

# 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) every 2nd Monday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) every 2nd Saturday 6-9 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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### **St. Paul the Apostle**

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

*father.glass@gmail.com*

Youth Minister: Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

or email Dave: *allistonlifeteen@gmail.com*

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny – RCIA

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

*It is necessary that all be accomplished as written.*

As Holy Week draws near, our thoughts turn to the events of the Jesus' last days. What comes out clearly in the reading of the Gospel accounts is the compressed timeline — how *quickly* things happened.

On Thursday evening, Jesus is dining with his disciples at 'the last supper' and there seems to be not the least hint of trouble; yet by late afternoon of *the very next day*, his dead body has already been placed in the tomb. Within that short span of time so many things happen: his long time in prayer in the garden of Gethsemane; his arrest; his trial before the Sanhedrin; another trial before Pilate in the early morning; his interview with Herod; his return to Pilate; his scourging; his walk to Calvary; and his death on the cross.

When we read the Gospel accounts with our 'eye on the clock,' we see the frantic rush with which all this takes place. The pace of events is being forced by the necessity for everything to be concluded before Friday evening, which is the beginning of the Sabbath.

When Judas leaves the supper to betray Jesus, the high priest Caiaphas must immediately organize the arrest party; he must rouse the members of the Sanhedrin from their beds and assemble them for the trial; he must get together the witnesses for the prosecution; and, most importantly, he must make arrangements with Pilate for a civil trial to take place first thing in the morning. All this must occur in the space of mere hours.

Why this unseemly haste? Of all the times to arrest Jesus, why do it at this most *inconvenient* time? In fact, Matthew tells us that "the chief priests and the elders of the people conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'"

What changes their minds? Again, Matthew tells us: "Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?' And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him."

Jesus has been teaching openly in the Temple in Jerusalem every day, with attentive crowds listening to him, but each evening he has been returning to the nearby town of Bethany. On Thursday, Jesus alters this routine. He stays in Jerusalem to have a special supper with his disciples in the 'upper room,' after which he leads them to an isolated garden on the Mount of Olives where he prays and waits. Judas has rushed to Caiaphas to tell him, 'Now is your chance to arrest him!' Caiaphas must act quickly.

In the rapid unfolding of events, Jesus is not in control of the actions of others, but it is *necessary* that "everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets be accomplished." The enemies of Jesus are constrained by the force of events to put him to death exactly on the Passover.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of Him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." John 11:21-23

**First Reading + Ezekiel 37:12-14**  
**Second Reading + Romans 8:8-11**  
**Gospel + John 11:1-45**

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**Monday, April 8**  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, April 9**  
5:30pm+Marian Cenacle  
6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS  
7:00pm+John KENNEDY, RIP – M Kennedy

**Wednesday, April 10**  
8:00am+Tony RINOMATO Sr., RIP – R Butt  
7:00pm+Holy Family School TENEBRAE

**Thursday, April 11**  
8:00am+Mass of Thanksgiving – K/A Holychuk  
7:00pm+St. Paul's School TENEBRAE

**Friday, April 12**  
12:10pm+Lillian THIBERT, RIP – P/C Morrison  
7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

**Saturday, April 13**  
(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)  
9:00am+Maria/Joe SILVA, RIP – M/J Mota  
5:00pm+Pat DEVEREAUX, RIP – J Ralphs & Family

**The STATIONS of the CROSS**

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross  
Friday's at 7:00p.m. up to Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

**CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday's at 6pm before 7pm Mass  
Saturday's at 4pm before the 5pm Mass

### Annual Offence Declaration

The Volunteer Screening Committee has been active in our Parish for several years. Our obligation is to protect everyone whom we serve and our volunteers. The screening of volunteers in high risk (HR) ministry positions includes Background Criminal Record Check (CRC). These CRCs are valid for five years. As part of the risk-management process and the screening policy of the Archdiocese of Toronto, an Annual Offence Declaration is required each year from all HR position volunteers, until the next CRC is processed. This declaration confirms that no new convictions have occurred since the last screening or disclosure. The declaration will only be reviewed by the Pastor. This method of risk management is conducted as a form of diligence and commitment to the Parish community for individuals volunteering in a Position of Trust. Those volunteers who have had their police check up to the end of 2018, will be asked to complete the Annual Offence Declaration forms. We THANK YOU for your cooperation during this process.

*Carla Beckett and Tina Steip, Volunteer Screening Coordinators.*



### Living the Gospel by supporting those with disabilities.....

Ben, a 66-year-old with a developmental disability, lives with his 90-year-old mother. Without any other family, she didn't have a plan to take care of him after she no longer was able to do so. She turned to Mary Centre, a ShareLife agency, which matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of Mary Centre's group homes. Now that he has befriended its residents and staff, Ben will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

**May 5 ~ Next ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

**Parish Goal \$55,500. Balance to-date \$14,126.70**

### 2019 National Catholic TV Mission SIN, FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION

Cardinal Thomas Collins is this year's Mission leader, and he will explore the healing power available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mission will air on Salt + Light and Vision TV during Holy Week. Please check your local listings, call the NCBC toll-free 1-888-383-6277 or visit [www.dailyvymass.com](http://www.dailyvymass.com) for more information.

Come and share **A Day of Reflection** with us on  
**Monday April 8th at 10:00 – 1:00 pm**  
**at Henry Carr Farm.**

(contact – Claudette Morrison 705-435.3234)

We will be praying the Rosary, having a Holy Hour, confessions and Mass with Father Pierre Farrugia. We will share a light potluck lunch. Everyone is welcome!!!

### Tuesday Evening Video Series

Following the 7:00 pm Mass

### NO GREATER LOVE

### A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

April 9 – The Seven Last Words



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

### HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT April 18/19

An overnight retreat in the church experiencing the Last Supper to the Resurrection in our role as Easter people.

### EASTER TRIDUUM

#### Holy Thursday – April 18

No Morning Mass

7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

#### Good Friday – April 19

No Noon Mass

3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion  
7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday – April 20

No Morning Mass

12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at  
Immaculate Conception Church

#### Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – April 20

{*The greatest celebration in the Church Year*}

### Easter Sunday – April 21<sup>st</sup>

**8:00a.m.** at Immaculate Conception  
**9:00a.m. (new)** at St. Paul's Church  
and **10:30a.m.** at St. Paul's Church

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