

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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2nd Sunday of Easter ~ 3 April 2016
Divine Mercy Sunday

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — Jn 20:27-28

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First Reading + Acts 5:12-16
Second Reading + Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel + John 20:19-31

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 4

****7:00pm+**The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, April 5

10:45am+Holy Family School Mass

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Personal Intentions – Parishioner

Wednesday, April 6

8:00am+Marie McISAAC, RIP – J/R Vanderwoort

Thursday, April 7

8:00am+James McAULEY, RIP – L McAuley

10:30am+Kingsmere Community Mass

Friday, April 8

12:10pm+Mary WHITE, RIP P Devereaux

Saturday, April 9

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+

5:00pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – P Devereaux

Sunday, April 10

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – L/M Joyce

Saint of the Week

Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy. Believe it firmly. Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession.

-*Saint Isidore of Seville (560-636), bishop, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day April 4*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

You are the light of the world.

Pray as much as you can. Evils abound, and God has willed that evils should abound. If only evil people did not abound, then evils would not abound. "The times are evil, the times are troubled" — that is what people say. Let us live good lives, and the times are good. We ourselves are the times. Whatever we are like that is what the times are like. — St. Augustine

Augustine knew about bad times. In his day the Roman Empire was falling apart. The Goths sacked Rome, and the Vandals invaded North Africa. Meanwhile, the Catholic Church was struggling with internal attacks on the faith. The followers of Arius denied the divinity of Christ. The followers of Donatus denied the efficacy of the Sacraments. The followers of Pelagius denied the necessity of God's grace. It was indeed the worst of times.

St. Augustine is no Pollyanna, finding something to be glad about in every situation. His view of the world is firmly founded on reality. He said: "All times are open-season for martyrs. If you do not believe it, start living loyally in Christ, and you will soon see that it is true."

Augustine was living in an age of martyrs but it was also an age of Saints. Augustine himself is a prime example. In St. Augustine we see the truth of the words of St. Paul: "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound!"

Cardinal Newman, in the 1800s, was also living through difficult times. He wrote: "What our forefathers were, such are we; we look like other men, but we have in us which none others have, — the latent element of an indomitable fortitude. This may not be the age of Saints, but all times are the age of Martyrs."

It did not seem to Newman to have been an age of saints, but looking back we see that the Holy Spirit was active in the Church. We can also take courage because "what our forefathers were, such are we."

St. Paul says to the Ephesians:

For once you were in darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Everything exposed by the light becomes visible.

All of us, as Christians, have been given the great gift of faith, which is also a challenge. It is not easy to live loyally in Christ when the darkness of evil seems to be growing darker around us every day. But we are called to be the light shining in the darkness. "God has assigned us such a high position, and we are not allowed to abandon it."

Yes, the times are evil, the times are troubled, but we have the latent element of an indomitable fortitude. Let us live good lives, and the times are good. Whatever we are like, that is what the times are like.

Date Changed to
Saturday, April 30 @ 6:30pm

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Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with the Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched program St Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support.

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016
Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Parish Goal \$50,000 ~ Balance to-date \$12,591.75

St. Paul's Refugee Family

Prior to Christmas, we were told our refugee family may be here in Alliston within 2 weeks. Unfortunately, they have still not arrived. The Office of Refugees at the Archdiocese of Toronto indicates that the family is still assigned to come to Canada; however, we have learned the family's preference is to go to Australia where they have other family members. If our original family does not arrive, we have indicated that St. Paul's Parish is willing to sponsor another family. The Refugee Committee will keep you apprised of any new information.



Catholic Middle School Ministry Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

'A New Hope'

Friday, April 8, 2016
 Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com
 Or Text Dave 647-237-1348



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

'Counterfeit'

Saturday, April 18, 2016

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, June 2, 2016



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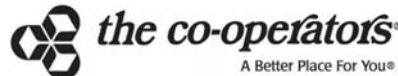
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