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) Alternating Mondays - 7:00 p.m. Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) Alternating Saturdays - 6-9:00 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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Immaculate Conception

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 3 November 2019

Then Jesus said of him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because Zacchaeus too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost. *Lk* 19:9-10

First Reading + Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2 Second Reading + 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2 Gospel + Luke 19:1-10



We must meditate before, during and after everything we do. The prophet says: "I will pray, and then I will understand." This is the way we can easily overcome the countless difficulties we have to face day after day, which, after all, are part of our work. In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others. *St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584), Patron Saint of Spiritual Leaders & Seminarians, Feast Day November 4*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Dark periods of Church history are often succeeded by years of resplendent faith. But how does this happen? Is life born out of death? Life and light must have been there all the time, otherwise they could not have blossomed forth all at once into such power and radiance. — Dom Anscar Vonier

To the objective observer, this present age is surely one of the 'dark periods,' but we can see definite signs of 'life and light.' In the past few years I have been impressed by the faithful witness of prominent Church leaders such as Cardinal Robert Sarah. I have been unstinting in my praise of his latest book, *The Day Is Now Far Spent*.

Another great champion of the Catholic faith is Bishop Athanasius Schneider. He has just published a book called *Christus Vincit: Christ's Triumph Over the Darkness of the Age*. Like his namesake, the formidable St. Athanasius who defended the divinity of Christ during the Arian crisis of the 4th century, Bishop Schneider is not afraid to speak up boldly in defense of Catholic doctrine and devotion.

Cardinal Sarah praises Bp. Schneider's book:

At this critical moment in the life of the Church we must reflect carefully on all that confronts us and discern what is true, good, and beautiful from what is evil. We cannot but be grateful to a faithful apostle such as Bishop Athanasius Schneider for his clear and courageous analysis of the state of the Church in our day. May this book assist all who read it in living their particular vocation with greater fidelity and zeal, for the glory of Almighty God and the salvation of souls.

Bishop Schneider is the auxiliary bishop of Astana in Kazahkstan, which was formerly part of the Soviet Union. He descends from Germans who immigrated to Russia in the 1800s and settled on the shores of the Black Sea, where they flourished, maintaining their German language and culture. Life became very difficult for them after the Communist Revolution, and Bishop Schneider's paternal grandfather was killed in the dark years of the Stalinist terror. His parents, having survived the Second World War, were sent to the Soviet forced labor camps, where they met and married. They were eventually allowed settle in Kyrgystan, in Central Asia, with their four children.

Later the family moved to East Germany, where Bishop Schneider completed his education. Discerning the call to religious life, he entered a religious order in Austria and was sent to their seminary in Brazil, where he was ordained to the priesthood. He was then sent to Rome for further studies. There he met the Bishop from Kazakhstan who, learning that he was still fluent in Russian, went directly to Pope John Paul II to ask that Fr. Schneider be assigned to Kazahkstan! He was made a bishop by Pope Benedict.

Bishop Schneider has a deep luminous faith which he inherited from his parents and grandparents. He is one of the signs of 'life and light' in these dark times.

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Prayers for the Souls of the Faithful Departed.

All during the Month of November we will pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed at all parish masses.

All Souls Envelopes are at the back of the Church or in the foyer during November. Place your envelope in the collection basket or the basket at the front of the

altar. All donations will go directly to Cemetery Board for the upkeep of our parish cemeteries.



The Shepherds' Trust ~ November 16/17

'Caring for those who always cared for us' The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests of The Archdiocese of Toronto d with sufficient financial resources to lead a

are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. By supporting The Shepherds' Trust, retired priest are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years.

There is still time to register

How Do I Become Catholic?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, Please contact Fr. Glass at <u>father.glass@gmail.com</u>

Sunday's following 10:30am Mass

ADVENT RETREAT

Find out more about the meaning behind the Advent wreath.

"Called to The Light"

With MaryAnne Giannini

MaryAnne hails from our own region (Colgan). She is a retired High School Chaplain with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic School Board.

Everyone is invited to Come and Join us in the Spirit of the Advent Season

Saturday, November 30 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (doors open at 8:45 am in the Fr. Bennett Hall)

Admission is free but **registration required** in order to ensure refreshments for all

To register, sign up in foyer/contact Martha Whelton 705-435-0991; <u>me.whelton@sympatico.ca</u>

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League



Saturday, November 9, 2019 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Get caught up in all the excitement & Sign-up today on the board in foyer to help.

*Your donations of new or good Clean used Jewellery purses, scarves, accessories and ornaments should be

at the Church <u>before</u> Friday, November 8th. There are drop-off boxes under the table in foyer

Pease consider a donation to one of these tables

- 1. Our very popular **Penny Table** with '<u>New'</u> Gifts only.
- 2. Delicious home **Baked Goods** (loaves, squares, cookies)
- 3. Homemade Knitting and Sewing
- 4. Homemade lunch in our **Tea Room** (soup & sandwiches)
- **5. Raffle** with Monetary prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 To help with ticket sales call Elaine 705-435-4713
- 6. Homemade scrumptious Preserves & Jams
- 7. We are requesting donations of <u>'clean used Jewellery'</u> Trinkets and other **"Bling"** Scarves, purses and accessories to add to our **Jewellery table**.

8. Donations for our **Second Prize Table** (small kitchen utensils, Jewellery, Gift Cards, Sports Game Tickets, etc.)

9. Christmas Ornaments Table. Have you changed your décor? Have you changed your colour scheme? If they are in good repair, why not donate them!

Conveners: Dawn 705.435.9914; Helen Beamish (705.435.9761) and Marion Pickett (705.434.1091)

Please return your ticket stubs by Friday, Nov 8th.

Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

It's that time of the year once again when you are out shopping for Christmas Gifts, please remember the less fortunate in our community. Food items and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Church.



'Sponsor A Family' for Christmas, please call Paul Healy (St. Vincent de Paul) @ 705-435-4951

The Rosary Apostolate

Are seeking volunteers who have devotion to the Mother of God and are willing to visit our schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month. Training will be provided. Please contact Joyce Lindsay at 905-936-6631



