

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.

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1st Sunday of Lent ~ 14 February 2016

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." — Lk 4:1-3

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First Reading + Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading + Romans 10:8-13

Gospel + Luke 4:1-13

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 15

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 16

7:00pm+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

Wednesday, February 17

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Thursday, February 18

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Friday, February 19

NO MASS SCHEDULED

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, February 20

NO MORNING MASS

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, February 21

9:00am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – P/C Vanderpost

10:30am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – L/M Joyce

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross

Friday's at 7:00p.m.

February 12th – March 25th

Saint of the Week

Lord, I am in this world to show Your mercy to others.

- Saint Claude de la Colombiere (1641-1682), Priest, Feast Day February 15

Our Feasts & Saints of the Week

February 14 + Sts. Cyril and Methodius

February 17 + Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

February 21 – St. Peter Damian

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The essence of Christianity — conversion and renewal.

These six Sundays of Lent will take us through to the first days of spring and the celebration of the Resurrection. *Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!* Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen! This brings us to the very heart of our faith. As St. Paul says: "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ... If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

There are many people who believe that the essence of Christianity is simply the "golden rule": do unto others as you would have them do unto you. They point to the parables of "the good Samaritan" and "the prodigal son" as showing the Christian virtues of love, mercy, forgiveness. The death of Jesus on the cross is seen as the ultimate example of sacrificial love — "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." — "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The golden rule, however, is not unique to Christianity. Versions of it can be found in many religions. This is not surprising, since it is a fundamental of the Natural Law — knowable by everyone, even if not admitted by everyone. The golden rule is part of the moral law that is built into the fabric of the universe, applicable to all people at all times. It is certainly one of the basic teachings of Christianity, but it is not the essence of Christianity.

The essence of Christianity is Christ. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." This is the core of the proclamation of the Gospel —

Now I should remind you, brothers, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.

The Good News is that Jesus has reconciled us to God and sent the Holy Spirit to be the life of our souls. Just as the soul gives life to the body, so the Holy Spirit gives life to the soul, and we are only truly alive when we are alive in the Holy Spirit. Jesus says of his disciples: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly!"

This abundant life in the Holy Spirit is the essence of Christianity. During this season of Lent we reflect on what it means to be a true disciple of Christ. Lent is a special time to approach God in prayer and in the Sacraments. Lent is a time for conversion and renewal.



**LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE
Thursday, February 25th at 7:00pm**

Taize worship is a prayer service consisting of ecumenical meditative singing and periods of silence. Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taize experience. Everyone welcome!

**St. Louis de Montfort Consecration
To Jesus through Mary
February 20 to March 25**

St. Louis de Montfort left a wonderful gift to Catholics who wish to better serve Jesus and the Holy Trinity. His gift is the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary because it is giving oneself, fully and completely to God, without conditions, without strings, without reservation. This Consecration or Entrustment is accomplished through a 33 day exercise of prayer (about 5-10 minutes per day) under His Mother's care. Prayer booklets will be available.



If you wish to know more about this Entrustment visit website: www.childrenofthefather.org/, or to register, please contact Debbie Tardif at 705-424-0500 or email: d.tardif13@gmail.com

OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD

GREATER BARRIE AREA PRAYER GROUP



Please come and join us for our next prayer meetings on Thursday, **February 18, from 7:30-9:30pm** at the Church. There will be praise and worship followed by **Living Word Group**. We will end with snacks and fellowship.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Couples contemplating marriage this year, a 'marriage preparation course' is mandatory. Our Lady of Grace in Angus is offering a weekend course April 15- 17. Call OLG: 705-424-1551

WORLD DAY of PRAYER 2015

We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at: **KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Friday, March 4th @ 2:00 PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015 and concludes on November 20, 2016. Eight holy doors in the Archdiocese of Toronto open beginning Sunday, Dec. 13th. Visit <http://bit.ly/mercyholydoors> for a list of Holy Doors and information on obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.

In this Year of Mercy (announced by Pope Francis) why not consider a daily reading of the The Divine Mercy delivered free by email to your phone or computer. Follow this link. <http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/divinemeracy>

Together we are continuing to work wonders...

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."
Matthew 5:7 (NRSVCE)

Our Lord encourages us with a timely reminder about what our actions truly should be - to show mercy to others. Does showing mercy mean to take the time delivering food for the local food bank in our neighbourhood? Do we have time to help by serving on a weekend in the soup kitchen in our city or praying for a family who is dealing with a personal crisis? Or maybe the refugee family who needs some volunteer help resettling their family to a new life here in Canada. In essence, ShareLife becomes that connective bridge between the pulpit and the street. When we are called to action in the Catholic community, we know of so many ways we can make a difference by working together in the lives of those in need. Annually, we share in helping over 114,000 individuals, thanks to the support received through our collective efforts.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 40th anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season! —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously. You can work wonders!
Parish Goal \$50,000 Balance to-date: \$1,100



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night
Friday, February 19, 2016

Wild Things

An Edge issue night on Peer Pressure and Freedom
Bring you PJ's, Slippers, Onesy, Blankey, Teddy Bear



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Adults and Teens (grade 10 up) interested in volunteering with Edge or Adults for Life Teen are welcome to come and join our training session starting at 10:30am, Saturday, February 20, lunch included. Dinner after 5pm mass - Teens \$10, Adults \$15

Steubenville Toronto Registration

steubenvilletoronto.com

INFO - Contact: Dave McKendrick, Youth Minister
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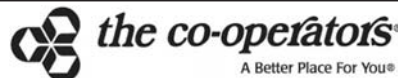
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