

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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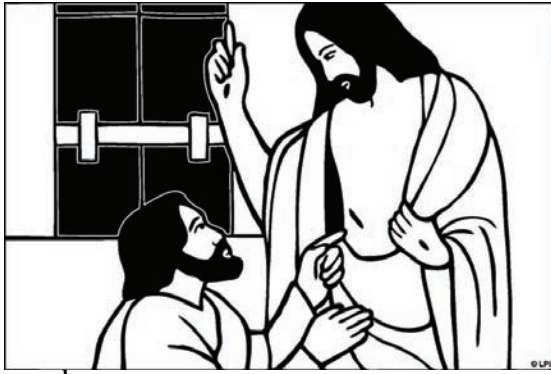
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or email Dave: *allistonlifeteen@gmail.com*

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



2nd Sunday of Easter ~ 28 April 2019
Divine Mercy Sunday

Then he said to Thomas, “put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” *John 20:27-28*

First Reading + Acts 5:12-16
Second Reading + Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel + John 20:19-31

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday, April 29

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, April 30

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Joseph MRAZEK, RIP – J Behl

Wednesday, May 1

8:00am+R KOEHL/J MORRISON, Pers Int – P/C Morrison

Thursday, May 2

8:00am+James DEVER, RIP – K/A Holychuk

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, May 3

12:10pm+Lia MORRISON, Pers Int – P/C Morrison

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

Saturday, May 3

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNCIL – CWL

5:00pm+Steve Da SILVA, RIP – B/J Da Silva

Sunday, May 5

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Brian KENNEDY, RIP – Campbell/O’Leary

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The risen Christ enters through locked doors

Eight days later, the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” — John 20:26

The Gospel today tells of ‘doubting Thomas,’ who said, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Opinion is divided about Thomas: some condemn him for his lack of faith; others commend him for his prudence in not rashly believing what has not yet been proved. Jesus lovingly provides the proof: “Thomas, reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

Looking at the Greek text as John wrote it, Jesus does not use the word ‘doubt’ but ‘unbelieving.’ For the English reader, this is an important distinction. Doubt means a qualified assent: ‘maybe, maybe not.’ Unbelief is a denial. Thomas says “I will not believe, unless ...”

Does Jesus rebuke Thomas? If so, it is a gentle rebuke: “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.” Thomas knew, as we all do, that dead bodies cannot come back to life. Jesus’ appearance did not make him change that belief. What changed was his belief in *who Jesus is*: “my Lord and my God!”

In some ways, Thomas is a model for the honest unbeliever. He may be *disposed* to believe, he might *like* to believe, but he *cannot* believe. He needs to be convinced. Faith is not a sentiment; faith is a conviction.

Conversion is sometimes sudden and overwhelming, as St. Paul’s encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. More often, as in the case of St. Augustine, it is the culmination of a long search for truth. As Cardinal Newman, another famous convert, said: “Doubt is a progress, but certitude is a point; it is a reflex action; it is to know that one knows.”

Every conversion story is unique. But in every case, without exception, it is the story of the grace of God breaking through the barriers that we place in his way. I recommend watching *The Journey Home* on EWTN. Each week the host, Marcus Grodi, interviews a guest who has discovered the truth of the Catholic faith, often starting from sheer atheism.

St. Augustine says:

Although no one can be saved who does not wish to be, grace can transform every person, without violating his freedom, from one who does not wish to be saved into one who does. God always has in reserve a grace which no heart, no matter how hard, resists, since grace is given precisely for taking away the hardness of the heart.

Even hearts that are bolted tight against the intrusion of grace find that the risen Christ enters through locked doors.

Saint of the Week:

The privilege of our Church is such that it is never stronger than when it is attacked, never better known than when it is accused, never more powerful than when it appears forsaken. - *St. Hilary of Arles (400-449), Bishop, Feast Day May 5*

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3, 2019 as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding; for endurance in committed vocations; and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. Our parish prayer is in our hymnals and said at weekend masses. Please take a moment to pray for vocations on Friday, May 3. Vocation resources can be found on the Office of Vocations' website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL MASS AND BREAKFAST

The Annual Mass is **Saturday, May 4th, 9:00am**, at Immaculate Conception Church

Breakfast follows at Wimpy's Restaurant in Alliston (across from the high school on Victoria street). To register, contact Dawn Westcott at 705-435-9914 or dwestcott@bell.net NO later than April 25th so reservations can be made.

Everyone is welcome!



www.sharelife.org

Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada.....

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Cross-cultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously Parish Goal \$55,500. Balance to-date \$21,086.70

Volunteers Needed!

God has given each of us something to do that no one else on earth can do. Stewardship teaches to be grateful and responsible for the blessings we have received and gifts that God has bestowed upon us. This week we ask those who have the talent of counting and working with cash to please consider joining us for two hours a month to count the Sunday collections. Please contact the office 705.435.6325 x21

Calendar of Events

- Apr 29** – Edge Night at 7:00pm
- May 1** – Baptism Class 1 of 4 Scheduled at 7:30pm
- May 2** – K of C Exe. Mtg. at 7:30pm
- May 4** – CONFIRMATION Day Retreat Groups A & B 9:30 – 6:00pm
- May 8** - Baptism Class 2 of 4 Scheduled at 7:30pm
- May 9** – CWL Exe. Mtg. at 7:00pm
- May 9** – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
- May 11** – Life Teen Night at 7:00pm

Annual 'GARAGE SALE!'

SATURDAY, May 25, 2019
8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Please Hold on to those treasures that are in "Good, Clean, Working order until May 22nd"

DELIVERY DATES

Wednesday, May 22 to Friday May 24th
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For pick-up, please contact before May 21
To set-up an appointment call
Loretta Gismondi at 705-458-9504
Dawn Westcott at 705-435-9914

****Please Note:**

NO CLOTHING or LARGE FUNITURE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For sorting, cleaning, pricing and pickups



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night ~ Monday, April 29 ~ 7pm

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Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

LIFETEEN Night ~ Saturday, May 11 ~ 6pm
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