

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

3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Life in the Spirit Prayer Group

(On the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month)

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 9:00a.m. Mass Saturday morning.

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 2nd, 3rd & 4th 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

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. 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.

NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 14 December 2014

John answered them, "I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." — Jn 1:26-27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCO

First Reading + Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11
Second Reading + 1 Thessalonians 5:15-24
Gospel + John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 15

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 16

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

******6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Ken SMALL, RIP – H/W Wright

Wednesday, December 17

8:00am+Janet & Liam MEGRAW, Pers. Int. – J/G Megraw

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

Thursday, December 18

8:00am+Mass for the UNBORN – K of C

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

Friday, December 19

12:10pm+Len GODIN, RIP – M/G Leest

Saturday, December 20

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Sr. Mary Theresa McQUADE, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+Len GODIN, RIP – H Lynch

Sunday, December 21

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Norman ALLEN, RIP – J/G Megraw

Saints & Feast Days

December 21 + Saint Peter Canisius

Saint of the Week

When God is one's goal, all disagreements are smoothed out, all difficulties overcome.

- Saint Virginia Centurione Bracelli (1587-1651),

Feast Day December 15

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The relics of St. John Paul II

This past week, we were privileged to have the relics of St. John Paul II in this parish.

The Mass on Tuesday night was a particularly meaningful celebration for me, because it was the seventh anniversary of my ordination as a Deacon, which took place here at St. Paul's Church on December 9th, 2007. It was also the second anniversary of my installation as Pastor on the same date in 2012. It is not too much to say that I owe my vocation to Pope John Paul II. Of course there are many things that contribute to discerning one's call, but the example of Pope John Paul's indomitable faith was an important factor.

In 1995, the Pope wrote a book called *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, in which he addressed in a frank and honest way the challenges to faith in the modern world and he spoke of the need of a "new evangelization."

Against the spirit of the world, the Church takes up anew each day a struggle that is none other than the struggle for the world's soul. If in fact, on the one hand, the Gospel and evangelization are present in this world, on the other, there is also present a powerful anti-evangelization which is well organized and has the means to vigorously oppose the Gospel and evangelization.

We see this struggle every day in our own lives. The words of Jesus now appear so pertinent: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

According to Pope John Paul:

This saying indicates the profound realism which inspired Jesus in dealing with His apostles. He did not prepare the Apostles for easy success. He spoke clearly, He spoke of the persecutions that awaited those who would believe in Him.

Jesus said: "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you." But He also added: "If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." I have always felt that the heart of the Gospel is contained in these words. The Gospel is not a promise of easy success.

The Gospel does not promise a comfortable life to anyone. It makes demands and, at the same time, it is a great promise — the promise of eternal life for man, and the promise of victory through faith for man, who is subject to many trials and setbacks. The Gospel contains a fundamental paradox: to find life, one must lose life; to be born, one must die; to save oneself, one must take up the cross. This is the essential truth of the Gospel.

Always and everywhere the Gospel will be a challenge to human weakness. But precisely in this challenge lies all its power. Man feels the inner need to transcend himself. Only in transcending himself does man become fully human.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Confessions

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm
(before 5:00 pm Mass)

Every Tuesday 6:15-6:45 pm

There will be no confessions on December 24th.

NOTE: All Sunday Masses for the weekends of December 21st & 28th will be at regular Mass times.

Christmas Mass Times

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

Wed. December 24th at 5:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. & 12 midnight

Thursday, December 25th at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, December 25th at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

Wednesday, December 31 at 5:00 pm

Thursday, January 1st at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, January 1st at 9:00 am



CWL 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are quickly approaching the dead-line of Dec. 31, 2014 of our membership campaign. Our memberships have to be collected and remitted to the CWL National office on Jan. 1, 2015.

Please enclose the fee of \$25 in the CWL envelope in your church offertory box or the pre-printed envelopes on the bulletin board. 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.



SPiritual Bouquet FOR 2015 ORDINANDI

A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET is an offering of:

Masses - Communion - Rosaries - Stations of the Cross - Eucharistic Adorations - Sacrifices - Novenas and other forms of prayers offered by a person for an intention.



This intention is for the seminarians studying at St. Augustine's Seminary who will be ordained priests in 2015.



These are personal prayers and devotions (not paid for) but offered by individuals for the intentions requested. The Ordinandi have always expressed that receiving this Spiritual Bouquet Plaque of Prayers is one of the best gifts they could receive knowing how much they are prayed for.



**Please sign-up now on the board in the foyer of the church.

PASTA DINNER - TICKET REFUND
Call Charles Donnelly at 705.435.2577



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Saturday, December 20th 2:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Life Teen Mass 5:00 p.m.

**"Over the Edge
Christmas Retreat"**

A night of remembrance, thanksgiving, and a celebration of the birth of Christ.



Christmas Smiles Campaign:

In the past we have raised \$200 - \$400 to give a healthy meal to children in developing countries. This year we would like to raise enough money to adopt a new child from the Philippines as Erwin has moved on.

Answer Christ's Call ~ by joining many Parishes around N. America answering the call to serve the poor. During the Advent season, Parishes will place a metal container in front of the altar. At Offertory time, the pastor asks the children to come forward and drop coins in the tin. Along with the joyful noise, this special moment in the mass teaches the importance of charity and stewardship.

2015 ORDINANDI DINNER

Organized by the Serra Club
Tuesday, March 3, 2015
Pearson Convention Centre
2638 Steeles Avenue, East
Brampton, ON



Tickets are \$70/adults and \$30/youth - Deadline is January 31st

By attending this dinner you are encouraging our seminarians who will be ordained in 2015 as well as help promote and support Serra House where men discern priestly vocation. For Tickets call Loretta at 705.458.9504

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before we issue the 2014 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 donor of Envelope #14 to issue a receipt. We are always thankful for your generous support!



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