

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 (LIFE TEEN Mass)

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

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

Marian Cenacle: Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

(On the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month)

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) every 2nd Friday 7-9 p.m.

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) every 2nd Saturday 6-9 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.

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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3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 11 December 2016

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' 'Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.' Matt 11:10-11

First Reading + Isaiah 35:1-6a, -10

Second Reading + James 5:7-10

Gospel + Matthew 11:2-11

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 12

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 13

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Joseph MORRISON, RIP – M/A Crowley

Wednesday, December 14

8:00am+Ambrose HEYDON, RIP – H/W Wright

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

Thursday, December 15

8:00am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – S/S Dickson

10:30am+Mass at the Good Samaritan

6:30pm+Lessons & Carols – Holy Family School

Friday, December 16

12:10pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – J Megraw & Family

Saturday, December 17

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rev. Henry MENEZES, RIP – Archdiocese of TO

5:00pm+Paul DION, RIP – Dion Family

Sunday, December 18

9:00am+Mary WALSH, RIP – J/R Wallace

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Attachment to the rule

Let us love our Rule; if we keep it faithfully, we may be sure that it will keep us and our Society. It has, indeed, been faithfully kept, and to that we unhesitatingly refer, in a great measure, the wonderful increase of our Society and the blessings lavished by God upon it. — M. Bailly, President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 1841.

Today, our culture takes a negative view of “rules and regulations,” seeing them only as a restriction on freedom and creativity. The truth is quite the opposite. The rule gives structure to creativity.

When I was working as an Engineer, my work was always carefully organized. My workday was scheduled to accomplish the specific tasks that needed to be done, and all my papers were meticulously filed. The fact is, I am not by nature a well-organized worker, so I needed to impose upon myself a rigid structure in order to function efficiently. Without realizing it, I had adopted St. Augustine's motto: “Take care or order, and order will take care of you.”

Any society — whether it is an Engineering office, a bowling league, a religious congregation — they all need structure. They need rules and regulations. This applies also to families. C. S. Lewis wrote: “If the home is to be a means of grace it must be a place of rules. There cannot be a common life without a *regula* [a rule of life]. The alternative to rule is not freedom but the unconstitutional, and often unconscious tyranny of the most selfish member.”

In his *The Path to Rome*, Hillaire Belloc writes of the importance of living according to a strict rule:

I knew a man once that was given to drinking, and I made up this rule for him: let him drink wine and good beer and liqueurs made by monks, but not whisky, nor brandy, nor sparkling wines, nor absinthe, nor the kind of drink called gin. This he promised to do, and all went well. Then one fatal day he was offered a whisky and he took it. When I would have taken it from him he used these words: “After all, it is the intention of a pledge that matters;” and I saw that all was over, for he had abandoned definition, and was plunged back into the horrible mazes of Conscience and Natural Religion. What do you think, then, was the consequence? Why, he had to take some nasty pledge or other and drink nothing whatever, and became a spectacle and a judgment, whereas if he had kept his exact word he might by this time have been a happy man.

A modern intellectual, looking at the Catholic Church, sees her as an “enormous machinery of rules, of laws, of moralities, of organizations.” The Catholic responds: “How strange! He makes no mention of sacrament, mystery, or sanctity. He is like a man who, seeing the wall round a garden, would describe a garden as something stiff and hard, composed of mortar and stone.”

Last Week's Collection:

General Offering: \$4,554.40

Special Donation \$4,765.00 Thank you!

(For upkeep of Immaculate Conception Church)

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.

Christmas Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

Sat. December 24th: at 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 12midnight
Sun. December 25th: at 10:30a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

Sun. December 25th: at 9:00a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

Saturday, December 31: at 5:00p.m.
Sunday, January 1st: at 10:30a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

*****NOTE: Saturday, December 31: at 12:00midnight**
Sunday, January 1st: at 9:00am



CWL 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are quickly approaching the dead-line of Dec. 31, 2016 for our membership campaign. Our memberships should be collected and remitted to the CWL National office on Jan. 1, 2017. 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.

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before we issue the 2016 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.



I need to know the donors of Envelopes #380 and #445 if you wish a tax receipt. Thank you all for your continued support!



We congratulate the families of the following children who have entered into the Roman Catholic Community through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism: Mason Xabier Leiva ALVES; Delilah Lynne & Violet Reign CENTRACCHIO; Nathan Paul IANDOLI; Joseph Matthew Barry JEBB; William Daniel PARTLAND and Lylah Grace Maria and Callum Arthur Roy SULKER.

Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

Food items and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Church. The hampers will be delivered to hundreds of families in Alliston and surrounding area by December 20, 2016.



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul

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Next Edge Night  
**Friday, December 16, 2:30 – 8:30p.m.**

**Christmas Celebration**

An opportunity to cook, share, and celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus, our spiritual mother Mary and her spouse St. Joseph. *(\$5 is requested for this night)*

**NEXT Edge & Life Night**

**Friday, December 30**

**Family Tobogganing, Potluck**

**Dinner and Family Movie**

An opportunity for all our parish families to celebrate and grow as a community of faith

**Help for the Homeless**

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, especially socks, coats, shoes, boots mitts, gloves, scarves, shirts, pants, blankets, belts, new underwear hygiene products, food gift cards.
- Edgers (grade 6-8) will also be baking/wrapping cookies.
- Life Teen (high School teens) will be sorting, bagging, and then delivering the items to homeless on Toronto streets on January 4th.



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