

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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2nd Sunday of Advent ~ 4 December 2016

John the Baptist appeared...saying,
 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of
 him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert,
 Prepare the way of the Lord.

— Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1978, 1979 CCD).

First Reading + Isaiah 11:1-10
 Second Reading + Romans 15:4-9
 Gospel + Matthew 3:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 5

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 6

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Elfrida ALVES, RIP – J/P Ceresino

Wednesday, December 7

8:00am+Audrey, MURPHY, RIP – J/R Brady

Thursday, December 8

8:00am+Carol WELDON, RIP – J Behl

**7:00pm+(at Immaculate Conception Church)

Personal Intentions, Tardif Family

Friday, December 9

12:10pm+Paul/Madeleine LAPERRIERE, RIP – G Cole

Saturday, December 10

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Barbara BROWN, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, December 11

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Family

10:30am+Mass of Thanksgiving – Antao Family

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Faith is strengthened by way of the heart.

Cardinal Robert Sarah was born in 1945 in a small rural village in Guinea, West Africa. At the age of thirty-four he was made the Archbishop of Conakry, Guinea. Pope John Paul II later called him to Rome as Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. Pope Francis appointed him head of the Congregation for Divine Worship, one of the top posts in the Vatican.

Cardinal Sarah's book, *God or Nothing*, is by far the best Catholic book published in 2015. In this book, Cardinal Sarah recounts his early life in Guinea, his experiences as a young man studying for the priesthood, and the challenges facing an Archbishop in the capital of a country ruled by a ruthless Marxist dictator. Cardinal Sarah also speaks frankly about the present state of the world and the Catholic Church. A man of great wisdom born of hard-won experience and also a man of profound faith, Cardinal Sarah is not afraid to acknowledge the serious problems of our modern times, while looking forward in hope.

Commenting on the New Evangelization, which was proposed by Pope John Paul II and promoted by Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, Cardinal Sarah wrote:

In the current situation, how can we help people to rediscover the faith? We cannot say who Christ is by means of intellectual concepts; what is needed is an experience that is both spiritual and "physical" at the same time.

To prepare for the new evangelization Pope John Paul II decided to issue a Catechism of the Catholic Church, entrusting the project to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (later to become Pope Benedict XVI) as editor-in-chief. The entire doctrine of the Church is found in this document. And we have an urgent obligation, says St. Athanasius, to study "the ancient tradition, teaching, and faith of the Catholic Church, which was revealed by the Lord, proclaimed by the Apostles, and guarded by the Fathers. For upon this faith the Church is built, and if anyone were to lapse from it, he would no longer be Christian either in fact or in name."

But the faith is strengthened by way of the heart, through a personal encounter with and experience of Jesus. Every day we must once again choose Christ as our guide, our light and our hope. Baptism demands some sort of daily actualization. I am not afraid to recall that spiritual combat is first of all a war against the evil that is within us. The Church is reformed when the baptized march more resolutely toward holiness, allowing themselves to be recreated in the likeness of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cardinal Sarah now has a new book coming out: *The Strength of Silence*. According to the early reviews, it looks like it may be the best Catholic book of 2017.

Last Week's Collection:

General Offering: \$4,044.15

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Saint of the Week:

But who are the two or three gathered in the name of Christ in whose midst the Lord is? Does he not by the 'three' mean husband, wife, and child? - *Saint Clement of Alexandria*
 (d. 217 A.D.) Bishop. Feast Day December 4

The Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8th

****NOTE:** Mass at Immaculate Conception at 7:00pm
And Mass at St. Paul's Church at 8:00am



Next Life Night

Saturday, December 10 – 6:00 – 9:00pm

The Void Christmas

A night for Teens to see how radically the Incarnation changes their lives through the waiting of our Old Testament people. And a night to celebrate.



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)

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPONSOR A FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS

We ask parishioners to assist the efforts of our St. Vincent de Paul to ensure less fortunate families have a merrier Christmas by donating generously. This year we hope to donate gift cards to families so they can buy food and shop for their own children. If you didn't get an opportunity to donate please put it in with next week's collection.

You may also donate directly to St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul by contacting Paul Healy at (705) 435-4951.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



For children up to 12 years old

Sunday, December 11th,

After the 10:30a.m. Mass

*Light refreshments

*Picture with Santa

*Surprise Gift Bag

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



Christmas Smiles Campaign:

In the past, we have raised \$200 -\$400 to give a healthy meal to children in developing countries.

Answer Christ's Call ~ by joining many Parishes around North 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. We begin the Campaign on Dec. 1st - at all weekend Masses until Christmas.

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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 on December 20, 2016.



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