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Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday March 5th 4:30 P.M. +Margaret Joan McKenna

Sunday March 6th 8:30 A.M..

11:00 A.M.

Thursday March 10th 12:00 Noon +Fred Frye - Req- Sr. Caroline

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



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE YOUNGER SON in today's parable experienced twists and turns on life's journey, before he "came to himself." We all need to "come to ourselves"- to know who we really are. Our good and loving God created us to be people of love and goodness. We've been given gifts and talents, for our good and the good of others. We've been created with great dignity and great responsibility.

Often, we forget that. We get lost, go astray: we make the wrong choices, take the wrong path. We need to "come to ourselves" – to remember who we are. Scripture, prayer, Reconciliation, Eucharist: they help us find our way.

Maybe our getting lost or forgetting who we are is not as extreme as with the younger son, but it still happens. It happened to the older son. He, too, needed to come to himself. His father had to remind him: "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours." We need to hear that, too. We need to know that 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.

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 7:00 p.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.

STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS CONCERNING EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: This weekend we will be handing out copies of the statement on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide from Cardinal Thomas Collins at all entrances into the Basilica. Please take a copy; read it, understand it and we hope you will respond.

OUR HOMILIST THIS WEEKEND is Father Bill Burns. Before retirement Fr. Burns was the Pastor at St. Lukes in Thornhill. Welcome Father to St. Paul's Basilica!

1st Communion Class is: Saturday, March 12th at 3:00 p.m.

Next Confirmation Class is: Sunday April 3rd after the 11:00 Mass

Annual Mass of St. Patrick: Thursday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. Celebrant and homilist Bishop John Boissonneau

SISTER'S OF ST. JOSEPH, TRAINING PROGRAMME, March 5TH from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.. If interested please call 416. 465.6069.

We invite parishioners to join us for coffee and snacks after the 4:30p.m., 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on the Weekends of: March 19 & 20, April 9 & 10 and May 14th & 15th



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