

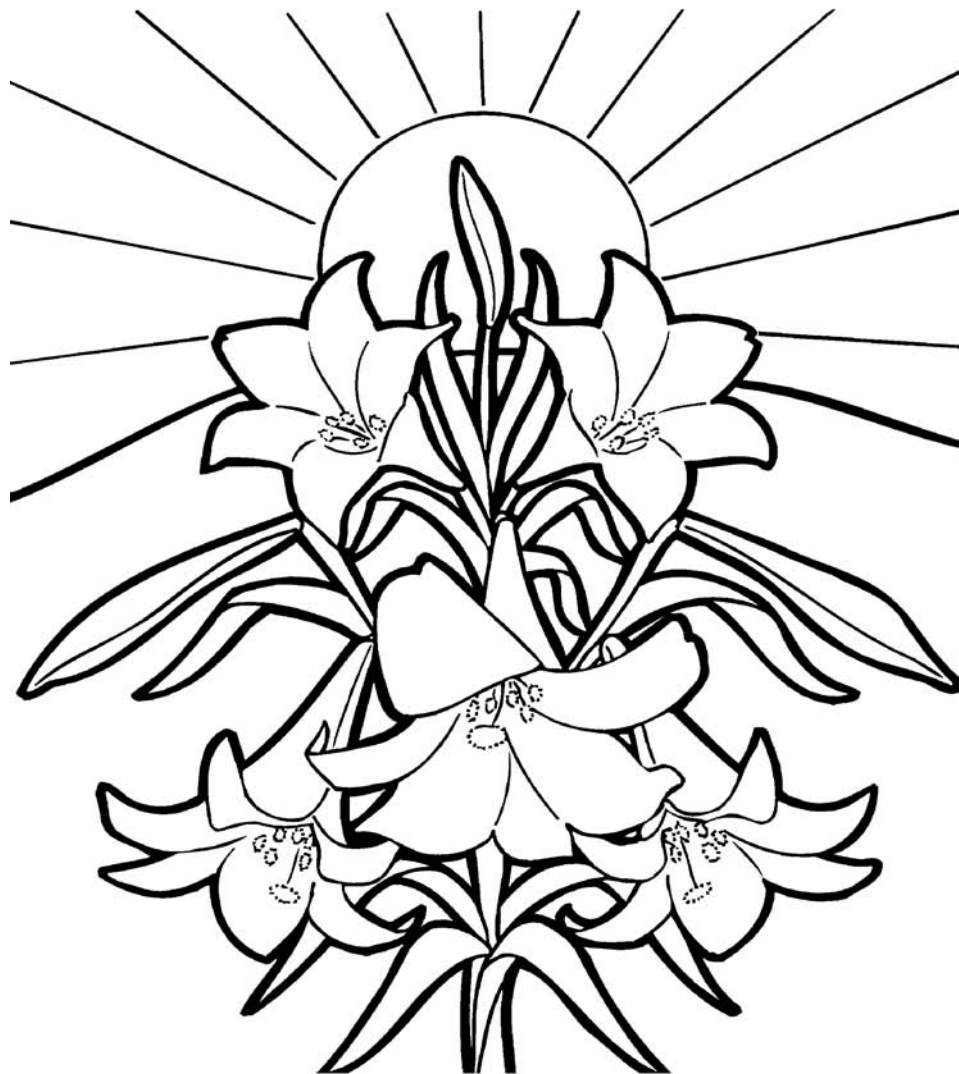
# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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**The Lord has Risen,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 31 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica
Sunday, April 1 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica
	11:00 a.m.	+Rose Rosa +Ann O'Brien +Dave O'Brien +Helen Hennibury +Tom Mitchell +Don Pratt



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:  
PARISHIONERS OF ST. PAUL'S BASILICA



**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Reading today's Gospel, on this most holy day, I marvel at Mary Magdalene's tenacity in seeking Jesus and her transformation when she sees his promise fulfilled.

As you hear the Gospel proclaimed, imagine her blinding grief. She watched her beloved Rabbi being tortured, witnessed his crucifixion and now finds his tomb empty. Notice how Mary comes so early in the morning that it is still dark and she is the only one there. How greatly must she love him to go to the tomb alone, unafraid when all the others were?

Her faith is a wondrous thing. Even in grief and bewilderment, Mary stays by the empty tomb in the hope of finding out what happened to Jesus. Jesus appears to her first, to announce his resurrection before he has even fully ascended.

Don't we all encounter these moments in our life, moments when we need God but do not feel his presence? Mary Magdalene's unwavering faith teaches us discipleship, that if we seek him with love and faith, we will find him. Mary's faith transforms her grief to joy when she is the first to meet Jesus, eventually becoming an apostle to the apostles.

This Easter, remember we are here to rejoice in a promise fulfilled and in the transformative power of God who draws us close to him in love.

*Saskia Sivananthan, Vancouver, BC*

**THE PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER  
Part II**

Join the Kolbe 'Know your Faith' series for a 5 week study on the Psalms. Through prayer, study and informative DVDs deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own lives. Classes begin Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9 pm at Holy Cross Parish or Saturdays April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 - 12 Noon at Blessed Trinity Parish. For more information go to [www.kolbeapostolate.com](http://www.kolbeapostolate.com)



## “Vocations Seeds”

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The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto**

Phone (416) 968-0997

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## Pilgrimage to Poland Journey into the Mercy of God

April 28 – May 14, 2018

With Fr. Daryl Kennedy

This pilgrimage is a retreat, a time of prayer, a path of conversation, a deepening of our love for God and a greater awareness of His love for us through daily Mass and convent style lodging. Price includes airfare/taxes/fuel charges, accommodation, all meals, motor coach transportation, group airport transfers and entrance fees. Cost: \$3,300 single and \$3,150 for couples.

Information: 613-792-4272 or  
[sbielec@sympatico.ca](mailto:sbielec@sympatico.ca)

Living the Gospel by evangelizing our  
faith in the greater world



Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes Bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
(at the atrium) 65 Bond Street

Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic Teaching and traditions around Cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Refreshments will be provided.

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