

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.

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) Alternating Mondays - 7:00 p.m.

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) Alternating Saturdays - 6-9:00 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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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 23 February 2020

“You 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, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:43-45a

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

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, February 24

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 25

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Deacon Des CARROLL, RIP – P/S Keogh

ASH Wednesday, February 26

8:00am+Wayne WRIGHT, RIP H Wright

7:00pm+Radka VOKNER, RIP – E/W Shipman

Thursday, February 27

8:00am+Audrey GIBSON, RIP – H Cyr/Family

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood – Agnes RONAN, RIP

Friday, February 28

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Theresa KEOGH, Pers Int – J/C Orr

7:15pm+STATIONS of the CROSS @ St. Paul's

Saturday, February 29

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Dan/Lena HYLAND, RIP – S Hands

5:00pm+Blanche GUGLIETTI, RIP – J/M Ardito

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Ash Wednesday.

This week we observe Ash Wednesday, which is a day of ‘fast and abstinence.’ According to Canon Law:

The law of abstinence [from meat] binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority [i.e., eighteen years], until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.

Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 is required to fast. The ‘fast’ is not arduous — you may eat one full meal and two smaller meals. If you are accustomed to a light breakfast and lunch, this simply means doing without snacks between meals. If you are not able to fast for reasons of health, some other penance can be substituted.

Even though children and seniors are not *required* to fast, it is still a good idea for them to do it, in a way that is suitable for their age and state of health. Ash Wednesday should *not* be just the same as every other day.

As St. Irenaeus said, “Man is not saved from the body, but in the body.” Fr. Charles Arminjon expands on this fundamental truth:

Spirit and body are united by links so intimate and profound that, were it not for the instrumentality of the body, the spirit, by its very nature, would be unable to exercise any of its functions.

It is through the body that the mind reveals its power and exercises its kingship. It is the body that is the organ of the divine life and the sacraments. It is the body that is washed by the water of Baptism, so that the soul may obtain its purity and clarity. It is the body that is anointed with oil and the seal of the Holy Spirit, so that the soul may be consecrated. It is the body that crosses the hands in prayer and bows in adoration. It is the body that is emaciated by fasts and mortification. It is the body that receives the Eucharist so that man, becoming one with Christ, may live eternally.

Since we are a composite of body and soul, physical penance reflects our interior disposition. The physical necessarily accompanies the spiritual because whatever is done is done by the whole man.

Jesus suffered physically. In becoming incarnate (the divine second person of the Trinity taking on a human nature) Jesus chose not only to share our suffering but, by means of his suffering on the cross, to offer the atoning sacrifice for our sins. As St. Ephrem said: “Death slew Our Lord by means of the body which he had assumed, but that same body proved to be the weapon with which he conquered death.”

During Lent, we are offered special graces to grow in our love of God. Through the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we expand our hearts to receive these graces.

Saint of the Week :

There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from Him. He is in heaven, in hell, beyond the seas; dwelling in all things and enveloping all. Thus, He embraces, and is embraced by, the universe, confined to no part of it but pervading all. - Pope St. Hilary (315-368), Feast Day February 28

Ash Wednesday

February 26th 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 7:15p.m.

February 28th – April 10th



Confessions

Weekly on Tuesdays 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
And Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

"WORLD DAY OF PRAYER"

Host: St. John's United Church, Alliston
Friday, March 6, 2020, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Program written by the women of Zimbabwe & World Day of Prayer Committee **"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"** Refreshments follow the service; Day Care is provided.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

St. Paul the Apostle Church
Thursday March 26th, 2:30pm - 7:30pm
Book your appointment: www.blood.ca
Or call 1-888-236-6283



Winter storms, seasonal commitments and travel plans all impact the national blood inventory levels significantly. It could mean a decline in the national blood supply on hand. Meanwhile, patients across Canada are relying on donors to ensure lifesaving blood and blood products are available where and when they need it. To maintain a healthy inventory for patients over the winter months, NEW blood donors are essential to Canada's Lifeline.

Calendar of Events

- Feb 24** – Parish Council Mtg. 7:00pm
- Feb 24** – Edge Night (Integrity) 7:00pm
- Feb 29** – Life Teen (Demonstrate) 6:00pm
- Mar 4** – 1st of 4 Baptism Classes 7:30pm
- Mar 4** – 1st Communion Class Grp A at 6pm
- Mar 5** – K of C Exe. Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Mar 6** – 1st Communion Class Grp B at 6pm
- Mar 7** – All Day Confirmation Retreat for both groups A & B starting 9:00-6:00pm



www.sharelife.org

Supporting ShareLife through pre-authorized giving

Monthly pre-authorized giving (PAG) is an easy way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year. The ShareLife package you received by mail includes a response form with a PAG option. Simply submit a void cheque with the completed form to your parish office, or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving.

March 28 is ShareLife Sunday

Please give generously. Parish Goal: \$57,300

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Presented by the Catholic Women's League

Lenten Retreat

With Fr. Robert Foloit, S.J.

Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 – 12 noon

in the Fr. Bennett Hall from

All are invited and this event is free to ALL!

Fr. Foloit, S.J. entered the Society of Jesus in 1962 and was ordained in 1973. He has been the pastor of Jesuit parishes and served as the Superior for Jesuit communities across Canada for over 30 years. He has done much of his ministry in multi-cultural settings, lived and worked with First Nations people and is fluent in French and Spanish. He is presently the Superior of the Jesuit Community at Manresa-La-Storta in Pickering

Tea, coffee, bagels, cream cheese, muffins will be provided. Please sign up on the easel in the narthex.

2020 Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 7, 2020 - 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre 255 Front St. W.,

The theme of this year's rally is **"JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD."** Featuring inspired talks by: Ralph Martin; Christy Dupuis; Monsignor Gregory N. Smith; and keynote speaker Fr. James Mallon. An adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth Mass (with Sunday readings); a separate youth event with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits (ages 13-18).

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

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