

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 ~ 6 December 2015

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
 "Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight his paths."

— Lk 3:4

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

First Reading + Baruch 5:1-9
Second Reading + Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel + Luke 3:1-6

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 7

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 8

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Fr. Thomas MOHAN, RIP – B Baumfeld

Wednesday, December 9

8:00am+Paul/Madeleine LAPERRIERE, RIP – G Cole

Thursday, December 10

8:00am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – J/C Orr

1:00pm+Lessons & Carols – Holy Family School

Friday, December 11

12:10pm+Rodney MORRISON, RIP – W/H Wright

Saturday, December 12

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Denise CAMERON, RIP – L/R Hagan

5:00pm+Intentions of the CWL 50th Anniversary

Sunday, December 13

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Joseph MORRISON, RIP – M/A Crowley

Tuesday, December 8th

Mass at Immaculate Conception Church 7:00pm

Marian Cenacle 5:30pm – Holy Hour 6:00pm

**'Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception
 Of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary'**

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

A new springtime and the new evangelization.

Pope Francis has now returned from his visit to Africa where he has experienced first-hand the vitality of the Catholic Church on that continent, which is in sharp contrast to the dismal state of the Church in the West.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, in his recently published book *God or Nothing*, says:

In Europe, we have the impression that Catholicism is now near its last gasp. It is enough however to spend a week at the *Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples* to understand that, on the contrary, the Church has an extraordinary vitality. We are experiencing a "new springtime of Christianity," as John Paul II liked to say. In 1900 there were two million African Catholics; today there are 185 million.

Cardinal Sarah was formerly was formerly the Bishop of Conakry in Guinea on the west coast of Africa, serving at the time when the people of that country were suffering extreme repression under a Marxist dictatorship. He is now the head of the *Congregation for Divine Worship*, one of the most important positions in the Church.

Cardinal Sarah is keenly aware that while the Church is growing in Africa and Asia, it is dying in Europe and North America, which have now become mission territories.

I think that the immense economic, military, technological, and media influence of a godless West could be a disaster for the world. If the West does not convert to Christ, it could end up making the whole world pagan; the philosophy of unbelief feverishly seeks followers in new parts of the globe. In this sense, we are facing an atheism that is proselytizing more and more. The pagan culture is determined to extend the domain of its struggle against God. In order to bring about their rebirth, the former countries of the old Christian tradition need to re-energize by embarking on a new evangelization.

Indeed, when we observe today the many deficiencies of faith, the eclipse of the sense of God and man, the lack of real familiarity with the teaching of Jesus Christ, the detachment of some countries from their Christian roots, and what John Paul II called a "silent apostasy," it is urgent to think about a new evangelization. This movement presupposes that we go beyond mere theoretical knowledge of the Word of God; we must rediscover personal contact with Jesus.

Many circumstances and deep motives, or the people around us, may have led us to follow Jesus. Then comes the moment of maturity, when only our personal experience of Christ guides us. This personal encounter is decisive for the rest of our lives.

As the title of his books says: "God or nothing."



St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** at all masses on DEC.12, 13, 2015 to assist in providing a happier Christmas for less fortunate families in our community and to assist with the sponsorship of a refugee family. Please donate generously. You will receive a tax receipt from the church for your donation, if you use the St. Vincent de Paul envelope in your regular Sunday collection envelope box. If you do not use the regular Sunday envelopes, please place your donation in an envelope with your name and address enclosed and St. Vincent de Paul will issue your income tax receipt. If you wish to sponsor a family in other ways, please contact Paul Healy (705-435-4951) for more information.



SPRITUAL BOUQUET FOR 2016 ORDINANDI

A **SPRITUAL 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 2016.



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

2016 ORDINANDI DINNER

Organized by the Serra Club
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
 Pearson Convention Centre

2638 Steeles Avenue, East
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Tickets are \$70/adults and \$30/youth - Deadline is January 30th

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



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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Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Extended EDGE Night

Friday, December 11, + 2:30 - 8:30p.m.

Light of the World

To help the youth grow a deeper understanding of the season of Christmas and how we are called to say yes to Jesus Christ in our lives.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

Next LIFE Night

Saturday, December 19, 6-9pm

Christmas Celebration

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 weekend of December 26 & 27 will be at regular Mass times.

Christmas Mass Times

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

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

Friday, December 25th at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church
Friday, December 25th at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1st at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, December 31 at 12 midnight

Thursday, January 1st at 9:00 am

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



For children up to 12 years old

Sunday, December 13th

After the 10:30a.m. Mass

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