

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.

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.

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

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5th Sunday of Lent ~ 2nd of April 2017
Third Scrutiny

When he said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."
 John: 11:43-44

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 3

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, April 4

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Dorothy CROWLEY, RIP – M/A Crowley

Wednesday, April 5

8:00am+June TOMPOROWSKI, RIP – C/R Young/Family

6:30pm+St. Paul's School – TENEBRAE

Thursday, April 6

8:00am+Christopher/Yvonne HYLAND, Pers Int – S Hands

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, April 7 – FIRST FRIDAY

12:10pm+ Pat PENDERGAST, RIP – M Lynch

Followed by Exposition & Adoration

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 8

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Sister Frances, RIP – P Murphy

5:00pm+Helen LYNCH, RIP – M Lynch

Sunday, April 9

9:00am+Ed WALSH, RIP – Walsh Family

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The nature of Christian freedom: faith and virtue.

We are now into the last two weeks of Lent. The statues have now been covered with purple cloths as a visual reminder that we are on the verge of celebrating Holy Week, with Palm Sunday next weekend, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, and then the grand finale — the Easter Vigil and the Mass of the Resurrection.

In these last weeks, we should be reminded of the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Those hired in the afternoon received the same wages as those who worked all day. If you have been negligent or lukewarm in your observance of Lent so far, it is not too late to start. For those who have been persevering throughout the past four weeks, it is now time to sprint to the finish.

In our R.C.I.A. class we have been looking at the question of "grace and works." The Protestant Reformers condemned the observances of Lent as "works of the Law," quoting St. Paul to the Galatians: "Yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law."

Even today, Protestant preachers will describe the Catholic Church as "a religion of works." Too often the Catholic response has been to say that it is not a matter of "either/or" but rather of "both/and" — the Christian is saved by faith *and* works. But this is definitely *not* the Catholic understanding. The Catholic Church has always taught that "works" do not come into it at all. Again quoting St. Paul: "But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us." It is definitely not a matter of "both/and," it is *all* grace!

The problem arises from that word, "works." St. Paul uses the phrase "works of the law" to describe the numerous Jewish rituals, including especially circumcision, which were not imposed of Gentile converts. These certainly are not necessary for salvation. But then, in the same letter to the Galatians, St. Paul speaks also of the "fruits of the Spirit." He says: "Live by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, ... drunkenness, carousing, and things like these." In contrast, the "fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Here, St. Paul — as any good Catholic would do — is speaking about not about *works*, but about *virtues*. As people of faith, we are called to lives of virtue, which is faith in action. During Lent we take a break from gratifying the desires of the flesh in order better to cultivate the virtues, the fruits of the Spirit.

Saint of the Week:

If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. — St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), Bishop of Seville, Feast Day April 4

Last Week's Collection:

Sunday Offering \$ 3524.75

ShareLife \$ 500.00

The National Catholic Mission this year is inspired by the writings and teachings of Fr. Henri Nouwen. Join Sr. Sue Mosteller and Fr. Ron Rolheiser for this two part Mission that will be broadcast during Holy Week on Salt + Light TV (April 11 & 12) and on VisionTV (April 10 & 11). Each part of the Mission will be rebroadcast the following day following the Daily TV Mass. For more information e-mail the NCBC at info@ncbc.ca, call them toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or visit www.dailytvmass.com.

BROADCAST DURING HOLY WEEK 2017 (Check your local listings as times are subject to change.)

Vision TV

PART 1: Monday, April 10, 2017

- 4:00 pm PT / 7:00 pm ET / 8:00 pm AT
- Rebroadcast - Tues., April 11 after Daily TV Mass

PART 2: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

- 4:00 pm PT / 7:00 pm ET / 8:00 pm AT
- Rebroadcast - Wed., April 12 after Daily TV Mass

Salt+Light TV

PART 1: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

- 5:00 pm PT / 8:00 pm ET / 9:00 pm AT
- Rebroadcast - Wed., April 12 after Daily TV Mass

Part 2: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

- 5:00 pm PT / 8:00 pm ET / 9:00pm AT
- Rebroadcast - Thurs., April 13 after Daily TV Mass



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
\$65 per adult. Bus pick up at 89/400 interchange.
Tentative times Departure 5:45 am and Return 11 pm.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

Life Night
Saturday, April 8 ~ 6:00 – 9:00 pm

THE CROSS

A night to enter into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in a personal way.

Call for Conscience Campaign

At present, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this. Take the time to visit: CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected MPP asking them to protect conscience rights. Resources for writing are available in the foyer of the church.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

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Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife.....

"The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps to evangelize the Gospel to brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**"

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

PARISH GOAL \$50,000 ~ Balance to-date \$ 2,430
Today is ShareLife Sunday – April 2, 2017
Please give generously.

Lent & Easter Schedule

During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church

CONFESSIONS - Tuesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm

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

Holy Saturday – April 15

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

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