

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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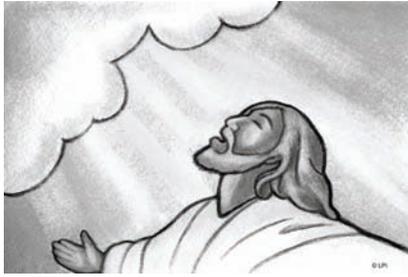
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Youth Minister: Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



2nd Sunday of Lent ~ 25 February 2018

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

First Reading + Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
Second Reading + Romans 8:31b-35,37
Gospel + Mark 9:2-10

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 26

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 27

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Luigi REDA, RIP – A Ignoto

Wednesday, February 28

8:00am+Lorna STEPHENS, RIP – P/P Kennedy

Thursday, March 1

8:00am+Jack PIRIE, RIP – A Whelton

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, March 2

12:10pm+Robert STUART, RIP – M Lynch

2:00pm+World Day of Prayer

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, March 3

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Leon PALVETZIAN, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+Joseph DEFOA, RIP – Pender Family

Sunday, March 4

9:00am+Rita/Jim VANDERVOORT, 60th Ann – M Lynch

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of Week:

For the Lord Incarnate was condemned, in order to bestow mercy on us; bound, in order to loose us; seized, in order to free us; He suffered, to heal our sufferings; He died, to restore life to us; He was buried, to raise us up again. One, in truth, was condemned, thousands were set free; One was buried, thousands rose again. - *St. Alexander of Alexandria (250-326), Pope, Defender of the Faith, Feast Day February 26*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Mixing religion and politics.

We will soon be marking the 50th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. Before anything else, King was a Baptist minister and a pastor; with other black church leaders he founded the *Southern Christian Leadership Conference*. These leaders of the civil rights movement were immersed in Scripture, and the account of the Hebrew slavery in Egypt especially resonated in their own lives. In his final speech, on the eve of his death, King declared:

Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land!"

Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt and through their long years of wandering in the desert. Then, just before they were finally to cross over the River Jordan, God led Moses up to the top of Mt. Nebo where he could look over and see all land that God had promised to them. God said to him, "I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Martin Luther King, like Moses, died on the far side of Jordan, but he had been to the mountaintop.

Was Martin Luther King wrong to mix religion and politics? No! — not if politics has anything to do with truth and justice. If politics is about the good of man, then it cannot ignore the difference between good and evil, between justice and injustice, between freedom and oppression. And these are the very things that are at the heart of the Christian religion. Without religion we have no moral compass and we are left with no way to judge between right and wrong. Instead, we are at the mercy of whatever ideology happens to be in fashion.

It is possible for men of good will to disagree in matters of politics. An economic conservative believes that the way to eliminate poverty is to reduce taxation and encourage private enterprise, while a socialist will argue for increased taxation and more social welfare. Both, however, believe that poverty is an evil that must be eradicated; they disagree only on the best way to achieve that end.

It is entirely different when we come to fundamental moral issues such as abortion and euthanasia. Like poverty, good men may disagree regarding the means to eliminate them. However, the promotion of abortion or euthanasia as a social "good," or even as a "right," is itself unspeakably evil, regardless of one's politics, and ought to be abhorred by every decent human being.

Hannah Arendt referred to the "banality of evil," when evil is done "under circumstances that make it well-nigh impossible for one to know or to feel that he is doing wrong." That is life without faith, without religion — without any way to distinguish between good and evil.

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

Feast Day of St. Joseph Monday, March 19th

Mass celebrated at St. Paul's at 7:00p.m.

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. (*If you missed last weeks that is okay, each night is a new session.*)

"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.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Edge Night ~ Friday, March 9th @ 7:00pm



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Life Night ~ Sat. March 17th @ 6:00pm

Sign-Up Sundays & Call for Conscience Campaign - Online Option for Sign-Up

We Need Your Help! The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway. Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community. The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017. Please take a moment to provide your contact information at the back of the church on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. Thank you for living a faith that acts! Your Sign-Up Sunday coordinator is Carla Beckett at 705-440-7701 or beckettcarla@gmail.com

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

CONTACT: Dave McKendrick **PHONE:** 647-237-1348

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C.W.L. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST WINNER'S

The Catholic Women's League congratulates the winners of the Mary Matthews Public speaking contest which was held on Mon. Feb. 12, 2018. First place winner Alexandra Barrios from Holy Family School spoke on "Technology and Its Effects on Humans" and will next speak at the C.W.L. Northern Region Level. Runner-up Grace Snyder spoke on "Google". Thank you to the judges, time keepers, parents, impromptu coaching by Theresa Keogh and the ladies of the C.W.L. who provided the home treats organized by Loretta Gismondi. All the participants are to be congratulated on their excellent presentations.

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