

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

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.

1st Thursday of each month

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

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.

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

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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Second Sunday of Advent
10th December 2017

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" *Mark 1:2b-3*

First Reading + Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading + 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel + Mark 1:1-8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 11

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 12

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Joseph MORRISON, RIP – M/A Crowley

Wednesday, December 13

8:00am+Mary WALSH, RIP – A/J Munnock

6:30pm+Advent Lessons & Carols – Holy Family School

Thursday, December 14

8:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Crump Family

6:30pm+Advent Lessons & Carols – St. Paul's School

Friday, December 15

12:10pm+Terry QUEALEY, RIP – M.L./David Quealey

Saturday, December 16

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Letty BAROLET, RIP – C/H Redmona

5:00pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – J Megraw/Family

Sunday, December 17

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Jack MAHER, RIP – Friends Down the Lane

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

This will be a sign for you, that I have sent you.

In the book of Exodus, Moses asks God for a sign. God tells him: "This shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve me upon this mountain." When I first read that I thought that it was a strange kind of sign — one that can be verified only *after the fact!* Then there came a time in my own life when I felt strongly that God was calling me to serve Him as a priest, but I could see no possible way of bringing that about. It was a case of "You can't get there from here." And I remembered Moses' sign. The proof that God was calling me would be that, in spite of all the obstacles, He would make it happen.

The decision to apply to the Seminary was not an easy one to make. It meant leaving a professional career that I loved and leaving a parish community that was nurturing my faith; it meant a complete change of life. Was this really what God was calling me to do? I had to go on trust. At the end of my first day in the Seminary, I was alone at night in the Chapel, and I recalled those words: "This shall be the sign for you: you shall serve me upon this mountain."

In the middle year of their studies Seminarians do a pastoral internship in a parish. I did my internship here at St. Paul's with Fr. Tad Walczyk in 2005-6. It was a good sign that this parish is dedicated to St. Paul the Apostle, a favorite Saint. That the parish had a second Church dedicated to the Immaculate Conception was a huge bonus.

When I was ordained as a transitional Deacon in 2007, Cardinal Collins had recently been appointed as Archbishop of Toronto Diocese, and he decided that the Deacons should be ordained in their home parishes. I chose to be ordained here at St. Paul's. The day assigned for my ordination was 9 December 2007, the day after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

My good friend Laura often joked with me about my coming back to this parish as a priest. But things like that just do not happen. Then in the spring of 2011, the head of priest personnel informed me that the plan to assign me a parish had fallen through and that I would be sent to help out at St. Mary's in Barrie. In September of that year, Fr. Keith Wallace had to leave Holy Spirit Parish in Barrie for personal reasons, and Fr. Tad agreed to take over from him, leaving St. Paul's without a pastor. I got the phone call: would I mind going to Alliston? No, I would not mind at all. And so I came home. After serving for one year as an Administrator, my official installation as Pastor occurred on 9 December 2012, exactly five years from the day of my Deacon ordination in this same Church.

When Jesus called his first disciples he said: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. They had no idea where he was leading them, but they followed in faith. They never regretted their decision.

Second Sunday of Advent: John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a church vocation, Call Fr. Lemieux, Vocation Director 416.968.0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Saint of the Week:

Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction. - *John of the Cross (1542-1591), Priest, Patron of Contemplatives, Feast Day December 14*

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Confessions:

Every Tuesday: 6:00 – 6:45p.m. (before 7:00p.m. Mass)

Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45p.m. (before 5:00p.m. Mass)

There will be No confessions on December 24th.

*****SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

(At St. Paul the Apostle Church)

Sat. December 23rd at 5:00p.m.

Sun. December 24th at 10:30am

(At Immaculate Conception)

Sun. December 24th at 9:00am

Christmas Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

Sun. December 24th: at 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 12midnight

Mon. December 25th: at 10:30a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

Mon. December 25th: at 9:00a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

Monday, January 1st: at 10:30a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

*****NOTE: Sunday, December 31: at 12:00midnight**

Monday, January 1st: at 9:00am

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Our youth will once again be collecting **'Clean Winter Clothing in Good Condition'** for ADULTS ONLY to distribute to the homeless & shelters.

We are asking for your support to bring the following items to either Confirmation Sessions, St. Paul's Church Masses, Edge Nights and Life Teen Nights.

- **Adult Winter Clothing, especially socks, coats, shoes, boots, mitts, hats, scarves, shirts, pants, sweaters, blankets, sleeping bags, belts, new underwear and hygiene products, food gift cards such as Tim Horton's or McDonalds.** *(Please no summer wear, light weight material pants or men's suits, these are not practical on the street in winter)*

Our Life Teen (high School teens) will be sorting, bagging, and then delivering these items to homeless on Toronto streets on December 29th.

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before we issue the 2017 tax receipts, we need to update our Parish List. 90% of envelope users do not record their name on the envelope. I cannot issue a tax receipt if I don't know who the donor is. We understand not recording the amount, but please put your name and address on the envelope for the coming New Year.



Would the donors of Envelopes #64 and #496 call the Office with your name and address if you wish a tax receipt. Thank you all for your continued support!

Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

Unwrapped toys for children up to 9yrs old and food items can be dropped off at the Church. The hampers will be picked up by the needy families in Alliston and surrounding area. Donation deadline is December 12, 2017.



Seasonal Part-time Job - Snow Removal

We would like to hire a person to clear the Patio and Walkways at St. Paul's. On Wed. and Thurs. mornings, at least a clear path to the parking lot would be required by 7:30 AM. Other mornings it could be a little later. The entire Patio and Walkways need to be kept clean. A snow blower is on site for an experienced handler. Persons interested, should contact the Office Manager at 705-435-6325 Ext. 21

Friday, December 15, 7 – 9 p.m. EDGE Christmas Social Night

An opportunity to share and celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus, our spiritual mother Mary and her spouse St. Joseph.

Friday, December 29 Road Trip – LifeTeen Street Patrol, Food and Clothing Handouts in Toronto.

Every Year during Advent, we collect for the Chalice Christmas Smiles Campaign:

In the past, we have raised between \$200 - \$400 to give a healthy meal to children in developing countries. This year they have a private donor who will match every \$50 we send to feed a family for a month. We Answer Christ's Call to feed the poor during this Advent season. Parishes place a metal container in front of the altar. At Offertory time, we invite the children to come forward and drop coins in the tin. Along with the joyful noise, this special moment in the mass teaches the importance of charity and stewardship.

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