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 (LIFE TEEN Mass)

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Marian Cenacle: Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

(On the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month)

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) every 2nd Friday 7-9 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.

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.

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

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians are to be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Classes on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (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

St. Paul the Apostle

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Youth Minister: Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24 or email Dave: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



Palm Sunday - 9 April 2017

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Matthew 21:9-10

Gospel + Matthew 21:1-11 First Reading + Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading + Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel + Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 10 NO MASS SCHEDULED Tuesday, April 11

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR 6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Allan MASON, RIP – Crowley Family **Wednesday, April 12**

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

HOLY THURSDAY – April 13

(No Morning Mass)

7:30pm+George WHELTON, RIP – M Whelton

GOOD FRIDAY - April 14

(No Daily Mass)

3:00pm+Commemeration of the Lord's Passion 7:00pm+Station of the Cross

Saturday EASTER VIGIL – April 15

(No Daily Mass)

8:30pm+Mass of Thanksgiving – M Bell

EASTER SUNDAY – April 16

8:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 9:00am+Frank VANDERVOORT, RIP – J/R Vandervoort 10:30am+Vinko JANKOVICH, RIP – M Jankovich

Saint of the Week:

May we be led to the glory of Heaven by the prayers of the Virgin Mary. – Saint Stanislaus (1030 -1079), Bishop, Confessor, Martyr, Feast Day April 11

Last Week's Collection:

Sunday Offering \$ 4,516.85 ShareLife (1st Coll) \$ 18,383.90

Great first ShareLife collection! Thank you for your generosity! Next ShareLife collection is May 7th.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Celebrating the Sacred Triduum

The Good Friday liturgy begins in total silence. The priest and servers do not process down the main aisle; rather, they slip in quietly down the side aisle. Then, while the servers go to their places, the priest lies face down on the floor at the foot of the Sanctuary, and prays silently for a short time. When the priest gets up, he goes directly to the celebrant's chair and says the Opening Prayer. There is no sign of the cross, no greeting nor any other introduction; there is no *Confiteor* ("I confess ...") and no *Kyrie*. After the Opening Prayer, all sit for the readings from Scripture.

Over the years, I have heard explanations of why the Good Friday liturgy begins in this unusual way. In fact it is because the liturgies of Holy Week preserve many ancient elements that have remained unchanged for hundreds of years. In former times, there was no procession for Good Friday liturgy because the priest and servers were already in the Sanctuary, having just completed the afternoon prayers of the Divine Office. Except in Monasteries, most priests now pray the Divine Office privately, so they have to make their way to the Sanctuary without ceremony.

The Good Friday liturgy, in any case, is very different from the usual Sunday Mass. It is extremely "solemn" which does not mean "sad," but "serious." Liturgy ought to be a serious business. The two key elements of this liturgy are the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel according to John and the Veneration of the Cross.

The Passion accounts from the other gospels each get their turn in successive years on Palm Sunday (this year it was Matthew's turn) but on Good Friday it is always John's own eye-witness account that we hear. The other readings are Isaiah's prophesy of the "suffering servant" — "The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities" — and the Letter to the Hebrews which extols our "great high priest ... the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

The Good Friday liturgy centers on the Veneration of the Cross. The Cross is carried into the Church and placed in front of the altar. After the priest and servers venerate the Cross, all the faithful are invited to do the same. This all takes time, but 'taking time' is essential to Good Friday. While the Cross is being venerated, the Choir sings the *Reproaches*: "My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Savior to the cross. ..." This is followed by the hymn *Crux Fidelis*: "Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble tree."

When everyone has venerated the Cross, the faithful are invited to receive Holy Communion from hosts that were consecrated the previous evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. There is a prayer after Communion, and then the priest asks God's blessing on his people. There is no dismissal. All depart in silence.



Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community...

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counselor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I'm grateful to ShareLife -supported Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me."

Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language **Summer Camps.**

PARISH GOAL \$50,000 ~ Balance to-date \$ 20,813,90 This is a great start for our parish campaign!! Next ShareLife Sunday - May 7, 2017 Please give generously.



St. John Vianney has reserved 10 seats

for St. Paul's Parish on their bus for

March for Life Trip to Ottawa 11 May 2017

Please contact Dave McKendrick at 647-237-1348 \$50 per adult. Bus pick up at 89/400 interchange. Tentative times Departure 5:45 am and Return 11 pm.

SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY, May 27th, 2017 GARAGE SALE

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Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT April 13/14

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

St. Paul's Cemetery & **Immaculate Conception Cemetery Clean-up** Saturday, April 22nd

9:00AM – We begin at St. Paul's Cemetery and then up to Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Bring rakes & Leaf Blowers Refreshments Provided **Oualifies for community hours**

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - April 13

No Morning Mass

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

Good Friday – April 14

No Noon Mass

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

<u>Holy Saturday – April 15</u>

No Morning Mass

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

Easter Vigil + 8:30 pm - April 15

{The greatest celebration in the Church Year}

Easter Sunday - April 16

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

PIEROGI DINNER

Saturday, May 6th @ 6:30pm

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