

# 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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013

“Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” — Mt 24:40-41

First Reading + Isaiah 2:1-5  
Second Reading + Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel + Matthew 24:37-44

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, December 2**

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, December 3**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

**6:00pm+HOLY HOUR**

7:00pm+Barry SKELTON, RIP – D/I Binns

**Wednesday, December 4**

8:00am+Alice MELITCH, RIP – M/A Crowley

**Thursday, December 5**

8:00am+Lillian THIBERT, RIP – Family

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

**First Friday, December 6**

12:10pm+Raffale ORSI, RIP – Mary Sirk

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

**Saturday, December 7**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Paul/Madeleine LAPERRIERE, RIP – M/G Cole

5:00pm+Edith LAWLOR, RIP – B Crumie

**Sunday, December 8**

9:00am+Michael QUEALEY, RIP – J/R Vandervoort

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at St. Paul's Church 7:00 p.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:

*Proclaiming Christ to the World*

Pope Francis has just issued an *Apostolic Exhortation* on the *New Evangelization* — the result of the synod of Bishops that occurred in October of 2012. In this document, really a small book of 80+ pages, Pope Francis summarizes the deliberations of the Bishops and adds his own touches.

According to CBC Radio, the *big news* is that the Pope has decided not to ordain women — at least not yet. But we are to expect a radical transformation of the Catholic Church. The *New Evangelization*, it seems, is not at all about the Church bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world — but rather the Church finally, if reluctantly, accepting from the world the good news of secularism. Evidently, we are on the way to giving up Christianity as a lost cause.

But as I am fond of quoting St. Augustine:

Unbelievers think that the Christian religion will last for a certain period in the world and will then disappear. The Church will totter if its foundation shakes; but how can Christ be moved? Christ remaining immovable, the Church shall never be shaken.

Still, the reality is that we are living in a secular age that has by and large turned its back on God. In parts of Europe, Christianity is practically extinct. Here in Alliston, we are surviving as an endangered species.

Back in the mid-1880's Cardinal Newman wrote: “The world at large, not only is not Christian, but cannot discern or understand the Christian.” The “world at large” is the same now as it has always been. It was Jesus who said: “If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. But I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” I do not mention this to dramatize the faith, but an authentic faith always calls for a certain amount of heroism.

In this present age, the Church, like her Lord, is a “sign of contradiction.” But we continue to proclaim the Gospel, as St. Paul says, “in season and out of season.” As far as that goes, there is nothing “new” about the *New Evangelization*. As Pope John Paul II said about the Church's program for the third millennium:

The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition, it is the same as ever. Ultimately, it has its center in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated. This is a program which does not change with shifts of times and cultures. This program for all times is our program for the Third Millennium.

Pope Francis is pushing forward that program — proclaiming Christ to the world. This program has not changed in the last 2000 years, but it is always new.



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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*(For children up to 12yrs old)*

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30a.m. Mass**



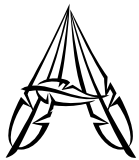
- \*Light refreshments**
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**C.W.L. CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - Rosary at 6:40pm with Mass 7:00 p.m. and Installation of New Executive. Followed by Social & POTLUCK LUCK SUPPER. Bring your Favourite Dish and a non-parishable food item/toy for Christmas Hampers. Lots of Fun, Games, Prizes and Christmas Carols



**NOTICE:** \$25 Membership Fees for 2013 are now due.



**Moving Forward Together – Special Collection for Aboriginal People**  
There will be a special collection in all parishes in the Diocese on December 7-8 in support of Aboriginal people in Canada. Visit website for info: [www.movingforwardtogether.ca](http://www.movingforwardtogether.ca)

**Calendar of Parish Events**

- Nov 30** – Journey to Bethlehem, bus leaves at 6:30p.m.
- Dec 2** – Christmas tree Set-up at 7:00p.m. (**Office Closed**)
- 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.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

*Saturday, December 7th*  
*At 6:00 pm, after 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass*

**Hurry Up & Wait!**

**Preparing for Christ's Coming**

**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



*Knights Of Columbus*

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