

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.

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 Monday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 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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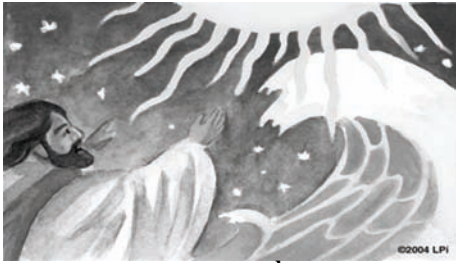
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Youth Minister: Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

or email Dave: *allistonlifeteen@gmail.com*

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1st Sunday of Advent ~ 2nd of December 2018

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." *Luke 21:26-28*

First Reading + Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading + 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel + Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 3

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 4

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Jean GALLANT, RIP – B/M McCallum

Wednesday, December 5

8:00am+Lillian THIBERT, RIP – P/C Morrison

Thursday, December 6

8:00am+Paul MORRISON, Pers Int – C Morrison

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, December 7

12:10pm+Lawrence SKELTON, RIP – C Skelton

Saturday, December 8

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am+Constantinos TOLIAS, RIP – G/B Parkes

5:00pm+Leo & Mary JOYCE, Pers. Int – Dw Donnelly

Sunday, December 9

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Paul & Madeleine LAPERRIERE, RIP – G Cole

Saint of the Week:

Prayer is powerful! It fills the earth with mercy, it makes the Divine clemency pass from generation to generation; right along the course of the centuries wonderful works have been achieved through prayer. - *St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552), Patron of Missionaries, Feast Day, December 3*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Regensburg Lecture — Faith and Reason.

In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger) gave a lecture at the University of Regensburg with the title, *Faith, Reason and the University*, in which he reflects on what ought to be considered a self-evident proposition: "Not to act in accordance with reason is contrary to God's nature."

St. John began his Gospel: "In the beginning was the *logos*." The Greek word *logos* means both "reason" and "word" — a reason which is creative and capable of self-communication, precisely as reason. John thus spoke the final word on the biblical concept of God, and in this word all the threads of biblical faith find their culmination and synthesis. In the beginning was the *logos*, and the *logos* is God, says the Evangelist. The encounter between the Biblical message and Greek thought did not happen by chance. Biblical faith encountered the best of Greek thought at a deep level, resulting in a mutual enrichment.

Pope Benedict goes on to trace the process, beginning at the time of the Protestant Reformation, to return to a purely "biblical" faith, free from any influence of our common Greek intellectual heritage. This process continued in the nineteenth century when liberal theology sharply distinguished the "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" from the "God of the philosophers." Faith being divorced from reason, religion entered the realm of the merely subjective:

The individual then decides, on the basis of his own experiences, what he considers acceptable in matters of religion, and the subjective "conscience" becomes the sole judge of what is ethical. In this way, ethics and religion lose their power to create a community and become a completely personal matter.

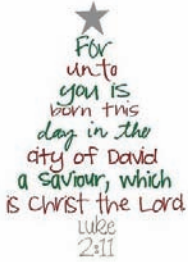
Pope Benedict then points to the current stage in this process of rejecting the essential contribution of the Greek heritage of rationality to Christianity:

In the light of our experience with cultural pluralism, it is often said nowadays that the synthesis with Greek thought in the early Church was a type of *inculturation* which ought not to be binding on other cultures, which have the right to return to the simple message of the scriptures in order to inculturate it anew in their own particular milieu.

Pope Benedict, however, forcefully rejects this idea:

The New Testament was written in Greek and bears the imprint of the Greek spirit. The fundamental decisions made about the relationship between faith and the use of human reason are part of the faith itself — they are developments consistent with the nature of faith itself.

In the beginning was the *logos*. Not to act with reason, with *logos*, is contrary to the nature of God.



CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SOCIAL

ALL LADIES of The PARISH Are WELCOME!!
PLEASE JOIN US!!
In the Fr. Bennett Hall
Wed. Dec. 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Potluck Dinner, entertainment, carols, and good fellowship. Bring a dish to reflect your culture. Please label the name of the dish and explain its origin.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS

Please assist the efforts of St. Vincent de Paul to ensure less fortunate families have a merrier Christmas by donating generously at this time of year. This year we hope to donate gift cards to families so they can buy food and shop for their own children. There will be a SPECIAL COLLECTION, dedicated to this cause, at all masses on **December 8/9, 2018**. Please use the envelope in your box of weekly envelopes or place your donation in an envelope with your name and address, in order to receive an income tax receipt from the church. You may also donate directly to St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul by contacting Paul Healy at 705.435.4951.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

The Catholic Women's League will be selling beautifully packaged cookies in the church lobby

after the 5:00 pm Mass on **December 15th** and the 10:30 am Mass on the **16th**.

Just in time for Christmas.

1½ dozen cookies - \$8.00

CWL cookbook for sale - \$15

Proceeds are going to families in need.

We are looking for help. If you can bake and want to donate cookies, or help with the packaging, or sell after the Masses, we need you. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

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Do you have a want or a need for something more in your spiritual life? Do you desire a deeper relationship with the Lord? Do you feel isolated in your faith and a desire to have committed Catholic Christians to share your faith with? If so, CURSILLO just might be for you.

For more info visit: <https://cursillotoronto.org>

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Women's Weekend January 3-6, 2019

Men's Weekend January 10-13, 2019

For more information please contact Debra Tardif @ 705-424-0500 or d.tardif13@gmail.com.



Christmas Smiles Campaign:


Our Youth have adopted a second child from Chalice, a Catholic Organization that helps children from all over the world. \$444.00 per year will give a healthy meal, clothing and support to one child for one year in developing countries. **Meet our new adopted child, BARAKI ALI, he is 12 years old and lives in Kenya. His picture is on the tin in front of the altar during Advent.**


At Offertory time, the pastor asks the children to come forward and drop coins in the tin. Along with the joyful noise, this special moment in the mass teaches the importance of charity and stewardship to our youth by answering the call to serve the poor.

REQUEST:

Would the donors of Envelope numbers #3 and #391, please put your name and address on your envelope if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Thank you.

Saturday, December 8th
Mass at Immaculate Conception Church at 9:00am
'Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception
Of the
Blessed Virgin Mary'
"Hail, Full of Grace! The Lord is with you." Luke 1


Next Edge Night (Youth Gr. 6-8)
Monday, December 10, 6:30 – 8:00p.m.
Christmas Social Night


Next Life Night (Youth Gr. 9-12)
Saturday, December 15, 6:00 – 9:00pm
Christmas Social Night

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