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Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20:21-23

First Reading + Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 Gospel + John 20:19-23

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 29 NO MASS SCHEDULED Tuesday, May 30 5 :20pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR 6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+father Asch, Per. Int.- J/C Orr Wednesday, May 31 8:00am+Rev. Anthea MENDONCA, RIP – Antao Family. Thursday, June 1 8:00am+Volunteers Assisting First H.Comm Masses- C/P Morrison (Mass at Kingsmere Retirement Home) 10:30 AM+For the People of the Parish Friday, June 2 (Mass at Immaculate Conception) Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. (Multiple Intention Mass - RIP) 12:10pm+ Mary DUMANSKI, John HOLIERHOEK, Rev. Christopher BENNETT Saturday, June 3 (Daily mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Rev. Christopher BENNET, RIP – Arch Tor. 5:00pm+Kazimierz MADYDA, RIP - Kijasinski Sunday, June 4 9:00am+Maria GERONIMO, RIP- D. Geronimo 10:30am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

The Age of the Holy Spirit - Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:2-4

And with that, the Church was born. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost which, in many ways, was the culmination of the mission of Christ. The pinnacle of His mission will come at the end of time when He returns in all His glory to judge the living and the dead and to establish His permanent Kingdom. But for now, we live under the rule of the Holy Spirit Who has descended upon us in full form, transforming us and making it possible to prepare for Jesus' final and glorious coming.

The Trinity is truly a Mystery of Faith. In our limited way, we understand that God is Three in One. He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each a distinct Person. Each fully sharing in the one divine nature. Though They act in perfect unison, They each fulfill Their unique mission. The Father is the one Who sent the Son into the world and willed that He give His life for the salvation of all. The Son was sent and perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father, uniting humanity with divinity. The Holy Spirit is the Promise of Father and Son Who proceeds from Them and descends upon us, animating us and making it possible for us to share in the life of the Most Holy Trinity.

If that is hard to comprehend, it should be. Our limited intellects can only grasp a shadow of the reality of God. That fact, however, should not discourage us. On the contrary, it should inspire us to anticipate that day when we will see God face to face and enter more deeply into the mystery of His divine life.

Today we especially focus upon the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity: The Holy Spirit. It is an incredible gift we have been given to live in this age of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you have thought to yourself that it would have been nice to live during the time that Jesus walked the earth. But Jesus Himself said that it was good that He go. Why? Because then He would send His Advocate, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, Who will lead you into all Truth. Thus, the age in which we now live, the age of the Holy Spirit, is the most blessed age the world has ever seen. This is because we are now able to receive the indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity by the power of the Holy Spirit. God is no longer spoken only through the prophets. He is no longer revealed only through the Person of the Son in Jesus Christ. He is now also able to live within us, making our very souls His dwelling place. Heaven and earth unite within our souls. There could be nothing greater than this.

As the Holy Spirit descends upon you, He brings the presence of the Father and the Son. They are inseparable. Therefore, as we prayerfully look within ourselves, we discover the Voice of the Father, leading us into His holy will. We discover the Person of the Son to Whom we are called to be conformed in every way, living as members of His very body on earth. This is made possible because the Holy Spirit descends upon us in a way similar to the way the Holy Spirit overshadowed our Blessed Mother, conceiving within her the Son of God. As the Holy Spirit overshadows us, God is conceived within our souls, and we begin to share in the very life of God here and now.

Reflect, today, upon these holy mysteries of our faith. See the actions of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as a true mystery. The only way we will be able to begin to probe these mysteries is through prayerful pondering. We must look for the workings of God within, see Him at work within our souls, savor His presence, rejoice in it and keep our eyes firmly fixed on Him. We must see the fruit of God's presence in our lives, such as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Below is a full list of these Gifts. Ponder them today. As you do, and as you see these Gifts within you, you will be seeing God Himself, the Holy Spirit, alive and living within the depths of your soul. *Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I worship You and adore You with all my Heart. Thank You, Father, for sending Your Son into the world. Thank You Father and Son for sending the Holy Spirit into my life. May I open my soul more fully to You today and every day so as to prepare for Your glorious return at the end of the ages. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife*



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Grades 9 - 12. 645 - 9pm Mondays. Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

May 29-Zealous/St. Paul's journey June 12- Summer Celebration



Grades 6 - 8. 645 - 830pm Mondays. Bi-weekly. Check schedule. June 5- Xray/Why Reconciliation matters June 19 – Summer Celebration

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Save the date: - Sunday August 20th

We will have our Parish picnic and BBQ on August 20th from 1200 noon onwards at Immaculate Conception grounds... More details to follow.....

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List of Nominees for Parish Pastoral Council 2023-2025 term

- Carol Jobity: Carol has been a member of the Parish for the last few years. Actively involved with the Youth Ministry activities, a devout Catholic and a mother of two, lives in the area with her husband and children.
- Genevieve Schryer- Parent of 2 grown daughters. The Schryer family moved into the area of Tottenham 26 years ago and has lived in Mono for the past 6 years. I have been a member of the choir at Immaculate Conception. I would like to assist the parish community in this small capacity.
- Geof Tan- Has been a parishioner at St Paul's since 2007 along with my wife Liz and our 9 kids. When we first came to the parish, I got involved in the music ministry at the Saturday night mass as well as the youth ministry with the Lifeteen and Edge programs, also serving as a leader for Edge Camp. I am a life coach and teacher who has also worked professionally in Youth Ministry as well as being self employed in general contracting and in the insurance industry. After a number of years in the parish I also became actively involved with the Knights of Columbus and have served as Grand Knight, working at the Potato Festival booth and other parish events, often as emcee. I have a strong devotion to the rosary and am passionate about the faith life of the community. I appreciate the nomination to parish council and feel I have the skills to help the parish chart its way forward in our changing times. I look forward to serving.
- Gonzalo de Romona-I was born in Lima, Peru to two wonderful Catholic parents who did their best to raise me in the faith. I went to Catholic school in Peru and subsequently continued my studies in the Catholic education system when we immigrated to Canada in 1981. I graduated from George Brown College with a diploma in Logistics Management which eventually assisted me to attain my current position as an Assistant Manager Customer Experience at CN Rail. I met my wife Jennifer when I was 24 years and we got married when I was 28 years old. We were blessed with our first child William in 2004 and blessed again with the birth of our daughter Graciela in 2005. We moved to Alliston 2009 at which time I would describe myself as non practising Catholic which would be generous. I became a parishioner at Saint Paul The Apostle and slowly was brought back to my faith through volunteering for the Youth Ministry and later joining the Knights of Columbus. The Lord used Saint Paul The Apostle Parish as a great source of healing and growth for me in my faith journey that I could never fully repay. I am honored to have been nominated for the parish council and if selected I would serve proudly and to the best of my abilities.
- > Krista Tomini- Krista is dedicated to making a positive impact in her community. With a passion for volunteerism, Krista has devoted her time and efforts to various organizations, leaving a lasting imprint in the lives of those she serves. One of Krista's notable contributions was her involvement with the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, where she worked towards advancing the hospital's mission. Her dedication was further exemplified when she assumed the role of Chair for the Gala held in 2019, successfully orchestrating a memorable event that garnered widespread support. Recognizing the importance of education and fostering a strong community, Krista has played a pivotal role at Holy Family Catholic School. As a long-standing member and cochair of the Holy Family Catholic School Community Council, she actively engages with parents, teachers, and students, ensuring a nurturing and inclusive environment for all. Her commitment to education extends beyond the school community, as she served two terms on the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee, where she exemplified exceptional leadership skills while serving as chair. Krista's dedication to her faith is evident through her involvement in the music ministry at Immaculate Conception Church. Alongside her husband Stephen, she has devoted over 15 years to this ministry. Seeking personal growth and improvement, Krista embarked on a journey to enhance her singing abilities, undertaking voice lessons five years ago. Currently, she is preparing for her Grade 7 RCM exam, a testament to her commitment to selfimprovement and artistic expression. Krista also enjoys an active lifestyle that includes cycling and strength training. In addition to her community involvement and musical and athletic pursuits., Krista is a mother to three wonderful children. Balancing multiple responsibilities, she combines her commitment to family with her passion for making a difference in the world.

- Marilyn Ardito Retired from a 44-year nursing career, Member of St. Paul's Parish since 1996. Past President of our Parish Council. Currently active as Membership Chair in the CWL. Have been a Lecturer since 1998, Friendship Group member, Collection Counter.
- Miklos Borsos- Miklos and the family moved to Everett in 1999 and have been members of St. Paul's parish for the past 22 years. I am also a member of the Knights of Columbus and had been elected to Parish Council in 2019 (unfortunately did not get to do too much in the past 3 years due to the Pandemic). For a number of years (2008-2013/14) I played bass in the Music Ministry thinking about rejoining if they will have me / need me! . Outside of Church, I work in the Auto Industry and serve as an elected member of the Municipal Council in Adjala-Tosorontio.
- Neil Morrison-A lifelong member of the Parish, dating back to when the Church, Rectory, and St. Paul's school shared a site next to Banting Memorial High School. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus. Over the years, I have been involved with various groups, including a Saturday Mass children's choir, the first Squires council, startup of the Lifeteen and Edge programs, and our current Saturday Mass Music Ministry. I am currently focused on my vocation of husband and father to three wonderful girls and alongside my wife Jessica, run a couple of small businesses. I have a good working knowledge of the infrastructure of both St. Paul's and the Immaculate Conception properties, and I feel that my background in construction and maintenance, property management, and business would bring beneficial skills to the Parish. I appreciate the nomination and would be grateful for the opportunity to serve the Parish.
- Patricia Buruca A parishioner since 2011
- Suzanne Hayes- A member of St Paul's Parish since 2012, a Lector, member of the Catholic Women's League for the past 55 years. Active in liturgical music ministry in former parishes. Registered Nurse since 1962. A senior citizen, widow, blessed with 3 children and 5 grandchildren.
- Tim O'Reilly Originally from Ottawa. I have been a member of the Parish since 2011. I am Minister of the Word at Immaculate Conception on Sundays.
- Tim Riengeuitte-I am a resident of Alliston area for over 40 years. Worked in the Transportation industry, was self-employed O/O long haul truck driver, then worked in the auto industry in a management position until I retired in 2017. I am an active member of St Paul's Church and the Knights of Columbus Council 9352 for the past 34 years. I serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion for over 20 years. I am an active member of the St Paul Cemetery Board for the past 5 years. Was also a collection counter for the Parish for 12 years.

Tony Groen- Parishioner since 1993. Actively involved with volunteering at Immaculate Conception and assisting with beautification of the parish along with his wife Bertha.

