

# 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.*

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## **Sunday Liturgies**

### **Saturday:**

5:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle (LIFE TEEN Mass)

### **Sunday:**

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

10:30 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle

## **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 on the First Friday of each month until Saturday 9:00a.m. Mass. Confessions available before the Friday and Saturday Masses.

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## **Devotions:**

Marian Cenacle

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

## **Reconciliation(Confessions):**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

## **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 Classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (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 the Parish 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

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## **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 (CWL Pres: Beatriz Baumfeld 705-435-9111)

## **Stewardship:**

Welcome to new parishioners! To be a member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor or Deacon and register as soon as possible. Registration forms and envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

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## **NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES**

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### **Pastoral Team:**

*Pastor:* Fr. Alan Glass, EXT. 22

*Deacon:* Desmond Carroll

*Youth Minister:* Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

or email Dave: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

*Secretary:* Deborah Donnelly, EXT. 21

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ 8 December 2013

John the Baptist appeared...saying,  
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of  
him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:  
A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

First Reading + Isaiah 11:1-10  
Second Reading + Romans 15:4-9  
Gospel + Matthew 3:1-12

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, December 9 @ 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's**  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tuesday, December 10**

7:00pm+Raffaele ORSI, RIP – Family

**Wednesday, December 11**

8:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

7:00pm ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**Thursday, December 12**

8:00am+Joseph MORRISON, RIP – A/M Crowley

**Friday, December 13**

12:10pm+Barry SKELTON, RIP – R/B Fleming

**Saturday, December 14**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+ALL SOULS in PURGATORY – C Donnelly

5:00pm+TJ & Doug SMALL, RIP – Family

**Sunday, December 15**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Steve DUMANSKI, RIP – M Dumanski

Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>

Mass at *St. Paul's Church* 7:00 p.m.  
(Rosary at 6:40p.m.)

*'Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception  
Of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary'*

*"Hail, Full of Grace! The Lord is with you." Luke 1*

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

*What are you living for?*

"She lived for Opera." This was said of a great singer who had died. It was meant as praise, but I thought: How sad! That was her whole life? Opera?

There is a story of St. Brendan: A gifted harper was visiting the monastery and wanted to play for Brendan. At first Brendan refused, but the harper insisted. After listening to the beautiful sound of the harp without any sign of pleasure, Brendan blessed the harper and turned back to his prayers. The harper was saddened and asked Brendan whether he did not enjoy his playing. St. Brendan replied: "I was in this Church on this day seven years ago, when I was caught up to heaven and heard the singing of the angels. After listening to that music, the music of this world is to me no better than the scraping of fingernails on a blackboard."

I attended a choral concert last week put on by the choirs of McMaster University. It was glorious! Among other pieces, old and new, they sang Victoria's "O Magnum Mysterium": *O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!* This is not music that you listen to — this is music that you are engulfed in and swept up by it. Time stands still. For the moment you forget where you are. It is sublime. If this is the rasp of fingernails, what is heaven?

There is joy in this world that the human heart can hardly contain, and yet ... there is pain and sadness too. We live in this world, with all its joys and sorrows, but truly we are not made for this world. This world is but a shadow of a greater reality. Occasionally heaven breaks through — we get glimpses, flashes of it. For a brief moment our hearts are caught up to God.

One of the greatest theologians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange. At the end of his life he completely lost his mental powers. Many people saw this as a tragedy. He did not. While he was able, he gave glory to God by using his great intellect, but when that was taken away he glorified God in the simplicity of prayer. He could say with St. Paul: "For I have learned to be content with whatever I have." Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange knew that even the most brilliant intellect can only have the merest glimpse of God in this life: in the next we will know Him fully, even as we are known.

Meditating on this, I found it fitting that one of the other choral pieces sung at the McMaster Concert was a version of St. Teresa of Avila's "Nada Te Turbe":

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing; God never changes.

Patient endurance obtains all things.

Whoever has God lacks nothing.

God alone suffices.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Confessions:

Advent Day of Reconciliation - Wednesday, Dec 11th

Confessions at 7:00p.m.  
with several guest priests in attendance.

Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45p.m. (before 5:00p.m. Mass)  
There will be No confessions on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

NOTE: All Sunday Masses for the weekends of December 22nd & 29th will be at regular Mass times.

Christmas Mass Times:

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

**Tues. December 24<sup>th</sup>:** at 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 12midnight

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** at 10:30a.m.

At Immaculate Conception Church, Adjala

**Wed. December 25<sup>th</sup>:** at 9:00a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

**Tuesday, December 31:** at 5:00p.m.

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

At Immaculate Conception Church, Adj-Tos

**Wednesday, January 1st:** at 9:00am

C.W.L. CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

+ Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception Mass, Monday, December  
9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's Church+  
(*Rosary before the mass at 6:40pm*)



Installation of your 2014- 2015 CWL Executive will follow the Mass in the Church:

Past Resident - Beatriz Baumfeld;  
President - Carla Beckett; Organization - Linda Beckstead;  
Secretary - Elaine Tindal; Treasurer - Jennifer LaChapelle;  
Chair Conveners are: Anu Antao, Diane McPeake, Loretta Gismondi, Karen Moberly, Linda Gaspar, Dawn Westcott & Lynda Blacklaws. Fatima Healy continues to be our good will liaison. We are truly thankful to be blessed with another full executive to keep our council thriving.

SOCIAL & POTLUCK LUCK SUPPER

Please Bring your Favorite Dish and a non-perishable food item or new unwrapped toy for Christmas Hampers.

**\*\*Lots of Fun, Games, Prizes and Christmas Carols\*\***

NOTICE:

\$25 Membership Fees for 2014 are due by Dec. 31st.

Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

Food items and unwrapped toys can be dropped of at the Church. The hampers will be delivered to hundreds of families in Alliston and surrounding area on December 21, 2013.



Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul

NOTE: St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up on December 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. OR: you can 'Sponsor A Family' for Christmas, please call Paul Healy @ 705- 435-4951

Calendar of Parish Events

**Dec 8** - Children's Christmas Party at 11:30p.m.

**Dec 9** - CWL Christmas Social Following 7:00p.m. Mass

**Dec 11** - ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS at 7:00p.m.

**Dec 12** - Lessons & Carols Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

**Dec 12** - Cemetery Board Mtg. - 7:30pm

**Dec 13** - Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

*Saturday, December 14*

*At 6:00 pm, after 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass*

**So You Think You're Catholic?**

Being Catholic is about the state of your heart, not just the things you do.



Catholic Ministry for Grades 9 - 12

*Sunday ~ Dec. 15 @ 7pm*

**Social Night!**



**Christmas Smiles Campaign:**

In the past we have raised over \$600 to give a healthy meal to children in developing countries. This year we would like to raise enough money to adopt two more children from the Philippines along with Erwin.

After each mass until New Year's Day, bring your children to the Crèche on the altar where you will see the Christmas Smiles Container and tell them what alms giving is about. Along with the joyful noise, this special moment teaches the importance of charity and stewardship and helping those in need.

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