

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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 19 January 2020

“And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and remain on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” *John 1:32-34*

First Reading + Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel + John 1:29-34

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, January 20

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 21

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Mary JOYCE, RIP – A Szydluk

Wednesday, January 22

8:00am+Brian CONRY, RIP – G/J Gillis

Thursday, January 23

8:00am+Rob KOECHL, Pers Int – C/P Morrison

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

Friday, January 24

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Claire HART-RUHL, RIP – J/R Farrugia

Saturday, January 25

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Shirley ELLIOTT, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+Agnes RONAN, 90th B-day-F McDonell&Family

Sunday, January 26

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Leo JOYCE, RIP – H Cyr

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Bible was not written for scripture scholars.

On the First Sunday of Advent we started a new lectionary cycle with the Sunday Gospel readings taken from Matthew’s Gospel. Although today’s reading is from Gospel of John (continuing the theme of Epiphany) next Sunday we pick up Matthew’s Gospel at verse 4:12 with the calling of the disciples.

If it has been a while since you have read Matthew from beginning to end, now is the perfect time to reacquaint yourself with this Gospel. We need to remember that the Bible was not written for scripture scholars but for all the faithful. We can feel intimidated by the opinions of the scholars, but in fact they usually obscure more than they illuminate. The scriptures were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and it is those who are filled with the Holy Spirit who are therefore our surest guides.

As Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) said:

Every Catholic must have the courage to believe that his faith (in communion with that of the Church) surpasses every “new magisterium” of the experts, of the intellectuals. Their theories can be helpful in providing a better understanding of the origins of the biblical books, but it is a prejudice of evolutionistic provenance if it is asserted that the text is understandable only if its origin and development are studied.

The rule of faith, yesterday as today, is not based on the discoveries of biblical sources and layers but on the Bible *just as it is*, as it has been read in the Church since the time of the Fathers until now. It is precisely the fidelity to this reading of the Bible that has given us the Saints, who were often uneducated and, at any rate, frequently knew nothing about exegetical contexts. Yet they were the ones who understood it best.

There are many good commentaries on the Bible. We are fortunate to have Catholic scholars like Jeff Cavins, Scott Hahn, Brant Pitre, and others who, through their books and videos, help us to read the Bible. However, it is always the Saints who have the best insights. The rule of our faith is not ‘*sola scriptura* — Scripture alone’; rather, it is ‘Sacred Scripture *and* Sacred Tradition.’ Together these form a *single source* of the Church’s faith. The Second Vatican Council stated that Sacred Tradition “transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the Apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit.”

It is not necessary to read the Bible in its original languages, although it is indeed beneficial. One can argue the merits of the various translations. The lectionary uses the *New Revised Standard Version* (NRSV), with some corrections. Another modern translation that is more faithful to the original text is the *Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition* (RSVCE). Whichever translation you use, the important thing is to ‘pick it up and read it’! The Bible was not written for scholars, it was written for you.

Saint of the Week:

The devil strains every nerve to secure the souls which belong to Christ. We should not grudge our toil in wresting them from Satan and giving them back to God. - *St. Sebastian (AD 256-288), Patron of a holy Christian death, Feast Day January 20*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY
25th**

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

Parish Solemnity

*The Conversion of Saint
Paul the Apostle*

Patron Saint of our Parish



FIRST CONFESSIONS

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

Calendar of Parish Events

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

**DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO
DEVELOP A MORE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD?**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE DISCALCED
CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER?**

The OCDS Community of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face invites you to COME AND SEE! The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) are sons and daughters of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), sharing the same charism of prayer and contemplation with our Friars and Nuns, according to our particular way of life as lay people. Our daily commitment is to foster an intimate relationship with God by following Jesus Christ under the motherly care of Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Carmel. Secular Carmelites meet once a month – every **third Wednesday**, in the evening, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Newmarket. For more info, or to visit a meeting, phone Joanne @ 905-476-4093.

CWL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Mary Matthews Public Speaking competition sponsored by the C.W.L. will take place in the parish hall on **Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** ALL parishioners are welcome to come and support these young people from St. Paul's and Holy Family Schools as they deliver their prepared speeches in front of an audience. Light refreshments will be available.

2020 ORDINANDI DINNER

Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Pearson Convention Centre
2638 Steeles Avenue East, Brampton
\$75.00 per person
5:00 – Reception & Cash bar
6:15 - Dinner & Program Sharpe
8:00 Featured talks by the 2020 Ordinandi

Contact person:

Marie Charbonneau if you wish to attend
705-890-0040 or by email
mcharbonneau@smcdsb.on.ca

Deadline: For ticket payment is Jan. 31, 2020

The Annual Ordinandi Dinner is organized by the Serra Club. By attending the dinner, you are encouraging our seminarians who will become ordained priests and helping support Serra House where men discern priestly vocations.



SPiritual BOUQUET FOR 2020 ORDINANDI

A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET is an offering of: Masses - Communion - Rosaries - Stations of the Cross - Eucharistic Adorations - Sacrifices - Novenas and other forms of prayers offered by a person for an intention.

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This intention is for the seminarians studying at St. Augustine's Seminary who will be ordained priests in 2020.

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These are personal prayers and devotions (not paid for) but offered by individuals for the intentions requested. The Ordinandi have always expressed that receiving this Spiritual Bouquet Plaque of Prayers is one of the best gifts they could receive knowing how much they are prayed for. Please sign-up now on the board in the foyer of the church.

World Day of Consecrated Life

The Church will celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life on Sunday, February 2, 2019. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass on Sunday, February 2 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto to celebrate with and pray for these consecrated men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese.



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