

# 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

905-936-4743

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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.

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## **NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES.**

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 16 February 2020

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you: Do not swear at all. Let your word be ‘Yes,’ if ‘Yes,’ or ‘No,’ if ‘No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

*Mt 5:33-34a, 37*

**First Reading + Sirach 15:15-20**  
**Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**  
**Gospel + Matthew 5:17-37**

### Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday, February 17**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, February 18**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Leo JOYCE, RIP – M Heydon

**Wednesday, February 19**

8:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory – M Bogucki

**Thursday, February 20**

8:00am+Ernie THIBERT, RIP – P/C Morrison

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan Home

**Friday, February 21**

*(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

12:10pm+Jacob KAVANAGH, Pers Int – J/C Orr

**Saturday, February 22**

*(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+James WHEELER, RIP – P/L Ceresino

\*\*4:00pm – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Sunday, February 23**

9:00am+Mary JOYCE, RIP – H Wright

10:30am+Michael COLE, RIP – G Cole

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

#### *Preparing for Lent*

We have one more Sunday of Ordinary Time before we begin our observance of Lent. The season of Lent is by far the most important time of the year. Going through Lent is like climbing a lofty mountain, and the summit is the celebration of the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. The more seriously we take Lent, the more we will benefit spiritually from our celebration of Easter. Jesus suffered the passion of the cross before experiencing the glory of the resurrection. In imitation of the Master, we too, if we are to rejoice in his glorious resurrection must shoulder the cross during the forty days of Lent. Truly, the graces that are available to us in Lent are more than we can imagine.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. It is a grave sin to violate the law of fasting and abstinence. We only have two days when fasting is absolutely required — Ash Wednesday and Good Friday — so we should be especially scrupulous in observing them. Children and the elderly are not bound by the law of fasting, nor are those who cannot fast for reasons of health. However, all those who can, should. The great St. Irenaeus said, “We are not saved *from* the body, but *in* the body.” What we do ‘in the body,’ such as accepting physical hunger, profoundly affects our spiritual well-being.

We must never forget that it is Jesus himself who commands us to pray, to fast, and to give alms. This is especially true during Lent when we spiritually accompany Jesus in his forty days in the desert. Jesus was confronted by the temptations of the evil spirit and he resisted and overcame them. In our forty days of Lent we also will face temptations. However, the grace will not be lacking for us to resist these temptations, and to make use of them to grow in virtue.

We must recognize that it is often difficult to live out our Christian faith in a culture that is not Christian and often opposed to Christ. One of the practical challenges that we face is how we take advantage of March Break, which always falls within Lent. There is a temptation to treat March Break not only as a break from school, but also as a break from God. Instead of making use of March Break to enter more fully into the spirit of Lent and draw closer to God, we often do the exact opposite. When the disciples were weary and needed a rest, Jesus would lead them away to a quiet place and pray, so that they could recharge their spiritual batteries. As disciples of Christ, we ought to take advantage of this mid-Lent break to do the same.

We cannot be mere ‘accidental’ Christians. There is no merit in following Christ only when it is perfectly easy and convenient to do so.

### **Saint of the Week:**

“You see, my friend, together we can accomplish some good and honor Mary, our Mother and Consolation, with our sacred worship. – Bl. Joseph Allamano (1851-1926),  
*Consolata Missionaries, Feast Day February 16*

### Ash Wednesday

February 26th at St. Paul's  
8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.



### The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the  
Cross

Friday's at 7:15p.m.

February 28th – April 10<sup>th</sup>



### Confessions

Weekly on Tuesdays 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.  
And Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

### Reclaiming Love 2020

#### Theology of the Body for Everyone

The realities of masculinity, femininity and gender – and how these relate to our identity – are being questioned like never before. Jason Evert, internationally-known Catholic speaker and author, leads a discussion that helps us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. Speaking the truth with love, he shows how the recognition of what our biology reveals helps us understand who God created us to be and lets us accompany others on their life's journey.

**Tuesday, May 19** – St. Mary's Parish (Barrie, ON):  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 20** – St. Patrick's Parish  
(Markham, ON): 7 to 9 p.m.

**Thursday, May 21** – St. Francis Xavier Parish  
(Mississauga, ON): 7 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available starting  
February 14, 2020. To purchase tickets online, please  
visit: <https://www.ocytoronto.org/reclaiminglove>

### Congratulations!

The Catholic Women's League congratulates the winners of the Mary Matthews Public speaking contest which was held on Mon. Feb. 3, 2020. **First place winner Matthew Chiavitti** from Holy Family School spoke on "Emotions" and will next speak at the C.W.L. Northern Region Level at 2:00 p.m. on Sat. Feb. 29, 2020 at Holy Martyr's of Japan Church in Bradford.

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up William Duffy from Holy Family School spoke on "Chemicals & Cosmetics".

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up Heidi Flood from St. Paul's School spoke on "Failure"

Thank you to the judges, time keepers, parents, and impromptu coaching All the participants are to be congratulated on their excellent presentations.

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

This Parish could not exist without your generous donations. We thank you for your generosity in helping to maintain the two Churches of this Parish as fitting places of worship and our spiritual home. If you are using Pre-Authorized Giving, **please, review the amount of your monthly contribution** and *remember that it does not cover special collections*. If you are not yet using Pre-Authorized Giving, please consider the advantages of this way of supporting your Parish.

You will see the bright yellow registration letter in the Information stands in the foyer.

**ALSO:** "Parishioners who participate in our parish's Pre-Authorized Giving Program will soon receive a letter from ShareLife. If you are not currently making your ShareLife gift via PAG, you are encouraged to sign up. And, if you already use PAG for ShareLife, please consider increasing your gift to help those who rely on your generous support."

### Calendar of Events

New Members are Welcome STVDP!

**Feb 18** – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 7:30pm

**Feb 19** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class Grp. A 6:00pm

**Feb 20** – CWL General Mtg. 7:00pm

**Feb 21** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class Grp. B 6:00pm

**Feb 24** – Parish Council Mtg. 7:00pm

**Feb 24** – Edge Night (Integrity) 7:00pm

**Feb 29** – Life Teen (Demonstrate) 6:00pm



Now in its 7th year, Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. The conference will take place **July 3-5, 2020** on campus at UOIT in Oshawa, ON.

**REGISTRATION OPENED NOW!!**

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