St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



Graced by the constant, loving presence of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in our lives, energized by the intercession of Mary and the great Communion of Saints, and grounded in the Sacred Scripture, Tradition, Catholic Teaching, Sacrament and Prayer, we, parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, reach out to embrace all of God's children, encouraging them to receive the gift of eternal salvation, accept Jesus Christ as their Lord, and follow in his footsteps. We declare our solidarity with the poor of the world, and pledge to help them by sharing our love and bounty.

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Sunday: 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Marian Cenacle: Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. 1st Thursday of each month

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) every 2nd Friday 7-9 p.m. Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) every 2nd Saturday 6-9 p.m.

Reconciliation(Confessions):

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consulting the parish priest. At least one of the parties should be a registered parishioner and both parties must attend a mandatory Marriage Preparation Course.

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Friday: 12:10 noon at Immaculate Conception Saturday: 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the noon Mass at Immaculate Conception Church on the First Friday of each month until 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday morning. Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians are to be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation. (Registration Package on table in foyer of church)

Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion: If anybody is sick (at the Hospital, Home, Nursing Home, etc.) & needs to be anointed or would like to receive Holy Communion or Confession, please call office.

Schools:

Holy Family Elementary School	705-435-3989
St. Paul's Elementary School	705-435-7211
St. Thomas Aquinas High School	905-936-4743

Pastoral Ministries:

Life Teen and The Edge Youth Ministry for students in grade six through to high school; Altar Servers; Lectors; Ushers; Eucharistic Ministers; Music Ministry; Pastoral Care Ministers to the sick and shut-ins; Children's Liturgy; Pastoral Council; R.C.I.A.; and Sacramental Preparation

<u>Organizations:</u> The Catholic Women's League of Canada; Knights of Columbus; Columbian Squires (boys 10 - 18 yrs) St. Vincent de Paul Society

Stewardship:

Welcome to new parishioners! To be a member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Registration forms and envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES.

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Epiphany of the Lord ~ 7 January 2018

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Mt. 2:10-11*

First Reading + Isaiah 60:1-6 Second Reading + Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel + Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 8 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, January 9** 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR 6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+Jessica LOVETT, Pers. Int. – C/P Morrison Wednesday, January 10 Mass CANCELLED Thursday, January 11 8:00am+Ciprian ILIE, RIP – J/C Orr Friday, January 12 12:10pm+Mary WALSH, RIP - T Walsh Saturday, January 13 (Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Fr. Eugene BUGALA, RIP – Archdiocese of TO 5:00pm+Herb/Amelia BINCE, RIP – E Durkan Sunday, January 14 9:00am+Bob DEW, RIP – P Murray 10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

Look then on Jesus, the author and preserver of faith: in complete sinlessness he suffered, and at the hands of those who were his own, and was numbered among the wicked. As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!), give thanks to the Lord, the giver of all blessings.

- Saint Raymond of Penyafort (1175-1275), Patron of Lawyers, Feast Day January 7

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Abba Anthony said, "A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him saying, "You are mad, you are not like us." — The Sayings of the Desert Fathers.

One hundred and seventy years ago, Cardinal Newman's most pressing concern was the rebuilding of the Catholic Church in England in the face of deep-seated anti-Catholic prejudice. However, looking to the future, Newman saw the rising tide of skepticism and irreligion:

If there is a God then Catholicism is true; but this is the elementary, august, and sovereign truth, the denial of which is in progress. May He Himself give grace to those who shall be alive in that terrible day, to fight His battle well. All the forms of Protestantism, allow me to say, are but toys of children in the great battle between the Holy Catholic Roman Church and Antichrist. Great wisdom as well as courage must be given to Catholic leaders from on high, if Holy Church is to be kept safe from the awful calamity.

It is hard not to believe that we are now living in those days, given the extent to which the "culture of death" has taken over formerly Christian nations, including our own.

In Nietzsche's parable, the madman proclaims, "God is dead. And we have killed him." Nietzsche, an avowed and avid atheist, was well aware the consequences of this:

When one gives up the Christian faith, one pulls the right to Christian morality out from under one's feet. This morality is by no means self-evident. Christianity is a system, a whole view of things thought out together. By breaking one main concept out of it, the faith in God, one breaks the whole.

One of the wise and courageous leaders in our Church today, Cardinal Robert Sarah, has spoken of the banishment of God from our culture:

Today we are witnessing efforts to build a paradise on earth without God. But the "death" of God results in the burial of good, beauty, love and truth. Good becomes evil, beauty is ugly, love becomes the satisfaction of sexual primal instincts, and truths are all relative. So all manner of immorality is not only accepted and tolerated today in advanced societies, but even promoted as a social good.

The Church must fight against these prevailing trends with courage and hope. For two thousand years, the Church has faced many contrary winds but at the end of the most difficult journey, the victory was always won.

We are told that God is dead and that we who believe are mad. But as St. Paul tells us: "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Thank You: The Catholic Women's League is happy to report that \$869 was raised for the Knights of Columbus Humanitarian Relief Fund for Christians returning to their homes in Iraq. We thank those of you who donated the delicious baking and for packaging them up so beautifully and of course we thank you, the parishioners, for purchasing them. We were overwhelmed by the response!

2018 ORDINANDI SPIRITUAL BOUQUET and DINNER

As a valued part of the parish family of faith, the Catholic Women's League invites you to participate in our Annual Spiritual Bouquet collection of Masses, Eucharists, Prayers, Adorations, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, etc., for the intentions of the Ordinandi of 2018 (soon-to-be-ordained priests). This Spiritual Bouquet of Prayers will be presented at the annual Ordinandi Dinner on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Our collective support is most appreciated.

Also, the deadline to sign up for the Ordinandi dinner is January 28th. Reception and Bar at 5:00 pm; dinner and program begin at 6:20 at the Pearson Convention Centre. Cost is \$75. To order your ticket, contact Carla Beckett at 705.435.1381 or beckettcarla@gmail.com

GIFT OF SECURITIES – A NEW WAY TO HELP

Do you have securities that have gone up in value? Do you already give to your parish and the Catholic community? Consider the potential tax savings of donating securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). For more information please contact the Parish office or Development Office of the 416.934.3411 Archdiocese at or email: development@archtoronto.org

Visit the Website: www.archtoronto.org/development

SHARELIFE – LIVING THE GOSPEL

The ShareLife office has released a Report to Donors sharing the results of the 2017 campaign and demonstrating how our support has made a difference. Copies of the report are available in the information stand in the foyer of the church. You can download a copy from the ShareLife website: www.sharelife.org

Thursday, January 25th at 7:00p.m.

Parish Solemnity

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle Patron Saint of our Parish



OLIFE TEEN

Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Saturday, January 20th

Stressed and Depressed no more.

Helping teens change their perspectives to see their lives through and with Christ's love.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Friday, January 26th

Hope in the Lord.

A night on understanding depression and caring for those that are suffering. We are not alone.

Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Or Text Dave 647-237-1348

Calendar of Events

Jan 15 – Parish Council Mtg. @ 7:00pm Jan 16 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. @ 7:30pm Jan 17 – 1st Communion Class Resumes Grp. A @ 6:00pm Jan 17 – 2nd of 4 Scheduled Baptism Classes @ 7:30pm Jan 18 – CWL General Mtg. @ 7:00pm Jan 19 - 1st Communion Class Resumes Grp. B @ 6:00pm Jan 20 – Life Teen Night @ 6:00pm Jan 24 – First Confessions – 6pm 6:30pm & 7:00pm Jan 25 – Blood Donor Clinic 2:30 – 7:30pm

Jan 26 – Edge Night @ 7:00pm



