

# 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

### **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.

1st Thursday 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 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday morning.  
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

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## **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.

## **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

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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

## **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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## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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## **Immaculate Conception**

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Secretary: Deborah Donnelly, Ext. 21

## **Pastoral Team: Pastor:** Fr. Alan Glass

*father.glass@gmail.com*

**Deacon:** Desmond Carroll

**Youth Minister:** Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

or email Dave: *allistonlifeteen@gmail.com*

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

*Therefore, keep awake- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. "And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." Mark 13:35-36*

**First Reading + Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8**  
**Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**  
**Gospel + Mark 13:33-37**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, December 4**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, December 5**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Helen LYNCH, RIP – P/S Keogh

**Wednesday, December 6**

8:00am+Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony- D Tardif

**Thursday, December 7**

8:00am+Andrew DOUGALL, RIP – M Whelton

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

**Friday, December 8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception**

12:10pm+Maria, Diana & Fernando CALVO, Rip –

Ximena Grammatikopoulos

**Saturday, December 9**

*(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+John KONONPETSKI, RIP – Parishioner

5:00pm+Tim SKELTON, RIP – P/T Lynch

**Sunday, December 10**

9:00am+Ray/Marie CHARBONNEAU, 60th Ann. – M Lynch

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*The gates of hell shall not prevail against her.*

Winston Churchill refuted those who claimed that the British had “almost lost” the Battle of Britain. No, he said. If a heavy truck is crossing an old bridge, the onlookers may fear that the bridge will collapse under the load, but once the truck has safely crossed, they cannot say that the bridge ‘almost collapsed’; rather, the bridge has demonstrated its strength and their fears have been proven unfounded.

The same logic applies to the Holy Catholic Church. Cardinal Newman, looking at the Church in his day, wrote:

The whole course of Christianity from first to last is but one series of troubles and disorders. Every century is like every other; and to those who live in it seems worse than all times before it. The Church is ever ailing, and lingers on in weakness, “always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in her body” (2 Cor 4:10). Religion seems ever expiring, schisms dominant, the light of Truth dim, its adherents scattered. The cause of Christ is ever in its last agony, as though it were but a question of time whether it fails finally this day or another.

One hundred and eighty years after Newman wrote those words, the truth of them has not diminished. In Newman’s day the Church in almost every part of Europe was under assault by zealous anti-religious governments. Looking back, we can see that it was an age of Saints. Those living through the events, however, were keenly aware of the great peril, and they worried that the Church might collapse under the strain.

Pope Leo XIII wrote in the jubilee year of 1900, with notable understatement: “The outlook on the future is by no means free of anxiety.” In the intervening century the Church has survived innumerable crises, but there appears no end of new ones. Today, in many parts of the world Christians are actively persecuted. In China the Catholic Church survives underground because the Communist government insists on complete control of all institutions. In Europe, where the Church has never been more free and independent, the actual number of Christians has dwindled to almost nothing. The Christian faith there is nearly extinct.

The situation may appear hopeless, but as G. K. Chesterton wrote: “For practical purposes it is at the hopeless moment that we require the hopeful man, and the virtue either does not exist at all, or begins to exist at that moment. Exactly at the instant when hope ceases to be reasonable it begins to be useful.”

Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against his Church, and that promise has been tested time and time again in the course of two millennia. Jesus, did not promise that we would be free of troubles. On the contrary, he said: “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

**First Sunday of Advent** – The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master’s return so that we live each day according to the teaching of Christ. Could God’s “particular task” for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Vocations Director for the Archdiocese at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS**

Please assist the efforts of St. Vincent de Paul to ensure less fortunate families have a merrier Christmas by donating generously at this time of year. This year we hope to donate gift cards to families so they can buy food and shop for their own children. There will be a SPECIAL COLLECTION, dedicated to this cause, at all masses on December 9 & 10, 2017. Please use the dedicated envelope in your box of weekly envelopes or place your donation in an envelope with your name and address, in order to receive an income tax receipt from the church. You may also donate directly to St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul by contacting Paul Healy at (705) 435-4951.

**REFUGEE ARRIVAL:**

St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Refugee Resettlement Committee has received information from ORAT (The Office for Refugees at the Archdiocese of Toronto) that we will be receiving a refugee, (Twenty-four-year-old male, Samer) on November 29, 2017. Please contact Paul Healy (705)435-4951 for more information.

**2018 ORDINANDI DINNER**

Organized by the Serra Club  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
Pearson Convention Centre



5pm Reception/Cash Bar – Dinner/program at 6:20pm  
Tickets are \$75 -Fr. Glass will be piper for the event.

Come and help to promote and support vocations, enjoy a tasty dinner, and hear the stories told by this year's Ordinandi of their discernment and vocation journey. So inspirational! We have a table booked for St. Paul's. Please contact Carla Beckett, 705.435.1381 or [beckettcarla@gmail.com](mailto:beckettcarla@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. A sign-up sheet for the Spiritual Bouquet will be available in the lobby at the beginning of January.

**ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME**

**The CWL Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner  
December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. –Fr. Bennett Hall**

Bring your FAVOURITE DISH to share.

Entertainment  
Christmas Carols

A Night of Good Fun and Fellowship



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

For children up to 12 years old

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

**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 24<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*Regular SUNDAY MASSES**

Remain at the same times (5pm, 9 & 10:30am)

**Christmas Mass Times:**

*(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)*

Sun. December 24<sup>th</sup>: at 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 12midnight

Mon. December 25<sup>th</sup>: at 10:30a.m.

*(At Immaculate Conception Church)*

Mon. December 25<sup>th</sup>: at 9:00a.m.

**New Year's Eve Mass Times:**

*(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)*

Monday, January 1st: at 10:30a.m.

*(At Immaculate Conception Church)*

\*\*\*NOTE: Sunday, December 31: at 12:00midnight

Monday, 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, 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 29th.

**Youth CHRISTMAS Social Nights**

Life Teen - Dec 15 @ 6pm ~ Edgers - Dec 9 @ 7pm

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