

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

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.

1st Thursday 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 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday morning.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

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.

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians are to be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation. (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 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. 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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First Sunday of Lent ~ 18 February 2018

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, Proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." Mark 1:14-15

First Reading + Genesis 9:8-15
Second Reading + 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel + Mark 1:12-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 19

NO MASS SCHEDULED – OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 20

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Jack MAHER, RIP – from Down the Lane

Wednesday, February 21

8:00am+George SINCLAIR, RIP – M Keogh

Thursday, February 22

8:00am+Eddy SURBEK, RIP - P/P Kennedy

10:30am+Riverwood Mass

Friday, February 23

12:10pm+Chris McCAULEY, RIP – M Lynch

7:00pm+SSTATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 24

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Crump Family

5:00pm+Tim SKELTON, RIP – Dw. Donnelly

Sunday, February 25

9:00am+Michael QUEALY, RIP – ML/D Quealy

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

Watch over me, Father, so that everything I do may be with the intention of pleasing Jesus. - *St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879), Patron of Poverty, Feast Day February 18*

Last Week's Collection:

Sunday Offering	\$3351.20
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1063.00

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Lent — a time for conversion.

When we first hosted the *Life in the Spirit Seminar*, I admit that I had some issues with the idea of "Baptism in the Spirit." After all, when we were baptized (usually, as infants) we received the Holy Spirit. No further "baptism in the spirit" is necessary or even possible. The lit candle that was given to us at our Baptism was a symbol of the Holy Spirit. We were told: "Keep the flame of faith alive in your heart." Yet, sadly, so many of us have let that flame flicker out. In a sense, we have kept the power of the Spirit tightly sealed in a box. We need to open the box and let the Spirit out. You can call this "baptism in the spirit" or you can call it a "re-awakening of faith" or you can just call it "conversion." We think of "conversion" as a change of religion. True conversion is a change of heart.

A flame needs oxygen to continue burning. The soul, in the same way, needs the continual breath, the inspiration, of the Holy Spirit. As St. Augustine pointed out:

If the air of this world is withdrawn, the body dies — there can be no question of it. And if the Holy Spirit is withdrawn, the soul dies — and there can be even less of a question of that. For once God has given his life to a soul, He has to continuously sustain it thereafter, otherwise it will only die to Him again. So, as long as we remain converted to Him, he promises us this eternal life-sustaining action.

The "baptism in the spirit" is not a new sacrament. It is simply giving permission to the Holy Spirit to once again be the life of our souls. There is a prayer that we all should be able to say:

My God, show me the obstacles that I place in the way of the working of your grace in my soul. Give me the strength to remove them, and, if I am negligent in doing so, remove them for me, even though I should suffer greatly thereby. Grant that my life here on earth may be like eternal life begun.

The great grace of Lent is the grace of conversion. It is during these next forty days that we work at removing the obstacles that we put in the way of God's grace in our lives. Once again, we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and ask him to be the life of our souls. For, 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. We ought to desire above all things this life of the Holy Spirit.

St. Augustine taught that "the entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy desire. By desiring heaven we exercise the powers of our soul. So, my brethren, let us expand our hearts. Let us continue to desire, for then we shall be filled."

This holy season of Lent gives us so many opportunities to re-awaken the life of the Holy Spirit in our souls. Let us expand our hearts and ask God for the grace of conversion.

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday's at St. Paul's @ 7:00p.m.
Beginning February 16th – March 30th

Lent Faith Formation Evenings
Seven Deadly Sins — Seven Lively Virtues
Bp. Robert Barron

Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm, starting Feb. 20th

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust: these “seven deadly sins” are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness. Join us as we embark on Fr. Robert Barron’s exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can break the cycle of sin.

“WORLD DAY OF PRAYER”

Host: St. Paul the Apostle Church, Alliston
Friday, March 2, 2018, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of many Christian Traditions that come together the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and become aware of the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and; share the burdens of other people and pray with them and for them. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence on the world. For more information, see poster in the foyer.

2018 Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 3rd from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Conv. Centre, 255 Front St. W., Toronto

- The theme of this year’s rally is **“Fire on the Earth”** (Luke 12:49).

Featuring: Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield; an adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated Bishop Scott McCaig; a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits.

COST: \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth

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Edge & Life Teen

Snow Tubing

RE-Scheduled - Feb 23rd

Call/text Dave 647-237-1348



CWL News.....

ROYAL HIGH TEA ~ June 16th, 2018

Ladies of the parish, please mark your calendars for June 16th, 2-4pm. Come and celebrate the occasion of the Royal Wedding with us! Now is the time to get your Fascinators ready! All ladies welcome! More information to follow in May.

USED STAMPS

Do you have used stamps? Did you know that the CWL collects them to send to Development and Peace who sell them for money as a fundraiser? D & P is our Catholic outreach in developing countries. Please drop off your used stamps in the CWL box on the information stand in the foyer.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

This Parish could not exist without your generous donations. We thank you for your generosity in helping to maintain the two Churches of this Parish as fitting places of worship and our spiritual home. If you are using Pre-Authorized Giving, please, review the amount of your monthly contribution and remember that it does not cover special collections. If you are not yet using Pre-Authorized Giving, please consider the advantages of this way of supporting your Parish.

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Now in its 5th year, Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. The conference will take place **July 13-15, 2018** on campus at UOIT in Oshawa, ON.

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