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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	March 30 th	4:30 p.m.	Giuliana Marrelli
Sunday	March 31 st	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's
Sunday	March 31 st	11:00 a.m.	+Patricia Smith +Jose Faller



Share...Life!

SHARE LIFE SUNDAY

At the age of Twelve Jesus entered the Temple as was his custom and read this Passage of Scripture from the Prophet Isaiah (61:1-2)

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

Your contribution to Share life fulfills that passage of Scripture. Share Life helps 42 agencies one of which is Covenant House which helps homeless youth. It is estimated that there are over 2,000 homeless youth in Toronto on any given night. 50 percent of homeless youth come from middle and upper income families. About 32 percent of youth at Covenant House report that they are struggling with mental issues. Homeless youth are up to 40 times more likely to die young than their peers,

According to a Canadian National Study. Suicide and drug overdose are leading causes. Please give generously to ShareLife!

Fr. Smith

PARISH MISSION AT ST. PAUL'S

April 15, 16 & 17 at 7 p.m.

We are very pleased to announce that Father Eugene O'Reilly will be preaching a Holy Week Mission at St. Paul's. Fr. O'Reilly was born in Monaghan, Ireland, educated in Canada & France and was ordained in 1972. He is a member of The Redemptorist Order and has been preaching Missions since 1983. Some of the themes for the Mission are intimacy with God, living the reign of God today, reconciliation and discipleship. Come and spend one hour with the Lord during Holy Week.

The Mission is just two weeks away. Have you decided to make it? Too busy? Heard it all before? You are beyond help because divorced? Remarried? Haven't been to church in years? These are excuses (not reasons) for avoiding the Mission. Weigh them well against the generous love of God who wants to speak to you. No matter what your decision, can I ask you to pray about the Mission? Prayer, as you know, changes things. Pray for yourself, for others. God will not refuse a heart raised to him in sincere prayer. Prayer will do for us what no other force on earth can do.

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.

BE RECONCILED TO GOD!

Be at Peace!

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.

FR. RON KRAFCHIK will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession with you the weekends of **April 6/7 & April 13/14 BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER EVERY MASS.**

St Paul's Taizé Prayer Ministry has been invited to participate in the inter-parish Celebration of the Feast Day of St Kateri (April 27th) hosted by the Native People's Mission by providing music for the mass in the Taizé tradition.

If you would like to join us in singing these beautiful prayers, rehearsals are being held at St Ann's Catholic Church, 120 First Ave, Toronto, (Gerrard and Degrassi) **Monday April 15th and Wednesday April 24th**. Rehearsals start at 6.30 in the church proper.

For more information you can contact us at stpaultaize@gmail.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.

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