

# 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 (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.

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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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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. 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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## **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



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ 7 December 2014

**B**ehold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.  
A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."

**First Reading + Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**  
**Second Reading + 2 Peter 3:8-14**  
**Gospel + Mark 1:1-8**

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, December 8**

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

7:00pm+ Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of BVM

**Tuesday, December 9**

5:00pm+ Adoration & Benediction

**6:00pm**+ Paul, Emile, Madeleine LAPERRIERE, Rip – G Cole

**Wednesday, December 10**

**7:00am**+ Adoration & Benediction

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

**Thursday, December 11**

6:00am+ Adoration & Benediction

7:00am+ Frances MORAN, RIP – HFS Parent Council

6:30pm+ Lessons & Carols – Holy Family School

**Friday, December 12**

12:10pm+ Joseph MORRISON, RIP – M/A Crowley

**Saturday, December 13**

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+ Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

5:00pm+ Len GODIN, RIP – L Baycroft

**Sunday, December 14**

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+ Peter BROWN, RIP – J/F Gallant

### **Our Saints & Feast Days**

December 8 + Immaculate Conception of the BVM

December 9 + Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

December 11 + Saint Damasus I

December 12 + Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13 + Saint Lucy

December 14 + Saint John of the Cross

### **Saint of the Week**

As far as God shall grant you strength, continue to preach the word of salvation, so that the Christian faith may increase and multiply in the name of the Lord.

- Pope Saint Gregory III (d. 741), Feast Day December 10

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

*Deus absconditus — is God hiding?*

As strange as it seems, my return to the Catholic faith of my childhood was greatly assisted by two fervent atheists.

The first was Charles Templeton, a former Billy-Graham-style Protestant evangelist, who wrote a book called *Farewell to God: My Reasons for Rejecting the Christian Faith*. His description of how we human beings are simply the mindless product of purposeless evolution struck me as being so obviously self-refuting that I began to have serious doubts about my own agnosticism.

The other was Stephen Hawking, the brilliant theoretical physicist who wrote *A Brief History of Time*. He explored such questions as: "How did the universe begin? What made its start possible? Is the universe unending, or are there boundaries?" Reading this book was like looking at a flashing neon sign saying "GOD!"

These two intelligent and articulate authors made me realize what St. Augustine discovered long ago:

Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it. God, whom you would discover, never wrote that book with ink; instead he set before your eyes the things he had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that? Why, heaven and earth shout to you: "God made me!"

Creation points beyond itself to the creator. And yes, there are people, even some endowed with great natural intelligence, who look at the miracle of creation and see nothing except blind matter. Like the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes, they gaze at the universe and shout out: "Vanity of vanities! — Meaningless! Meaningless! Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

It is surprising how so many people can avoid seeing what seems so obvious, what the prophet Isaiah proclaimed:

For thus says the Lord, he who created the heavens, he who fashioned and made the earth. He founded it. He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited. "I am the Lord and there is no other. I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness. I have not said to Jacob's descendants: seek me in vain. Turn to me and be saved all you ends of the earth. For I am God, and there is no other."

Our very striving to understand the universe, to know our place in it, testifies to the *meaningfulness* of creation. The very act of intellect by which Templeton and Hawking so vehemently reject God, this act of intellect itself testifies to God who has endowed them with the gift of intellect. Cardinal Newman said that he was as sure of the existence of God as he was of the existence of his own hands and feet. I know exactly what he meant. So how is it possible that for so many people today — our family, friends and neighbors — God remains a *deus absconditus*, a hidden God?

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**Tuesday, December 9**

5:00 pm ADORATION & BENEDICTION  
6:00 pm OPENING MASS with procession of Relics  
VENERATION of relics until 10:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 10**

7:00 am ADORATION & BENEDICTION  
8:00 am MASS with procession of Relics  
VENERATION of relics until 10:00 pm

**Thursday, December 11**

6:00 am ADORATION & BENEDICTION  
7:00 am CLOSING MASS with procession of Relics  
For more information or to volunteer your time, please call  
705.435.6325 ext 44 and leave your name and phone number.

**OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD (BLD) GREATER BARRIE AREA (GBA) PRAYER GROUP**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To all the participants who completed  
the 7 weeks of Life in the Spirit Seminar.

- We praise and thank the Lord for the support of Fr. Glass and the BLD Toronto Covenant Community.
- We praise and thank the Lord for pouring upon everyone the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit.

**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.



**NOTE: CHANGES IN MASS TIMES**

Tuesday, 9 Dec: 6:00 pm  
Thursday, 11 Dec, 7:00 am

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00p.m.**

*'SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY'*  
Immaculate Conception Church, 4791 Con Rd 5, Adjala.

**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.

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

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

**Christmas Mass Times**

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

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

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** 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

**Lions Club Christmas Hampers:**

Food items and unwrapped toys can be dropped of at the Church. The hampers will be delivered to over 100 families in Alliston and surrounding area the week before Christmas.



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

For children up to 12 years old

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

After the 10:30a.m. Mass

\*Light refreshments

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