

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.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

Taize Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

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Food Bank

Mass Intentions at St. Paul`s Basilica

Saturday March 18, 2017 4:30 p.m.
Catherine & Gord McCarroll

Monday March 20 – Saint Joseph,
Husband of the Blessed Virgin
Tuesday March 21 – Ferial

Sunday March 19, 2017 8:30 a.m.
Andrea Hampton

Wednesday March 22 - Ferial

11:00am
+ Jose Faller
Greg Leslies

Thursday March 23 – Ferial

Friday March 24 – Ferial

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



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
CATHERINE & GORD MCCARROLL



3rd Sunday of Lent

Given that I try to drink eight glasses of water a day, I cannot truly relate to the thirst expressed in two of today’s readings. Literally, I don’t know the desert and I don’t go to the well for water. Yet today’s gospel is one of my favourites. I hear the back and forth of the conversation between the woman and Jesus. And I laugh as I picture them splashing water, living water gushing up to eternal life! A line in the first reading that does resonate with my experiences is the complaining of the Israelites in the desert. When I do not see God’s hand concretely and explicitly visible in my life, I cry out as if it is God’s fault. When my bucket is empty, I cry! Lent can be a tough season of prayer, fasting and giving alms.

The challenges only making sense as a path to Easter. My thirst must lead me to others and to Jesus. When I thirst, will others share from their bucket? When I meet others who thirst, will I share from mine? Only then will Paul’s image in the Letter to the Romans made sense – “God’s love has been poured into our hearts.”

*Sr. Susan Kidd, CDN
Charlottetown, PE*



Join us each week at the Basilica on Friday evenings at 7P.M. to journey with Jesus on the Way of the Cross.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Next First Communion Class is **Saturday March 25th, 3:00p.m. – 4:15p.m.** in the church hall.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Next Confirmation Class is **Sunday March 26,** beginning with mass at 11:00am with meeting following in parish hall.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Every Sunday at the 11:00am mass.



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!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Catholic Register Easter Drawing Contest

The Catholic register is conducting its sixth annual Easter drawing contest for children Grades 1-8. The top entry in each of the three categories will receive a \$50 gift certificate for a day at the movies. The winning drawings will appear in The Register's Easter edition on April 16, 2017. Submission deadline is noon on Friday, April 7th. Full details online at bit.ly/easterdrawing.

World Tuberculosis Day

March 24th is World Tuberculosis Day. Over 10 million people around the world suffer every year from this treatable, curable illness. Over 1 million die from TB through lack of access to diagnosis and medication. In Toronto, about 300 people become sick with TB each year. Let us remember in our prayers those with TB and their families. By completing treatment, they are cured of TB and protect others.

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.

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If a doctor objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your Member of Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

NEW BEGGININGS

New Beginnings program is a ministry for people who have suffered loss through death, separation or divorce by providing support and hope. By offering a safe and informative group environment to accompany individuals on their journey, we hope to be instruments in bringing God's presence, healing and love. There are two groups being offered at St. Peter's Parish Centre at 830 Bathurst Street. For those suffering the death of loved one – Tuesdays 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm. Those suffering loss through divorce or separation Saturdays from 1-3pm. For details call 416-534-4219 or contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca

DISCERNMENT

**Jesus, tired from his journey,
sat down there at the well. *John 4:6***

How many times has it happened to us? A day at work so difficult we have less strength and vigour; a conversation so uncomfortable we simply can't wait for it to be over; a highly charged confrontation that robs us of every ounce of physical and physic energy. All we long for at such times is a place of quiet, a place apart, a place where we can be alone and restored. And sometimes that's exactly the time, when our energy has left us, that there's a knock on the door, an unexpected visitor or someone needing our total attention.

Jesus was tired, and he sat down by himself. I suspect he was looking forward to a chance to recharge and be renewed. And yet, something about the Samaritan woman led him to draw her into conversation-and what a conversation it was!

May we, as Jesus did, clearly discern and balance our own needs and the needs of our neighbour.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

**FAITH CONNECTIONS
DOING THE RIGHT THING**

Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth, and local parishes invite young adults (18-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest: Victor Dodig, CEO of CIBC. Taking place March 27, 2017-7:00p.m 9:00p.m. at Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Dr. E., Mississauga. For more information call OCY at 416-599-7676 or visit www.faithconnections.ca



EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

There has been a great deal of interest in the Cardinal's Statement. You are asked to tell Legislators 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>

Development and Peace – 50th Anniversary

Did you know that in the 70's governments in many parts of the Global South violently suppressed dissent? Development & Peace stood with the poor during their struggles for liberation in countries such as apartheid South Africa and Marcos' Philippines. To find out more visit the website at www.devp.org/en/get-involved

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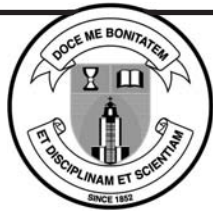
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