

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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Second Sunday of Advent ~ 8th December 2019

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the Prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord,'" *Matthew 3:1a, 2-3b*

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

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 9

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

7:00pm+Jessie CAMERON, RIP – Kennedy Family

Tuesday, December 10

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Darlene VELTRI, RIP – H Wright

Wednesday, December 11

8:00am+Deacon Des CARROLL, RIP – Maurice Keogh

6:00pm+Lessons & Carols St. Paul's Kindergartens

Thursday, December 12

8:00am+Gord/Debra TARDIF & Family Pers. Int.

6:30pm+Lessons & Carols – St. Paul's School

Friday, December 13

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Joseph MORRISON, RIP – M/A Crowley

Saturday, December 14

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Jane ALFARERO, RIP – L Alfarero

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, December 15

9:00am+Artur SILVA, RIP – Family

10:30am+Gerald MEGRAW, - J Megraw

Monday Dec 9 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Mass at 7:00 p.m. at
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Science and religion.

In a CBC radio interview, atheist intellectual Malise Ruthven stated: "When I am in an airplane sitting next to a nun or rabbi I am sitting next to a *hypocrite* because their beliefs are contrary to the intellectual progress that made the design of this airplane possible."

This statement ignores the fact that the Wright brothers were faithful members of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and that many great scientists throughout history have been persons of sincere religious faith. Furthermore, there would not have been any 'intellectual progress' at all if it were not for the Catholic monasteries that preserved ancient learning after the fall of the Roman Empire.

Malise Ruthven, who thinks nuns are hypocrites, is intelligent and insightful when he is talking about things that lie within his field of expertise. Likewise, Christopher Hitchens was a widely respected journalist when he was not claiming that 'religion ruins everything,'. Stephen Hawking was famous for his work on 'black holes,' but when he said 'because there is a law of gravity, the Universe can and will create itself from nothing,' he was talking utter nonsense.

This is an illustration of what Pope Leo XIII wrote: "When men withdraw their intellect from the knowledge of divine truths, they are less fitted to succeed in the pursuit even of natural science. That is why we often see men of great intellectual power and erudition making the grossest blunders even in natural science."

Or, to state it bluntly as a universal law: "Atheism makes otherwise intelligent people say stupid things."

We are often told that science is opposed to religion. This is simply not true. To paraphrase St. Thomas Aquinas: Science is the knowledge of the causes of things. Natural things have natural causes. Super-natural things have super-natural causes.

When we are talking about 'science' we mean 'natural science' and we are in the realm of natural causes. When we are talking about faith and religion, we are in the realm of super-natural causes. There is therefore no opposition between 'science' and religion; rather there is a necessary *complementarity*. That is why Blaise Pascal could be both a great scientist and a theologian.

We should note that St. Thomas does make a further distinction. There is a 'cause of things' that lies between the natural and supernatural: human reason and will. Human reason is above nature, but it is not strictly supernatural. It can be the cause of 'natural things,' but it cannot itself be explained by natural causes. Human reason can explain the scientific laws that make an airplane fly, but scientific laws cannot explain human reason.

There is no hypocrisy involved in believing that natural things have natural causes, and that supernatural things have supernatural causes. Rather, it is just common sense. It is simply reasonable.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

The Catholic Women's League will be selling beautifully packaged cookies in the church lobby after the

5:00 pm Mass on **December 14th** and the 10:30 am Mass on the **15th**. Just in time for Christmas.

1½ dozen cookies - \$8.00

CWL cookbook for sale - \$15

Proceeds are going to St. Vincent de Paul for families in need. We are looking for help. If you can bake and want to donate cookies, or help with the packaging, or selling them after the Masses, we need you. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

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.



Would the donors of Envelopes #160 and #305 call the Office with your name and address if you wish 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. The hampers will be picked up by the needy families in Alliston and surrounding area. Donation deadline is December 16, 2019.



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!

Saint for the Week: In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human successes, but on how well we have loved. - *St. John of the Cross (1542-1591), Patron of Poets, Feast Day December 14*

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

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.

We are asking for your support to bring the following items to either Confirmation Sessions, St. Paul's Church Masses, Edge Nights and Life Teen Nights.

- **Adult Winter Clothing Only, 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)

Our Life Teen (high School teens) will be sorting, bagging, and then delivering these items to homeless on Toronto streets on December 30th.



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