

# 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.*

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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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## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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## **Immaculate Conception**

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## **Pastoral Team: Pastor:** Fr. Alan Glass

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Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



Baptism of The Lord ~ 12 January 2020

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." *Matthew 3:16-17*

**First Reading + Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**  
**Second Reading + Acts 10:34-38**  
**Gospel + Matthew 3:13-17**

Mass  for the  
 Intentions  Week

**Monday, January 13**  
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, January 14**  
 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle  
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS  
 7:00pm+Michael O'LEARY, RIP – Laciak Family

**Wednesday, January 15**  
 8:00am+Michael TIGHE, RIP – D/I Irvine

**Thursday, January 16**  
 8:00am+Jessica LOVETT, Pers Int – P/C Morrison  
 10:30am+Mass at the Good Samaritan

**Friday, January 17**  
*(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*  
 12:10pm+Charles DONNELLY, RIP – K of C

**Saturday, January 18**  
*(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*  
 9:00am+Sr. Margaret MYATT, RIP – J/R Farrugia  
 5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Sunday, January 19**  
 9:00am+Artur SILVA, RIP – Family  
 10:30am+Helene STANWAY, RIP – B Baumfeld/Family

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*Tolle, lege — pick it up and read it.*

St. Augustine's spiritual autobiography *The Confessions* is one of the all-time great books of world literature. It is the story of Augustine's long search for God. The climax of the story comes when Augustine, convinced of the truth of the Gospel, is on the verge of conversion, but cannot make the final act of will. In agonies of indecision, he takes refuge in a garden that is attached to the house where he is staying.

For I felt that I was still the captive of my sins, and in my misery I kept crying, "How long shall I go on saying 'tomorrow, tomorrow'? Why not now? Why not make an end of my ugly sins at this moment?" Then, all at once, I heard the singing voice of a child in a nearby house repeating "*tolle, lege* — take it up, read it."

So I hurried back to the place where I had put down a book containing the Letters of St. Paul. I seized it and opened it, and in silence I read: "Not in reveling and drunkenness, not in lust and wantonness, not in quarrels and rivalries. Rather, arm yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ; spend no more thought on nature and nature's appetites."

I had no wish to read more and no need to do so. For in an instant, as I came to the end of the sentence, it was as though the light of confidence flooded into my heart and all the darkness of doubt was dispelled.

Thomas Merton, in his autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, recounts similarly agonizing over whether he had a vocation to a Trappist monastery, where the monks spend most of the day in silence. He decided to do what St. Augustine had done and consult the Scriptures.

It was the old business of opening the Bible and putting your finger down blindly on the page and taking those words as the answer to your question. Sometimes the saints have done this, but more often it is done by superstitious old women. Anyway, I opened the book and put down my finger, and the answer practically floored me: 'Behold, thou shalt be silent.' It was in Luke's gospel, where the angel is talking to John the Baptist's father, Zachary.

Silent! There could not have been a closer word to 'Trappist' in the whole Bible, for to me, the word 'Trappist' stood for 'silence.' However, I immediately found myself in difficulties, which shows how silly it is to make an oracle out of the Bible. As soon as I looked at the context, I observed that Zachary was being reproved for asking too many questions. Was I also being reproved? The information that I had asked for was a greater cause of uncertainty than my original ignorance.

Often, when we read Scripture, we find the very words of encouragement that we need at that time. As long as we do not use the Bible as a means of superstitious divination, we can profit from those words that Augustine heard in the garden: *Tolle, lege*. Pick it up! Read it!

**Saint of the Week:**

The Church is the Ship outside which it is impossible to understand the Divine Word, for Jesus spoke from the boat to the people gathered on the shore. - *St. Hilary of Poitiers (315-367), Feast Day January 13*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY  
25<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass at 9:00 a.m.**  
at Immaculate Conception

**Parish Solemnity**

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**LIFE TEEN**

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**Mass, Dinner, Karaoke**  
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**Saturday, January 18**  
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**Mark your Calendars!**

The Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Squires are hosting their annual **Parish Breakfast on January 19 at**



**10:00am** for all parishioners in both N. Adjala and Alliston to attend. The menu will consist of, sausages, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bread and beverage. Donations gratefully accepted. The Knights will be acknowledging the Altar Servers at the breakfast with merit certificates for their dedicated service.

**Calendar of Parish Events**

- Jan 13** – Edge (Youth Grade 6-8) Night at 7:00pm
- Jan 14** – Cemetery Board Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 15** – First Communion Class Grp. A at 6:00pm
- Jan 15** – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
- Jan 16** – CWL General Mtg. at 7:00pm
- Jan 16** – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 17** – First Communion Class Grp. B at 6:00pm
- Jan 18** – Life Teen(Gr 9-12)Snow Tubing 6:00pm
- Jan 21** – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 22** – FIRST Confessions Groups A/B - 6:00pm
- Jan 23** – Blood Donor Clinic 2:20-7:30pm
- Jan 24** – Edge(Gr 6-8) Snow Tubing 6:00pm

**FIRST CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be given on **January 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** For both Groups A & B

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES**

Classes resume for children and parents on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. for Group A and Friday, January 17 for Group B.

*(If you had not registered your child in October 2018 for the sacraments, you will have the opportunity to sign up in the fall of this year, for spring 2020 for First Communion and Confirmation).*



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**STEUBENVILLE TORONTO**

**Register NOW!**

**“Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.” -Psalm 80:3**

INFO/REGISTRATION

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