

# 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

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)

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## **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.

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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. Registration forms and envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

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## **NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES**

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 21 February 2016

**W**hile he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." — Lk 9:34-35

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

**First Reading + Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**  
**Second Reading + Philippians 3:17-4:1**  
**Gospel + Luke 9:28b-36**

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

**Monday, February 22**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, February 23**

7:00pm+Kenneth BECKETT, RIP – B Baumfeld

**Wednesday, February 24**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Thursday, February 25**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

7:00pm+TAIZE Prayer Service

**Friday, February 26**

12:10pm + \_\_\_\_\_

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

**Saturday, February 27**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Giuseppe DeSanto, RIP – Bud Renshaw

5:00pm+Fr. C.J. BENNETT, 90<sup>th</sup> B-day – M Murphy

**Sunday, February 28**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – J/K Quinlan

### **The Stations of the Cross**

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross

Friday's at 7:00p.m.

February 12<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Saint of the Week**

How do you (Mary, Mother of Mercy) appease the anger of our Judge when he is on the point of punishing us for our offences! All the treasures of the mercy of God are in your hands.

- Saint Peter Damian (1007-1072), Benedictine Monk, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day February 21

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

*Remembering St. John Paul II.*

Pope John Paul II died on Saturday 2 April 2005, during Easter week, on the day before Divine Mercy Sunday, the feast day which he himself instituted. I was then in my second year of theology at St. Augustine's Seminary. Pope John Paul had been suffering the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease for many years. His death was not unexpected but, all the same, we were saddened at his passing. It was as if we had lost a member of our family.

Pope John Paul was really the only Pope that I had ever known. I remember when his election was announced in 1978 — for the first time in centuries the Catholic Church had a chosen a Pope who was not Italian, but Polish! For the next twenty-seven years, an entire generation, Pope John Paul II redefined what it meant to be Pope. It was hard to imagine anyone else filling that role.

Pope John Paul II saw his main task as implementing the decrees of the Second Vatican Council. The Council was begun by Pope John XXIII and brought to its conclusion by Pope Paul VI. The next Pope, Albino Luciani, took the name John Paul as a sign of his intention to continue the work of his two predecessors. He died after only thirty-three days as Pope. Karol Wojtyla was then elected and took the name John Paul II.

Over the years, Pope John Paul II issued many key teaching documents. My copies of them are heavily underlined and highlighted because they were primary texts in our theology courses in the Seminary. Encyclicals such as *Fides et Ratio* (Faith and Reason), *Veritatis Splendor* (The Splendor of Truth), *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), etc., are essential to understanding the Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. During the Jubilee Year of 2000, Pope John Paul issued his road-map for the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*; I have referred to this document many times and I often go back to it for guidance and inspiration.

I never met Pope John Paul II personally but he has had a huge impact on my life. At a time when I was looking for an example of faith to live by, I looked to him. There could never be any doubt about the genuineness and solidity of his faith. He certainly had a hand in the grace of my vocation.

You may have noticed the picture of Pope John Paul that now hangs at the back of the Church. When I am sitting in the Sanctuary or standing at the Altar, I can see it clearly. It is a reminder of the past — of my own spiritual journey that occurred during those eventful years of his papacy, and of the gratitude that I owe to him. It is also a reminder that the work continues. Pope John Paul II left us a road-map, but it is up to us to continue to journey along that road.

The world is changing, and not for the better. In these times the example of Pope John Paul is a reminder that faith does not accommodate itself to the culture, but rather calls the culture to conversion and transformation. Christianity is always a counter-cultural movement.



**LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE  
Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 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!



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Friday, March 4, 2016, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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**C.W.L. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

The Catholic Women's League congratulates the winners of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest which was held on Mon. Feb. 8, 2016. First Place Winner **Jacob Bruce** from Holy Family School spoke on "Red Heads" and will next speak at the C.W.L. Northern Region Level at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at Holy Martyr's of Japan Church in Bradford. The runner-up **Ainsley De Melo** from St. Paul's School spoke on "Banning Fast Food".

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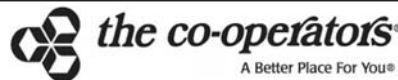
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