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Feast of the Holy Family



Feast of the Holy Family ~ 31 December 2017

“My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.”

— Lk 2:30-32

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First Reading + Genesis 15:1-6, 17.3b-5, 15-16, 21:1-7
Second Reading + Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel + Luke 2:22-40

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve

12:00MN at Immaculate Conception

Tardif Family – Pers. Int.

Monday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

9:00am+Jeff KAVANAGH, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Tuesday, January 2

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Jack MAHER, RIP – S/J Duggan

Wednesday, January 3

8:00am+Tricia KAVANAGH, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

Thursday, January 4

8:00am+Mary WALSH, RIP – Peters Family

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, January 5

12:10pm+Norm MARTIN, RIP – J/R Farrugia

Saturday, January 6

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Sr. Michelle THIBERT – J/C Orr

5:00pm+John KENNEDY, RIP – W/C Mundy

Sunday, January 7

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Noreen FITZGERALD, RIP – J/M Neilson

Saint of the Week

The bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry; the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked; the shoes that you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot; the money that you keep locked away is the money of the poor; the acts of charity that you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit. - *St. Basil the Great (329-379), Priest, Defender of the Faith, Feast Day January 2*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The necessity of prayer.

The Christian vocation is simple: you are first a child of God, and the state of life where God has placed you is the source of your holiness. — Mother Angelica

Several years ago, I was giving a talk to a group of young adults on the Christian understanding of vocation — not just vocation to religious life, but vocation to marriage and family as well. I mentioned that before my ordination I had traveled to New York for a week-long prayer retreat with Fr. Benedict Groeschel. By contrast, the fiancé a friend’s daughter had traveled to Los Vegas with his buddies for a week-long bachelor party. I asked: Rather than sowing the last of his wild oats, would it not have been better for him to have spent that week praying for his bride and asking for God’s blessing on his upcoming marriage? The response was *outrage!* What do you mean? We are not monks or nuns! No, but you are supposed to be Christian men and women. Is it really so outrageous to pray for God’s grace in your lives?

Pope John Paul II warned us of a temptation that affects all of us: “thinking that results depend on our ability to act and to plan.”

But it is fatal to forget that ‘without Christ we can do nothing.’ It is prayer which roots us in this truth. It constantly reminds us of the primacy of Christ and, in union with him, the primacy of the interior life and of holiness. When this principle is not respected, is it any wonder that our plans come to nothing and leave us with a disheartening sense of frustration?

Are the demands of our vocation so easy that we can fulfill them without the help of God’s grace? In the Sacrament of Matrimony the bride and groom exchange solemn vows: “I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and honor you all the days my life.” This is a promise that many find difficult to keep.

But as St. Augustine says:

God does not demand the impossible; rather, when He commands, He encourages us to do what we can and to ask for what we cannot do. God gives us the help of his grace so that the command becomes possible, since He will never abandon us unless we abandon Him first.

The necessity of divine grace points to the necessity of prayer, *especially when we are busy!* As St. John of the Cross says: “Without prayer we may do a great deal of hammering but we will accomplish little, and sometimes nothing, and at times even cause harm.”

At the beginning of this new year, with the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph before us, let us pray to God for his grace in our lives, so that our vocations may be for us our source of holiness.



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
Monday, January 1st at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church
Sunday, December 31 at 12 midnight
Monday, January 1st at 9:00 am

Please note the Office Hours during the Holidays.

CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed at 12:00noon on Friday, December 22nd and will reopen on December 27th.

NEW YEAR'S HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed at 12noon on Friday, December 29th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Thank You

Fr. Glass and the parish staff at St. Paul's Parish would like to **thank you all for 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.**

We are also very grateful to **all those parishioners that helped to decorate both churches for Christmas.** Thank you All! Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

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.

Calendar of Events

- Jan 4 – K of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30 pm
- Jan 10 – 1st of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30 pm
- Jan 11 – CWL Executive Mtg. at 7:00 pm
- Jan 11 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30 pm
- Jan 12 – Edge Night for Gr. 6 – 8 at 7:00 pm
- Jan 15 – Parish Council Mtg. at 7:30 pm
- Jan 16 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30 pm
- Jan 17 – 1st Communion Classes Cont'd Grp A – 6pm
- Jan 18 – CWL General Mtg. at 7:00 pm
- Jan 19 – 1st Communion Classes Cont'd Grp B – 6pm
- Jan 20 – Life Teen Night Gr 9-12 at 6pm

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Please continue writing your name on your offertory envelope for the month of January and help us to update our data base.

If envelope users #64 and #496 would like to receive a tax receipt for 2017 please call the parish office with your contact information. Thank you all for your continued support of our parish community.



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul

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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 20 families with 40 children and 18 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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