

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.

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) Alternating Mondays - 7:00 p.m.

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) Alternating Saturdays - 6-9:00 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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3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 15 December 2019

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Again, I say, rejoice.

On this Third Sunday of Advent, the color of the Advent candle is rose to match the joyful theme of the entrance antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

Those words are taken from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. St. Paul continues: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which is beyond all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

The message that St. Paul constantly preaches is the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. The same Greek word that is translated into English as 'salvation' also means 'healing' and 'wholeness.' Christ is our salvation, first of all, because he heals us and makes us whole. As St. Paul says so often, we are being transformed into Christ.

We may think of Christ as a judge, and rightly so: "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." At the end of our lives we will be judged according to our actions — what we have done and how we have lived. Everything that is hidden will be brought to light. We will be held accountable. The judgment will come at the end, but salvation is here and now.

St. Augustine says that a man has as many masters as he has vices. Our sinful habits really are our masters if we cannot break the hold they have over us. Christ breaks the power of sin. Jesus does not save us *in spite of* our sins; Jesus saves us *from* our sins. Jesus not only forgives our sins, but he breaks the hold that sin has on us in this life. Christ frees us from futility of mind and from the darkness of this present age. The eastern religions talk about enlightenment. What is enlightenment? As Christians we have been enlightened because Christ is our light.

As St. Paul says to the Ephesians: "For once you were in darkness, but now you are in the light of the Lord. Walk as children of the light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. And try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them."

The ultimate truth is this: our beginning is in God, and our end is in God. As St. Augustine pointed out, we have within us an emptiness that only God can fill. "God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Pope Leo XIII, a great pope of 19th century, said: "The greatest of all misfortunes is never to have known Jesus Christ." To know Christ is our greatest good. It is this treasure that St. Paul constantly exhorts us to take hold of and make our own. It is for this reason that he says:

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice.
The Lord is near.*

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Matt 11:10-11

First Reading + Isaiah 35:1-6a,-10

Second Reading + James 5:7-10

Gospel + Matthew 11:2-11

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, December 16

6:30pm+Holy Family School Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 17

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Michael O'LEARY, RIP – C Skelton

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am+Bolek & Lucia BOZER – M Bogucki

Thursday, December 19

8:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Family

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

Friday, December 20

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Tessa MORRISON, Pers Int – P/C Morrison

Saturday, December 21

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Leo JOYCE, RIP – J Surman

5:00pm+Deacon Des CARROLL, RIP – Gismondi Family

Sunday, December 22

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+John KENNEDY, RIP – M Kennedy

Saint of the Week: Never was a whimpering bit of humanity so powerful that, while lying on His bed of straw, He could command the very stars to direct whom He wished to visit Him. Never a child so wise or so rich as this little Infant who was full of grace and incarnate truth. - *St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day December 21*

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before we issue the 2019 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. Some of you are using old numbers from years past, which now belong to other parishioners. If your name is not on the envelope you will not be credit with the donation. **Would the donors of Envelopes #160 and #305 call the Office with your name and address if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Thank you all for your continued support!**



Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

Unwrapped toys for children up to 12yrs old and food items can be dropped off at the Church. Lions club will be picking up food and toys the week of December 16. These hampers when filled will be picked up by the needy families in Alliston and surrounding area. Thank you for your generous support!



Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who contributed to make our Charity Raffle Draw a success. The winners of the prizes were John Hagan; Clara Gomes; Enrico Pettrucci; Maria Dol; Suzanne Hayes and Bob Wallace.

CWL 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES
We are quickly approaching the dead-line of Dec. 31, 2019 for our membership campaign. Our memberships should be collected and remitted to the CWL National office on Jan. 1, 2020. Please enclose the fee of \$25 in the CWL envelope in your church offertory box or the pre-printed envelopes on the table in foyer. It can be dropped in the collection basket at weekend masses, the CWL mail box or the church office. Submitting your fee on time will prevent interruption of your League magazine as well as the years of service. Pay before December 31st to be entered into a draw to receive a year's membership FREE!

EnCourage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ.
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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 Remain the Same

(At St. Paul the Apostle Church)

Sat. December 21st at 5:00p.m.

Sun. December 22nd at 10:30am

(At Immaculate Conception)

Sun. December 22nd at 9:00am

Christmas Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

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

Wed. December 25th - at 10:30a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

Wed. December 25th - at 9:00a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

Tuesday, December 31st - at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1st - at 10:30 a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

*****Tuesday, December 31: at 12:00midnight**

Wednesday, January 1st: at 9:00am

Christmas Smiles Campaign:



Our Youth have adopted a second child from Chalice, a Catholic Organization that helps children from all over the world. \$444.00 per year will give a healthy meal, clothing and support to one child for one year in developing countries. **Meet our new adopted child, BARAKI ALI, he is 13 years old and lives in Kenya. His picture is on the tin in front of the altar during Advent.** At Offertory time, the pastor asks 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 to our youth by answering the call to serve the poor.



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