

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 at St Paul's Church Only

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

9:00a.m. - 10:30am - 12:00 noon

Weekday Liturgies at St Paul's Church Only

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition on the First Friday of each month at Immaculate Conception Church from 1:00pm Friday until 8:00am Saturday.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) TBA

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) TBA

Reconciliation(Confessions):

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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.

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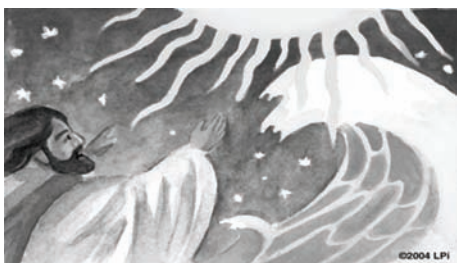
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1st Sunday of Advent ~ 28 November 2021

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." *Luke 21:26-28*

First Reading + Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading + 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel + Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, November 29

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, November 30

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00+Holy Souls in Purgatory – P/C Morrison

Wednesday, December 1

8:00+Steve & Mary DUMANSKI, RIP – Estate

Thursday, December 2

8:00am+Marjorie LEGAULT, RIP – Estate

Friday, December 3

12:10pm+Meil & Jessica MORRISON, Pers Int

Saturday, December 4

9:00am+Lillian THIBERT, RIP – P/C Morrison

4:00 – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS

5:00am+Mike TIGHE, RIP – S Tighe

Sunday, December 5

9:00am+Tom WALSH, RIP – L/R D' Amico

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00pm+Marhorie LEGAULT, RIP – Estate

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Begin again.

I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten. — Joel 2:25.

Even though I am now in Ottawa (temporarily), I am still writing this column in the bulletin each Sunday. I have made it a point not to offer any opinion on the pandemic or the lockdown, but please visit the "Simcoe Muskoka Health Stats" Covid-19 web page for vaccination rates and current numbers of cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Be informed.

As we begin this new liturgical year, I am thinking of one of my great saints, Ven. Bruno Lanteri, whose motto was "Begin again." His life was a series of failures and disappointments, through no fault of his own. If his life was a film script, before the credits rolled he would have overcome every obstacle and achieved success. But Fr. Lanteri never did succeed as he had hoped. Rather, God brought good out of his failures, in ways that can only be attributed to divine grace.

St. Thomas Aquinas considers the question, "Why does God allow evil in the world?" He writes:

As St. Augustine says, "Since God is the highest good, he would not allow any evil to exist in his works unless his omnipotence and goodness were such as to bring good even out of evil." This is part of the infinite goodness of God, that he should allow evil to exist, and out of it produce good.

We should not think that evil contains within it some hidden or possible good. No. Evil is simply evil. It is an *absence* of good. There can be no goodness in evil, just as there is no light in darkness. God can, however, use evil as an *occasion* for good. When Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, their intention was evil and the act itself was evil. God, however, made use of their evil deed as an occasion to save them during the seven years of famine. The good result was not caused by the evil act. Rather, it was God who was the cause of Joseph being raised to a position of authority in Egypt. The brothers were the cause of the evil only; God was the cause of the good.

If we look for some kind of divine alchemy that turns the suffering of the innocent into something good, we look in vain — there is no good there. But as St. John of the Cross said: "Where there is no love, put in love, and you will draw love out." It is simply false to say "We learn from our mistakes." We learn from *correcting* our mistakes. In the same way, we cannot draw good out of evil, but we can put good in, and so overcome evil with good.

The lockdowns have been great for big-tech and big-pharma but an unmitigated disaster for the Church. There have been no beneficial side-effects. There is no bright side. It is all bad. This is why we have the Book of Lamentations: "How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow has she become that was great among the nations!" So what do we do? The only thing we can do: Begin again.

Saint of the Week:

Prayer is powerful! It fills the earth with mercy, it makes the Divine clemency pass from generation to generation; right along the course of the centuries wonderful works have been achieved through prayer.

- St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552), Patron of Missionaries, Feast Day, December 3



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.

We celebrate our eternal union with loved ones who live in Christ. We remember the following families in our prayers: All Deceased Holy men &

women, Agnew, Allen, Anthonypillai, Antidormi, Archer, Archibold, Armes, Bagsik, Balcerowkz, Baptiste, Barnas, Barr, Beaton, Behl, Bento, Beriault, Berry, Bis, Bogucki, Bohn, Bozek, Brown, Buchanan, Bucrek, Burke, Cake, Cejrowski, Cameron, Campbell, Canseco, Carroll, Carter, Cescon, Chamberlain, Charlang, Chiovitti, Cole, Colalillo, Commandent, Concessi, Courchesne, Cox, Creighton, Crowley, Cyr, D'Araujo, Dagastino, Daniel, Da Silva, De Foa, Devereaux, DiLuca, Dinneen, Dinnoo, Dol, Donnelly, Doyle, Dubois, Durrant, Eagan, Eisener, Emino, Fabrizio, Facchini, Ferrank, Fitzgerald, Flanagan, Ford, Freak, Furtado, Fuschino, Galezowski, Garbutt, Gaspar, Gatti, Gaudette, Gibbens, Givens, Graham, Gribbon, Guiott, Hagan, Hall, Hamilton, Hands, Hayes, Hazeal, Heffernan, Henrique, Hiesl, Hill, Hmielousko, Hoffart, Horan, Hubbard, Hutchinson, Hyland, Ignas, Jack, Jerry, Jeyaraj, Jobity, Jocelyn, Joseph, Joyce, Kelly, Kenn, Kennedy, Keogh, Kilbride, Kopec, Kromer, Krzyzaniak, Kurnat, Kuzmich, Laciak, Lanning, Laperriere, Laviolette, Leduc, Lee, Lemay, Leo, Levesque, Livingstone, Lolato, Lovett, Lynch, Mahadeo, MacDougall, MacNeill, MacPherson, Maddock, Maillet, Mahoney, Makaroff, Malboeuf, Mallette, Marchis, Marsh, Marshall, Martin, Mastelarz, McCabe, McCarthy, McDonell, McGoldrick, McGuire, McIntaggart, McNeill, McPeake, Messier, Megraw, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Moreau, Morrison, Most Abandoned Souls, Mortimer, Mularkeym, Murray, Neubauer, Neubous, Nicholson, Nickerson, Nixon, Neilson, O'Connor, O'Leary, O'Neil, Oldfield, Ortman, Orzechowski, Pachero, Paolo, Panny, Parasol, Pellegrini, Pender, Pendergast, Peter, Philips, Pietro, Pietrzak, Pike, Pirie, Power, Prokopich, Pszyszlak, Quadrini, Quinlan, Ralphs, Ribic, Rice, Robichaud, Rochefort, Rochon, Rodrigues, Rogers, Ronan, Rosario, Ruetz, Rusiecki, Sr. M Saul, Scherneckaer, Scizzi, Sellers, Severin, Shunk, Sitarz, Sienkowski, Simon, Skelton, Smythe, Solski, Sonier, Souls of those struck with Covid, Snyder, Stefanko, Stewart, Strzelczyk, Strum, Svetina, Swartz, Szcrsch, Szczukocki, Szydlak, Szymanek, Tan, Tardif, Tarasick, Tessier, Thibert, Tighe, Trumble, Tyler, Vachon, Vanderpost, Vandervoort, Veri, Vorano, Walbourne, Walsh, Weber, Weick, Whelton, Whiteside, Willis, Wilson, Witczak, Wright, Zorn.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking volunteers to join our Conference. We need individuals to help make home visits and distribute food vouchers to people in need. We are also seeking an individual who has some knowledge of accounting to act as our treasurer. If you have an interest or wish more information, please contact Paul Healy (705) 435-4951.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Support

As Christmas approaches, it is a time to think about those less fortunate and the efforts of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist. The Society assists families in our community with donations of gift cards so they can purchase food and gifts for family members. Last Christmas we were able to deliver gift cards worth \$10,000.00 because of the generosity of the parishioners of St. Paul's Church. Thank you for your continued support.

We ask you once again to support our efforts during the month of December by donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, using the envelope found in your church envelope box or by placing your donation into another envelope with your name and address included. You will receive an income tax receipt, included with your church donations or from St. Paul's Society, or from St. Vincent de Paul, as we are a registered charitable organization.



Support vocations through ShareLife.....

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests.

Your gift to ShareLife is investing in our Church's future by supporting 54 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the current academic year.

Our parish goal is: **\$57,300.00**
To date, we have raised: **\$55,872.40**

Help us help others - Edge and Life Teen Program

St. Paul the Apostle Edge and Life Teen youth ministry programs are collecting the following items to distribute to local charities until December 13th:

New and gently used, clean items ONLY as listed:

Hats, mitts, gloves, winter socks and winter scarves.

Items can be brought to the church on our Edge or Life Teen Program Nights or picked up in Alliston by calling 647-237-1348. Help us help those in need.

(Please note we are not equipped this year to take any other clothing items other than listed above, thank you.)



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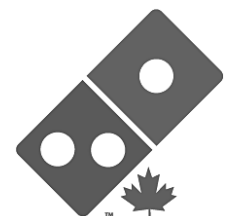
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