com.

PHONE: 416-466-2127

WEB: http://www.hcfm-canada.com/

#### Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day Celebration Saturday, April 27, 2019 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Native Peoples' Mission St. Ann's Parish Church Corner Gerrard Street East and Degrassi Street, Toronto

Join us in celebrating the feast of our beloved indigenous saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The theme of our celebration is "St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Building Bridges to Reconciliation." We wish to honor her relevance for us as Catholics in Canada in healing and fostering relationships with indigenous peoples and the Earth. After the Eucharistic celebration, there will be an hour session discussing the theme with Tom Dearhouse and a festive dinner. Dinner tickets are available for \$20.

Please contact: Sr. Petite Lao, RNDM

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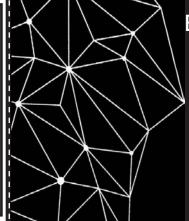
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