

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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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 19 February 2017

“Y*ou have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.”* — Mt 5:43-45a

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

First Reading + Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
 Gospel + Matthew 5:38-48

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 20

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 21

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm+CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Mary WALSH, RIP – Peggy Vanderpost

Wednesday, February 22

8:00am+Liberato VALENTINI, RIP – B/D Lynch

Thursday, February 23

8:00am+Dr. Gerald GUEST, RIP – H.W Wright

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

Friday, February 24

12:10pm+Jimmy HANDS, RIP – S Hands

Saturday, February 25

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Carlof MORALES, RIP – Kx Grammatikopoulos

5:00pm+Corrine DOL, RIP – P/C Vanderpost

Sunday, February 26

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Joe 7 Helen SMUG, RIP – S Smug

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Sexagesima Sunday

According to the traditional calendar, this Sunday is called *Sexagesima*, i.e., “sixtieth.” We now have only one more Sunday to go before the start of Lent. As we consider our spiritual program for Lent, we want to keep in mind those three pillars: prayer, fasting and alms-giving. Lent is a penitential season. Everyone, without exception, is called to observe Lent, in keeping with our individual circumstances.

For health reasons, you may not be able to fast from food, but you may be able to fast from television or social media. Your financial situation may be such that you cannot donate much to charity, but perhaps you can be more generous with your time. Everybody can pray.

The great challenge of Lent is making time. We are all so busy. But, then, that is the point. We are too busy with things that have nothing to do with God. One of the graces of Lent is that we are forced to readjust our priorities. Instead of giving God only the cold leftovers of our time, for a change we have to put Him first.

Establish the foundation. Begin with the Sacrament of Confession. Then recall that the Third Commandment is “keep holy the Sabbath.” Holy Mass is the “first and indispensable source of the Christian life.” All prayer during the week is an extension of the prayer of Sunday Mass. If you can, go to a weekday Mass as well. Go, not just because you have to, but because you want to.

When Jesus speaks about the prayer and fasting of the Pharisees, he says, “They have received their reward.” He means that because they do these things only in order to be praised by men, then that is all they will get out of it. In the same way, if we go to Mass only in order to satisfy an obligation, then that is our reward; our ticket is punched. But if we go with open hearts in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit, then that is our reward.

The disciplines of Lent are the means of expanding our capacity to receive God’s grace. We cut back on the things of the world, in order to spend more time on the things of God. St. John tells us, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world — the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches — comes not from the Father but from the world.”

Prepare the way of the Lord. First of all, go to Confession. Make Sunday Mass the cornerstone of the week. Attend a weekday Mass if you can. Come to Tuesday evening Adoration to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Come to the Stations of the Cross. Pray the Rosary daily. Make the Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

You cannot imagine the blessings that God has prepared for you this Lent, if only you will expand your capacity to receive them. Lent is not easy. It is not meant to be. The effort, however, will be richly rewarded, because God will not be outdone in generosity.

Saint of the Week:

As the light of the sun so greatly surpasses that of the stars, that in it they are no longer visible; it so overwhelms them that they are as if they were not; so does the great Virgin Mother surpass in sanctity the whole court of Heaven.
 - St. Peter Damian (1007– 1072), *Doctor of the Church, Feast Day February 21*

Last Week’s Collection:

Sunday Offering \$ 2,191.50
 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,069.00

Ash Wednesday

March 1st 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.
March 3rd – April 14th



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night Social
Friday, March 3 at 7:00pm

Lent - Stations of the Cross

An opportunity to understand the purpose and
meaning of the season of Lent.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

Next Life Night
Saturday, February 25 ~ 6:00 – 9:00pm
Eternal Crown

A night for Teens to understand Heaven and Hell
through the lens of Mary, Queen of Heaven and to
teach that our eternal end is our choice.

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World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3rd, 2017
At St. Andrew's Anglican Church
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Confirm attendance by March 1st
Call Dawn at 705-435-9914



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The Alliston Lions Club would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Hamper Campaign. 127 Families including approximately 250 Children were able to enjoy Christmas due to the generosity of the Alliston Community. In addition, 7400 pounds of food was donated to the local Good Shephard food bank. This was a banner year and everyone involved should be very proud of our community. *Sincerely, The Alliston Lions Club*

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 March 24-26. Call OLG: 705-424-1551

FIRST CONFESSIONS - February 24 at 6:00pm

For students from St Paul's School and non-Catholic Schools. If you were unable to attend last week, please be sure to attend this night. Attendance will be taken.

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