

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

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.

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 2nd, 3rd & 4th 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

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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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 15 February 2015

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

— Mk 1:40-41

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First Reading + Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 10:31- 11:1
Gospel + Mark 1:40-45

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 16
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 17
 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS
 7:00pm+Tom/Diane COFFIN, 50th Ann. – J/D Dinneen

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18

8:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:30am+Liturgy/Ashes – HF School in church
 12:00pm+Liturgy/Ashes – SP School in school
 7:00pm+Fr. C.J. BENNETT, 89th B-day Wishes

Thursday, February 19

8:00am+Jude TAN, RIP – B/M McCallum

Friday, February 20

12:10pm+Pamela Rauket, RIP – S Hayes
 7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 21

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)
 9:00am+Alan DILWORTH, RIP – J/R Farrugia
 5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, February 22

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump
 10:30am+Amdrej SVETINA, RIP – A/M Pufek

Ash Wednesday

February 18 at St. Paul's
 8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
 Friday's at 7:00p.m.
 February 20th – April 3rd

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Land of Unlikeness.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux calls our present human condition living in the "land of unlikeness." We were all created in the image and likeness of God, but we have *forgotten* that we are made in God's likeness. We have to find and reclaim our true identity. This is the process of true spiritual conversion.

The recent Supreme Court "landmark decision" on so-called "doctor-assisted suicide" is a sad example of what it means to have forgotten that we are made in God's likeness.

Just to be clear: When you kill *yourself* it is "suicide." When you kill *someone else* it is "homicide." The Supreme Court decision permits *homicide*. The "doctor-assisted" tag is mere sugar-coating to make this decision more palatable. The technique for administering a lethal injection can be learned in a few minutes — this hardly requires years of intense training in medical school.

Pope John Paul II, twenty years ago in his truly landmark Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* ("The Gospel of Life") addressed this issue of "doctor-assisted suicide":

Certain sectors of the medical profession, which by its calling is directed to the defense and care of human life, are increasingly willing to carry out these acts against the person. In this way the very nature of the medical profession is distorted and contradicted, and the dignity of those who practice it is degraded. The end result of this is tragic: not only is the fact of the destruction of so many human lives in their final stage extremely grave and disturbing, but no less grave and disturbing is the fact that conscience itself, darkened as it were by such widespread conditioning, is finding it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good and evil in what concerns the basic value of human life.

We are now experiencing what it means to live in the "land of unlikeness", in what Pope John Paul II accurately called the "culture of death." The most troubling aspect of Supreme Court's decision is not merely that it is wrong — but that we, as a society, no longer *know* or *feel* that it is wrong. We are even *proud* of our moral *progress*. The prophet Isaiah said: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." Woe to us, if we continue along this road. May God save us from the consequences of our moral blindness.

We are all called to conversion. Conversion often is simply becoming aware of the wonder of life, knowing that we are created in God's image and likeness, and being suitably grateful.

The season of Lent, which we begin on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes on our heads, is a special season for spiritual conversion. These forty days of solemn preparation for Easter are a journey out of the land of unlikeness into the land of likeness.



Working wonders in our community...

We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to lovingly care for those who are in need around us.
 —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

First ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015
Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Catholics urged to Support Physicians' Charter Right of Freedom of Conscience and Religion

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: "Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient". Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an "effective referral" is a violation of a physician's rights, as it *compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place.* The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed "effective referral" mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to www.ccrl.ca to find out more and to get involved.



We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who have entered into the Roman Catholic Community through the **Sacrament of BAPTISM:**

Brexton John Peter BARBER; Makayo Mathew BARNAS; BenJamin James BLAKE-LOVE; Aleah FLORIO; Mya Elizabeth GRAHAM and Norah Kennedy TAYLOR.

Calendar of Parish Events

Note: NO BAPTISM CLASSES IN FEBRUARY

- Feb 15 – 4th Degree Mtg. at 4pm in Hall
- Feb 17 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Feb 17 – Symbolon Series #1 at 7:30pm
- Feb 19 – LSS Prayer Group at 7:30pm
- Feb 19 – CWL General Mtg. at 7:00pm
- Feb 20 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm
- Feb 23- Parish Council Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Feb 24 – Defend Life Committee Mtg. at 7:30pm

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED
EPISODE 4: THE STORY OF SALVATION:
CREATION, FALL AND REDEMPTION



Our modern world has lost its story. We don't know from where we came. We don't know why we're here. And we don't know where we're going. But god has a plan for each of our lives—a plan that reveals the true meaning of our existence and leads to eternal happiness.

SESSION 4 - FEBRUARY 19
THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15A.M. ~ FOLLOWING THE ROSARY

NOTE: This series is being run again on Tuesday's at 7:30pm beginning February 17th.

OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD

GREATER BARRIE AREA PRAYER GROUP



Please come and join us for our next prayer meetings on Thursday, February 19, **2015 from 7:30-9:30pm** at the Parish Hall. There will be praise and worship followed by **Living Word Group.**

We will end with snacks and fellowship.

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

OVER THE EDGE!

Next Edge ~ February 21, 2015

2:30 8:30pm

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Lenten Retreat

Dinner included

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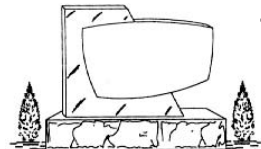

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