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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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Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 16 December 2018

As the people were filled with expectations, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptized you in water; but one who is more powerful that I is coming." *Luke 3:15-16a*

First Reading + Zephaniah 3:3.14 – 18a Second Reading + Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel + Luke 3:10-18

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 17

6:30pm+Holy Family School Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 18

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Rick MILNE, Healing – E Durkan

Wednesday, December 19

 $8{:}00am{+}Sam\ KASPERSKI,\ RIP-J/M\ Scanlon$

Thursday, December 20

8:00am+Prayer Intentions of Ireland – S Hands 10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan Home

Friday, December 21

12:10pm+Colum/Rita WHELAN, 60th Wed Ann – M Whelan

Saturday, December 22

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Silvia WILSON, RIP – S/J Duggan

5:00pm+John KENNEDY, RIP – M Kennedy

Sunday, December 23

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Artur SILVA, RIP – Family

Saint of the Week:

Build a Nazareth in every home and make of every family a "Holy Family". - Saint Jose Manyanet y Vives (1833-1901) Patron of France, Feast Day December 17

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Bishop Barron on the current crisis in the Church.

In one of his recent *Word on Fire* podcasts, Bishop Robert Barron answers questions about the current crisis in the Catholic Church in the U.S. For those who have not been paying attention to these things, here is the outline:

In January 2002 the Boston Globe breaks the story of sexual abuse and cover-up in the Archdiocese of Boston. (The award-winning film Spotlight (2015) recounts the Globe's investigation.) The response of the U.S. Bishops is the Dallas Charter, essentially a zero-tolerance policy for abuse and a commitment to reform. Then, in June 2017, Cardinal McCarrick, retired Archbishop of Washington DC, is ordered to cease public ministry because of a credible allegation of abuse of a minor. It is then revealed that the Cardinal has a decades-long reputation for preying on adult Seminarians. In August, retired Archbishop Viganò reveals that the Vatican had been informed about McCarrick decades ago and the documentation is on file. When asked about this on his return from the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Pope Francis replies: "I will not say a single word on this." And that is where the matter still stands.

This scandal is further compounded by a Pennsylvania grand jury report which alleges hundreds of instances of abuse and cover-up in the Church over the past fifty years.

Bishop Barron views the current crisis as "the worst in the American Catholic Church's history for sure. So it is important for all of us Catholics to realize that we are passing through this particularly terrible time and that we have to seize the moment. It is time for us to act. We cannot simply be passive in the face of this terrible crisis."

Keep in mind that we are not Catholics because of the moral excellence of our leaders. We want our leaders — indeed, we *expect* our leaders — to be morally excellent. But we are not Catholics because of that moral excellence. We are Catholics because of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead. We are Catholics because of the Trinitarian love of God. We are Catholics because of the Mystical Body of Christ. We are Catholics because of the Sacraments. We are Catholics especially because of the Eucharist. We are Catholics because of the Blessed Mother. We are Catholics because of the Saints. Even as leaders in the Church fail morally, the Catholic Church remains the Mystical Body of Christ, the Bride of Christ. And she is worth fighting for.

Bad bishops are not the Church; they are a cancer in the body of the Church. Jesus has spoken about wheat and chaff, about scandals and millstones. "Scandals are sure to come, but woe to him by whom they come!" The Church, as we should all know, is always a mixture of wheat and chaff. But, as St. Augustine says: "Do not separate yourself from the chaff, lest when the Lord comes you are not found on his threshing floor."

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Confessions:

Every Tuesday: 6:00 – 6:45p.m. (before 7:00p.m. Mass) Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45p.m. (before 5:00p.m. Mass) There will be NO confessions on December 24th.

Sunday Mass Times

(At St. Paul the Apostle Church)
Sat. December 22nd at 5:00p.m.
Sun. December 23rd at 10:30am
(At Immaculate Conception)
Sun. December 23rd at 9:00am

Christmas Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

Mon. December 24th: at 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 12midnight

Tues. December 25th: at 10:30a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)
Tues. December 25th: at 9:00a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)
Monday, December 31: at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

***Monday, December 31: at 12:00midnight
Tuesday, January 1st: at 9:00am

OLIFE TEEN

Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Friday, December 28th

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CWL 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are quickly approaching the dead-line of Dec. 31, 2018 for our membership campaign. Our memberships should be collected and remitted to the CWL National office on Jan. 1,

<u>2019</u>. Please enclose the fee of \$25 in the CWL envelope in your church offertory box or the pre-printed envelopes on the table in foyer. It can be dropped in the collection basket at weekend masses, the CWL mail box or the church office. Submitting your fee on time will prevent interruption of your League magazine as well as the years of service.

Pay before December 31st to be entered into a draw to receive a year's membership FREE.

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before we issue the 2018 tax receipts, we need to update our Parish List. 90% of envelope users do not record their name on the envelope. I cannot issue a tax receipt if I don't know who the donor is. We understand not recording the amount, but



please put your name and address on the envelope for the coming New Year.

Would the donors of Envelopes #3 and #391 call the Office with your name and address if you wish a tax receipt. Thank you all for your continued support!

Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

Unwrapped toys for children up to 9yrs old and food items can be dropped off at the Church. The hampers will be picked up by the needy families in Alliston and surrounding area. Donation deadline is December 16, 2018.



To **'Sponsor A Family'** for Christmas, Please call Paul Healy from St. Vincent de Paul at 705.435.4951

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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.



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