

# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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Pastor: Fr. Edward J. Smith

*"May the message of Christ, in all its fullness, continue to find  
a home in you."*

Colossians 3:16

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## **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**

Patrick Cleary, Principal

Phone: 416-393-5204

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

**Taize Prayer**

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+Rustico Echevarria
Sunday	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Dr. Andrew Donnelly req. by Christine O'Halloran-Smith
Sunday	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Stephanie Baello +Jose Faller req. by Rona Faller



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



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

"May your life be fruitful." Years ago, these words were solemnly and sincerely spoken to me. In our own way, each of us receives this same blessing. During Lent, we are invited to reflect on the fruitfulness of our lives. Every one of us is created to do more than take up space in the garden.

Jesus, in telling the parable of the barren fig tree, teaches us something important. As gardener, he takes an active role in our lives, promising to rework and renew the soil. Gardeners know these unglamorous tasks are essential for producing abundant fruit.

Jesus lovingly commits himself to the troubles and trials of our lives. The wise gardener, he knows when and how to amend the soil. Tended carefully, even the least appealing aspects of our lives offer essential nutrients for healthy growth. We can be transformed; our lives can become ever more fruitful.

Our "yes" to this growth lies in our personal willingness to repent. Twice in this Gospel, Jesus emphasizes his lack of concern over who is a worse sinner or a worse offender. He simply looks for our willingness to be renewed.

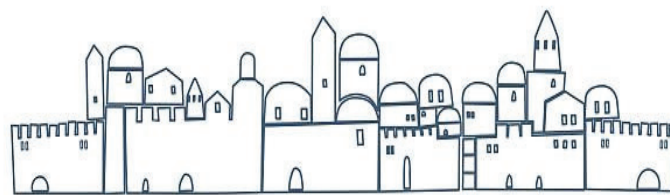
At every Eucharist, we renew our "yes." We pray, acknowledging our need for our Lord: "only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

May our lives be fruitful.

*Brenda Merk Hildebrand, BC*

### 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.

### **Vocation Seeds**

Provided by Toronto Serra Clubs

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact

**Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto**

Phone: 416-968-0997

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### **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](mailto: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 Degrossi 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.

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