

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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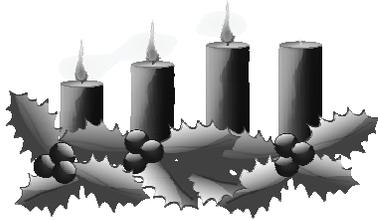
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3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 17 December 2017

John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." John 1:26-27

First Reading + Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11
Second Reading + 1 Thessalonians 5:15-24
Gospel + John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 18

6:00pm_St. Paul's Kindergarten Christmas Carols

Tuesday, December 19

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

******6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Maria Canale Parola, RIP – T/J Riengueutte

Wednesday, December 20

8:00am+Letty BAROLET, RIP – B/M McCallum

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

Thursday, December 21

8:00am+Rev. Richard Jacobson, Archdiocese of TO

10:30am+Mass at the Good Samaritan Home

Friday, December 22

12:10pm+John KENNEDY, RIP – Kennedy Family

Saturday, December 23

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Stella MURRAY, RIP – M Lynch

******4:00pm – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, December 24

9:00am+(IC)Maria/Waclaw SZYMANEK, RIP – Family

10:30am+Letty BAROLET, RIP – J/M Neilson

Vigil of The Nativity of Our Lord

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

7:30pm+Ciprian ILIE, RIP – C Ilie & Family

12:MN +Elizabeth/Kurt STIEGWARDT, RIP – B Baumfeld

Nativity of Our Lord

9:00am+(IC) Bing GIBSON, RIP – Family

10:30am+Gord/Debbie TARDIF and Family, Pers. Int.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord.

Today we continue the season of Advent — the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. We are not yet celebrating Christmas, but rather preparing for the celebration which will begin with evening Mass on December 24th then continue throughout the “twelve days of Christmas” until the feast of Epiphany.

Saint Anselm wrote a famous treatise entitled *Cur Deus Homo* — *Why Did God Become Man*. It's a good question and the answer is not obvious. You see, God did not *have to* become man; rather he *chose to* become man. And that is the central mystery of our Christian faith. The big *Why*.

And the only answer is *love*. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.” It is an answer that leads to another question: Why does God love us? And for that question there is no real answer, because it touches on the very nature of God: *God is love*.

In this season of Advent we start again to recount the story of that incredible love. The typical Hollywood story is “Boy meets girl; boy loses girl, boy regains girl.” The story of mankind is similar. Man meets God — creation, the garden of Eden. Man loses God — that regrettable incident with the serpent and its consequences. Man regains God — the incarnation of God as man, born to a virgin in a stable in Bethlehem and laid in a manger.

Of course a good story should have a redemptive ending as well. And ours ends with the ultimate act of love: the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross.

The early Church fathers did not overlook the symbolism of the lowly manger. A manger is a feeding trough for animals, but it can be seen as a symbol of the altar on which the body of the sacrificial victim is laid, as later Jesus' body would be laid on the altar of the cross. Jesus is born in the shadow of the cross: “For this I was born, for this I came into the world.”

In Advent we relive those long ages of longing during which man had lost God. The Messiah has been promised — when will he come? And we recall the word of the prophet Habakkuk: “For still the vision awaits its time; it will hasten to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it. It will surely come. It will not delay.”

In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the coming of our Savior. There is a threefold coming: past, present and future. The past coming is Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The future coming will be Christ's coming in glory. The present coming is the coming of Christ here and now into our own hearts. In the opening prayer of today's Mass we ask God for “the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ.”

This Advent let us truly prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts and into our homes. As St. Augustine says: “The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy longing. So, my brethren, let us expand our hearts. Let us continue to desire, for then we shall be filled.”

Last Week's Collection:

Sunday Offering \$4443.55

Special St. Vincent de Paul collection \$4766.15

Thank you for your support!!



Christmas Social

Sunday, December 17th
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Edge and Life Teen Volunteers and their Families

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.

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)*

2018 ORDINANDI DINNER

Organized by the Serra Club
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Pearson Convention Centre



5pm Reception/Cash Bar – Dinner/program at 6:20pm
Tickets are \$75 -Fr. Glass will be piper for the event.

Come and help to promote and support vocations, enjoy a tasty dinner, and hear the stories told by this year's Ordinandi of their discernment and vocation journey. So inspirational! We have a table booked for St. Paul's. Please contact Carla Beckett, 705.435.1381 or beckettcarla@gmail.com to reserve your spot. A signup sheet for the Spiritual Bouquet will be available in the lobby at the beginning of January.



CWL 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are quickly approaching the dead-line of Dec. 31, 2017 for our membership campaign. Our memberships should be collected and remitted to the CWL National office on Jan. 1, 2017. 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.

OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS:

CLOSED
12:00noon December 22 – December 27

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



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Friday, December 29th

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