

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

Established in 1822

First Parish of the Archdiocese of Toronto

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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

Patrick Cleary, Principal

Phone: 416-393-5204

PARISH MINISTRIES

Sacramental Preparation

Breakfast Club

Children's Liturgy

Taize Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Choir

2nd Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	April 27 th	4:30 p.m.	+Conrado & Isabel Mendoza req. by Gemma Mendoza +Paul Gain
Sunday	April 28 th	8:30 a.m.	+Lucia Valerio req. by Family
Sunday	April 28 th	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller req. by Rona Faller



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+JULIE CLUNE



Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel, Thomas' act of doubt reveals an important aspect of faith. Faith is rooted not only in a supernatural virtue, but in the experience of inclusion.

Imagine how Thomas felt when the other disciples joyfully told him of their encounter with the risen Lord. The pain of exclusion can be heard in his declaration. "I will not believe." Thomas has missed out on one of the most important events his companions had ever experienced. The disciples have been elevated to a new level of awareness about Jesus. Thomas, however, has not. He feels excluded.

His is a normal human reaction. We don't like to miss out on the action. Absent from some great event, we may seek to minimize the experience of those who were present. But in doing so, we erect walls around our hearts and barriers between ourselves and others.

Jesus breaks through Thomas' feeling of exclusion. He welcomes Thomas by inviting him to put his hand in Jesus' side. "Do not doubt but believe," Jesus says.

Thomas has been given the gift of welcome. Jesus has healed Thomas' wound, the wound of being left on the outside. Perhaps we can do as Jesus did with those we see sitting on the sidelines. It may strengthen their faith – and ours.

*Glen Argan
Edmonton, AB*

Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

Our Parish have collected \$9,075.25 to date, thank you!

April 28, 2019

DAY OF REFLECTION

FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS
OF LESBIAN DAUGHTERS
AND GAY SONS

Saturday 8 June 2019, 9am – 5 pm

\$50.00 (includes lunch)

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Thomas believed because he saw Jesus.
What will it take for you to respond to
God's Call to 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** 416-
968-0997

Email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3, 2019 as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding; for endurance in committed vocations; and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. Check poster on our bulletin boards for details. If you are unable to attend this event, please take a moment to pray for vocations on Friday, May 3. Vocation resources can be found on the Office of Vocations' website:

www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Come out for a fun-filled evening to support a worthy cause! Mary, Mother of God School invites you to its annual **Fundraising Gala on Saturday, May 4th at 7:00 pm** at the King's Garden Banquet Hall (Queensway & Islington.) Tickets are \$125 each. Join us for a delicious meal, silent auction, balloon surprises and lively entertainment! Call Stephanie at the school for more information: 416-531-7897 (last day of ticket sales: April 23, 2019.)

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