

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

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.

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 (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.

NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES

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Pastor: Fr. Alan Glass, EXT. 22

Deacon: Desmond Carroll

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or email Dave: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Secretary: Deborah Donnelly, EXT. 21

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 15 December 2013

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." — Mt. 11:4-11

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 16

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 17

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Jiacomo GISMONDI, B/M Skelton

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am+Mass for the UNBORN – K of C

Thursday, December 19

8:00am+Giusappe MARRALLI, RIP – Maria

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

Friday, December 20

12:10pm+Kay BOURGEOIS, RIP - M Legault

Saturday, December 21

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rev. Joseph KELLY, RIP – Archdiocese, TO

5:00pm+Paul DION, RIP – Pat & Family

Sunday, December 22

9:00am+Carl LAURIER, RIP – Parishioner

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Our Feast Days and Saints

December 21 + Saint Peter Canisius

Saint of the Week

You told me to drink from this fountain, inviting me, that is, to draw the waters of my salvation from your wellsprings, my Savior. I was most eager that streams of faith, hope, and love should flow into me from that source.

- St. Peter Canisius, (1521 -1597), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day December 21

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

A crisis of saints.

"I can't believe *that!*" said Alice.

"Can't you?" the Queen said in a pitying tone.

"Try again: draw a long breath and shut your eyes."

Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said: "one *can't* believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

— Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking Glass*

For many people, their idea of religion is believing impossible things. But we Catholics don't have to believe six impossible things, we only have to believe one: God exists. And, when you get right down to it, it is not at all impossible to believe that God exists. In fact, the existence of God is the only thing that really makes sense of this world.

St. Thomas Aquinas, when he looked at the question of the God's existence, laid out five proofs. So far, 750 years later, nobody has shown that he was wrong. The essence St. Thomas' proofs comes down to this: the universe did not create itself from nothing.

While St. Thomas' proofs are logically irrefutable, the essence of my faith is the unshakeable belief that every human life has inherent value and dignity. We are all, every single one of us, created in the image of God.

The promoters of atheism may prefer to claim that we are the mindless products of purposeless evolution, the chance result of random mutation. But you can't attribute virtue to a hypothetical "altruism gene", nor violence to a supposed gene for domination.

As the saying goes: You can't argue someone out of something he didn't argue himself into. You can't argue someone into believing in God when he has no actual arguments for not believing in God.

The challenge for the *New Evangelization* today is not atheism. Atheism is virtually self-refuting. It is impossible to be a consistent atheist because reality keeps butting in. The real challenge for evangelization is, to use an old-fashioned word, "worldliness."

As St. Augustine said: "For to love this world is to break faith with God, yet men applaud and are ashamed to be otherwise."

Our days are no different than the days of St. Augustine or St. Francis of Assisi or St. Teresa of Avila. Every age is an age of worldliness, of irreligion. In our day irreligion has a gloss of "science" to give it some respectability, but it is the same thing. The only cure for it now is the cure for it then: God, send us some Saints!



PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Confessions:

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

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

Wednesday, December 25th: at 10:30a.m.

At Immaculate Conception Church, Adjala

Wed. December 25th: 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



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Friday, December 27th

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Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

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Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Saturday, December 21

2:30am - 8:30pm

**Over the Edge
Christmas Celebration**

Jesus Christ is Coming to Town!

Contact Dave: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Calendar of Parish Events

Dec 17 – STVDP Committee Mtg. at 7:30pm

Dec 19 – K of C General Mtg. @ 7:30pm

Dec 20 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm

Dec 31 – Parish New Year's Dance at 6:30pm



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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