

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

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

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.

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

Organizations:

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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 4 February 2018

That evening, at sunset, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. *Mark 1:32-34*

First Reading + Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel + Mark 1:29-39

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 5

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 6

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Verna WALSH, RIP – J/A Kulwartian

Wednesday, February 7

8:00am+Patrick CARSON, RIP – M Keogh

Thursday, February 8

8:00am+Frank CROWLEY, RIP – M/A Crowley

Friday, February 9

12:20pm+Stella MURRAY, RIP J/A Pendergast

Saturday, February 10

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Benno MATTES, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+Ciprian ILIE, RIP – Murphy/Vandierendonck Family

Sunday, February 11

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Maria CANALE PAROLA, RIP – J/R Vandervoort

Saint of the Week:

Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God! –

Saint Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947), Feast Day February 9

Last Week's Collection:

Sunday Offering \$4249.55

Parish Capital Upgrades \$1257.10

We appreciate your generous support of our parish.

From the desk of Fr. Glass

Preparing for Lent.

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 14th, the feast day of the early Christian martyr, St. Valentine. It would not surprise me to find the usual Valentine's Day festivities taking place on that day which for Christians is a solemn day of prayer and fasting. (My mother, a few years ago, was invited to a wedding reception on Holy Saturday!) Valentine's Day has become an occasion for consumerism, filling the gap between celebrations of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. It is another sad reminder of the decline of Christian civilization.

On Ash Wednesday all Catholics who are in good health and between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat. The "fast" is not arduous — we may eat one full meal and two smaller meals. If you are accustomed to a light breakfast and lunch, it simply means doing without between meal snacks.

The Church also reminds us that "pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance." So even though children are not *required* to fast, it is still a good idea for them to do it, in a way that is suitable for their age. Ash Wednesday should *not* be just the same as every other day.

It is not easy to live the Catholic faith in the midst of a secular culture that has lost touch with its Christian past and is increasingly anti-Christian. It has been said that Catholic faith is not possible without Catholic culture.

Historian Christopher Dawson goes on to say:

Culture is the "form" of society. The stronger the culture is, the more completely it transforms the diverse human material of which it is composed. Culture involves a common view of life, common standards of behavior and common standards of value. Consequently, a culture is a spiritual community which owes its unity to common beliefs and common ways of thought.

Like St. Paul and the first Christian communities, we are called to live our faith in the midst of a culture that is hostile to the Gospel. Jesus speaks to us about this in no uncertain terms: "If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world; therefore the world hates you." These are strong words. They are a call to action. Faith is not only what we believe, it is how we live. If we are to live our faith, we need to create a genuine Catholic culture lived within a spiritual community.

By all means, let us celebrate Valentine's Day — there is no harm in doing so on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday — but all things in proper order. We always put God first.

Pope John Paul II said: "Culture is not the measure of the Gospel, but it is Jesus Christ who is the measure of every culture and of every human action."

CWL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Mary Matthews Public Speaking competition sponsored by the C.W.L. will take place in the parish hall on **Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** ALL parishioners are welcome to come and support these young people from St. Paul's and Holy Family Schools as they deliver their prepared speeches in front of an audience. Light refreshments will be available.

Lent Faith Formation Evenings

Seven Deadly Sins — Seven Lively Virtues
Bp. Robert Barron

Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm, starting Feb. 20th

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust: these “seven deadly sins” are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness. Join us as we embark on Fr. Robert Barron’s exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can break the cycle of sin.

Canada Summer Jobs Program – Reach Out to Your Member of Parliament

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization’s core mandate respect certain “values” as determined by the federal government including the government’s position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit **www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs** for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Friday, February 9th @ 7:00pm

Edge Night



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Saturday, February 17th @ 6:00pm

Life Night

If you are interested in joining one of the groups

contact us by

Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

OR Text Dave 647.237.1348

CONFIRMATION GATHERING

If you have children registered in grade 7 in either the Catholic school system or non-Catholic schools; there will be a Winter session for parents and students this coming Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Bennett Hall. If you have not registered yet or missed the fall sessions you still have an opportunity to join us on Wednesday, February 7.

Calendar of Events

Feb 3 – Pub Trivia Night, doors open 6:16p.m.

Feb 7 – Winter session – Confirmation Classes 7:00p.m.

Feb 8 – CWL Executive Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Feb 8 – K of C General Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

Feb 9 – Edge Youth Night 7 – 9 p.m.

Feb 12 – CWL Public Speaking Contest 7:00 p.m.

Feb 13 – St. Vince de Paul Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday Masses 8 am & 7 pm

Feb 15 – CWL General Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Feb 17 – Lifeteen Youth Night 6:00p.m.

Feb 22 – Finance Council Mtg. 3:30 p.m.

LIFT JESUS HIGHTER Youth RALLY

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