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Feast of the Holy Family



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 29 December 2019

And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the Prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean." *Matt* 2:22b-23

First Reading + Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Second Reading + Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel + Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

# Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday, December 30** NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 31

5:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – E Durkan 12:00MN+ *Mass at Immaculate Conception* Gord/ Debra Tardif and Family, Pers. Int

Wednesday, January 1

(9:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Mary JOYCE, RIP – B Baumfeld

Thursday, January 2

8:00am+Leo JOYCE, RIP – M Skelton

Friday, January 3

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
12:10pm+Msgr John Cartwright, RIP – J/M Scanlon
Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass
Saturday, January 4

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
9:00am+Rev. Paul TANG, RIP – Archdiocese of TO
5:00pm+Michael TIGHE, RIP – Nicholas, Catherine, Simon

**Sunday, January 5** 

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLEOF THE PARISH 10:30am+Bill HANDS, RIP – S Hands

<u>Saint of the Week:</u> Whosoever wisely examines the works of God will speedily discover what is next to be done. - *Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Martyr, Feast Day December 29* 

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

A new year, a new evangelization.

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. — St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

Seven years ago, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict declared a 'Year of Faith' and convoked a Synod of Bishops on the 'New Evangelization.'

In his homily at the opening Mass for the Synod, Pope Benedict referred to an observation made by Cardinal Newman in 1833: "I am impressed with a sad presentiment, as if the gift of truth when once lost was lost forever. And so the Christian world is gradually becoming barren and effete, as land which has been worked out and has become sand." Pope Benedict said:

Today the Church proposes a new evangelization because there is more need of it, even more than there was fifty years ago. Recent decades have seen the advance of a spiritual 'desertification.' In the Council's time it was already possible from a few tragic pages of history to know what a life or a world without God looked like, but now we see it every day around us. This void has spread.

But it is in starting from the experience of this desert, from this void, that we can again discover the joy of believing, its vital importance for us. In the desert people of faith are needed who, with their own lives, point out the way to the Promised Land and keep hope alive.

Today, more than ever, evangelizing means witnessing to the new life, transformed by God, and thus showing the path. The journey is a metaphor for life, and the wise traveler is one who has learned the art of living, and can share it with others. This, then, is how we can picture the Year of Faith, a pilgrimage in the deserts of today's world, taking with us only what is necessary: neither staff, nor bag, but the Gospel and the faith of the Church.

As we begin this new year on the Solemnity of the Mother of God, we begin again our own new year of faith. Pope Benedict concluded his homily with these words:

May this Year of Faith make our relationship with Christ the Lord increasingly firm, since only in him is there the certitude for looking to the future and the guarantee of an authentic and lasting love. The life of Christians knows the experience of joy as well as the experience of suffering. The trials of life, while helping us to understand the mystery of the Cross and to participate in the sufferings of Christ, are a prelude to the joy and hope to which faith leads.

We believe with firm certitude that the Lord Jesus has conquered evil and death. With this sure confidence we entrust ourselves to him: he, present in our midst, overcomes the power of the evil one. Let us entrust this time of grace to the Mother of God, proclaimed "blessed because she believed"



### PARISH SCHEDULE

### Confessions

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm (before 5:00pm Mass) Every Tuesday 6:15-6:45 pm (before 7:00pm Mass)



### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church Tuesday, December 31: at 5:00p.m. Wednesday, January 1: at 10:30a.m.

At Immaculate Conception Church Tuesday, December 31: at 12midnight Wednesday, January 1: at 9:00am

### **Calendar of Parish Events**

**Jan 8** –  $1^{st}$  of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30pm Jan 9- CWL Executive Mtg. at 7:00pm **Jan 9** – K of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30pm **Jan 13** – Edge (Youth Grade 6-8) Night at 7:00pm Jan 14 – Cemetery Board Mtg. at 7:30pm **Jan 15** – First Communion Class Ğrp. A at 6:00pm **Jan 15**  $-2^{nd}$  of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30pm Jan 16 – CWL General Mtg. at 7:00pm Jan 16 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm Jan 17 – First Communion Class Grp. B at 6:00pm Jan 18 – Life Teen(Gr 9-12)Snow Tubing 6:00pm Jan 21 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm **Jan 22** – FIRST Confessions Groups A/B - 6:00pm **Jan 23** – Blood Donor Clinic 2:20-7:30pm **Jan 24** – Edge(Gr 6-8) Snow Tubing 6:00pm

# Thank (13 You

The Pastoral Staff at St. Paul Parish would like to thank you for all your greetings and gifts we received over Christmas. It makes our job easier and more enjoyable to know that so many of you are thankful and appreciative of our ministry and are also praying for us.

Let us keep the Christmas spirit of loving, sharing and giving throughout the whole year. And let us always be thankful to God for the greatest gift He could give us -

The Gift of His Only Son, Jesus.

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"Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved." -Psalm 80:3

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# Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank you for your continued support in our effort to assist less fortunate individuals and families in our community. Our Christmas collection was very successful and thank you for helping us to bring a little cheer this Christmas to approximately 22 families with 60 children and 26 single men and women.

Also, we desperately require more 'volunteers' (especially more men) to assist with visits to distribute food vouchers. If you can volunteer a few hours a month and wish to help out, please contact Paul Healy, President at (705) 435-4951.

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#### **NEW to PARISH? Have you registered yet? New Address?**

It is important to be registered to receive the sacraments & support your faith community. Please fill in the registration form below and place it in the collection basket or hand it into the office. Offertory Envelopes can be picked up in the church foyer.

Welcome to St. Paul's Parish!

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