

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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24 March 2019 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent
RCIA – First Scrutiny

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” John 4:28-29

First Reading + Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel + John 4:5-42

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, March 25
7:00pm+Gord & Debbie TARDIF, Pers. Int.
Tuesday, March 26
5:30pm+Marian Cenacle
6:00pm+HOLY HOUR
**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS
7:00pm+Jean GALLANT, RIP – P Devereaux
Wednesday, March 27
8:00am+Teresa VARANO, RIP – M Whelton
Thursday, March 28
8:00am+Ilona SINKA, RIP – P/F Healy
10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home
Friday, March 29
12:10pm+Stanislaw/Leonarda MASTELARZ RIP – M Bogucki
7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday, March 30
(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
9:00am+John THIBERT, RIP – P/C Morrison
5:00pm+Paul BERGIN, RIP – T O’Leary
Sunday, March 31
9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE P ARISH
10:30am+Kurt/Elizabeth STIEGWARDT, RIP – B Baumfeld

The STATIONS of the CROSS

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday’s at 7:00p.m. up to Good Friday, April 19th

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

All things ordered in measure, and number, and weight.

“We no longer need *Religion* because now we have *Science!*” — so says the modern atheist. But then what about literature, music and art? What about close personal relationships? Does Science make these irrelevant as well?

It depends on what you mean by ‘Science.’ Properly speaking, ‘Science’ is the set of laws that govern the interaction of energy and matter in the universe: Newton’s mechanics, Maxwell’s equations of electro-magnetism, the laws of thermo-dynamics, quantum theory and relativity. Science has nothing at all to say about human nature, which is the proper business of Philosophy or Religion. When the new atheists use the word ‘Science,’ they are using it to designate their own Philosophy, the basic tenet of which is that nothing really exists *except* energy and matter.

The atheist prides himself on his commitment to ‘reason and ‘critical thinking,’ but he is unable to explain the faculty of intellect itself. How does the atheist account for self-consciousness, free-will and moral agency? Where in quantum theory does he find the meaning of human existence, the meaning of his own life?

There is a famous ‘wager’ devised by the 17th century mathematician Blaise Pascal. Given that God either exists or does not, you can choose to believe in him or not. There are four possibilities. If God does not exist, whether you believe in him or not, your existence ends with death. If God does exist and you choose not to believe, then you have made a tragic error. If God exists and you choose to believe, then you have arrived at the only positive outcome.

A few years ago, some atheists in England ran a bus ad campaign with the slogan: “There’s probably no god. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life.” Pascal’s wager says: “But what if there *is* a God?” In that case, you are missing out on the whole point of your existence. The atheist may heroically assert that the human species is a transitory byproduct of purpose-free evolution, but he knows in his heart that his life is not pointless and meaningless.

Hard-core atheists do not trouble me. They have been hawking the same old wares for centuries, and we have heard it all before. The real danger in our times is the natural tendency to drift along with the crowd down the broad and easy path that leads to a dead end. How many people, when they find themselves in a dead end, will retrace their steps and look for another way?

Every single person has a religion or philosophy of life. Atheists construct their philosophy based on the denial of the existence of God. The world’s greatest scientists, including Newton, Maxwell and Pascal, were committed Christians, who conducted their scientific investigations on the principle that, as the Book of Wisdom says, “God has ordered all things in measure, and number, and weight.” They did not look to Religion to answer scientific questions, but to answer the questions Science does not ask.

SPECIAL MASS

Monday, March 25 at 7:00p.m.
The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday Evening Video Series

Following the 7:00 pm Mass

NO GREATER LOVE

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

March 26 - The Trial before Pilate

April 2 - The Death of the Messiah

April 9 - The Seven Last Words

CORRECTION ON PICK UP TIME



Order Pies

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As always, we Thank You for your continued support!

St. Paul's Cemetery & Immaculate Conception Cemetery Clean-up Saturday, April 27th at 9:00 a.m.

(Rain date May 4th)

Bring rakes & gloves; Refreshments provided
Qualifies for community hours

Notice to Lot Owners — St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery

As part of our spring clean-up we will be removing all metal or iron crosses, glassware, ceramics and lawn ornaments (*Bylaw 10.15*). These items can pose a safety risk to our maintenance staff and equipment and detract from the decor of our cemetery. If you would like to save these items, please collect them before April 14th. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our cemetery clean and safe.

PIEROGI DINNER

Saturday, April 6 @ 6:30pm



Home Made Pierogi Dinner

With bacon, onions, ham, veggies & rolls
\$20/Adult – \$10/Under 12 - \$70/Family
Tickets Text/Call 647-237-1348 or parish office
Proceeds to support the youth to go to
Edge Camp & Steubenville



How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

**Next Sunday, March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

TORONTO CWL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Thurs. May 2 and Friday, May 3, 2019

Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel

Theme - "**Care for our Common Home**"

Attend for one or two days

or attend the

Fri. Closing Eucharistic Celebration 3:30

Fri. Closing Banquet at 7:00

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