

# 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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### **St. Paul the Apostle**

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### **Immaculate Conception**

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**Deacon:** Desmond Carroll

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 28 February 2016  
RCIA – First Scrutiny

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” — Jn 4:28-29

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

**First Reading + Exodus 17:3-7**  
**Second Reading + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**Gospel + John 4:5-42**

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

**Monday, February 29**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, March 1**

**\*\*8:00am**+Agnes RONAN, RIP – J/A Pendergast

**Wednesday, March 2**

8:00am+Grace SCOTT, RIP – K/J Quinlan

**Thursday, March 3**

8:00am+Joe BOGUCKI, RIP – M Bogucki

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

**Friday, March 4**

12:10pm+Michael QUEALEY, RIP – M L Quealey

**Saturday, March 5**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – M Brett

5:00pm+Eugene DEVEREAUX, RIP – P Devereaux

**Sunday, March 6**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Fr. C.J. BENNETT, B-Day Ints. – M Webb

### **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**

As often as God disturbs the sky, yet spares us still, we should implore God’s mercy, examining the innermost recesses of our hearts and purging out the dregs of our sins, and behave with such caution that we may never deserve to be struck down.

-Saint Chad of Mercia (620 - 672), Feast Day March 2

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

*Religion a Weariness to the Natural Man.*

Last fall, the main presenter at our Priests’ Seminar was Fr. James Mallon. He had written a book about revitalizing the spiritual life of his parish in Halifax: “Divine Renovation — from maintenance to mission.” In one of his talks, he related how he had encouraged one parishioner to get more involved in some of the parish activities, only to be told, “I’m sorry Father, but I’m just not that religious.”

Fr. Mallon was taken aback by the comment, but most of the people that I know can be described as “just not that religious” and they are quite content to remain so.

Cardinal Newman had a great gift of seeing things as they truly are. In his day religion occupied a prestigious place in civic life of the English nation, but it did not occupy a significant place in the private lives of the people — they were content to live with a formal, distant relationship with God. Not that they were *atheist*, but religion really was such an awful bother. Newman delivered a sermon entitled *Religion a Weariness to the Natural Man*.

Newman began his sermon with a quote from the prophet Isaiah: “He had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.” The natural man looks at Jesus and is repulsed by him rather than attracted. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: “The natural man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”

The *natural* man, as Newman points out, is not attracted to Jesus. Yet, this is precisely what he will be judged on. “And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.”

These are those of whom St. John writes in the beginning of his Gospel:

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

Jesus, teaching in the Temple before his final Passover, said: “I do not judge anyone. ... The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge.”

Every person has a moral obligation to seek the truth and to hold fast to it once found. Each of us has been created in God’s image and we all have a supernatural destiny. Each of us is called into intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Each of us is called to be “religious.”

Jesus says: “No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me.” St. Augustine comments: “Why He draws one and not another, seek not to judge if you do not wish to err. Are you not yet drawn? Pray that you may be drawn.”



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**“WORLD DAY OF PRAYER”**

Knox Presbyterian Church, Alliston

Friday, March 4, 2016, 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.



We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who entered into the Roman Catholic Community through the Holy Sacrament of BAPTISM: Annika Summers ARNETT; Elliot Charles ARNETT; Michael Vincenzo GUERRA; Charleigh Angela SMITH-CURTIS and Roisin Madeleine TAN.

**Lent & Easter Schedule**

**During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's Church**

**CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday's at 6pm before 7pm Mass  
Saturday's at 4pm before the 5pm Mass

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday – March 24**

*No Morning Mass*

7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

**Good Friday – March 25**

*No Noon Mass*

3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion  
7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday – March 26**

*No Morning Mass*

12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at  
Immaculate Conception Church

**Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – March 26**

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**Please NOTE Mass Times**

**CHANGES**

**Easter Sunday – March 27th**

**\*\*8:00 a.m.** + Immaculate Conception

**\*\*9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** + St. Paul's



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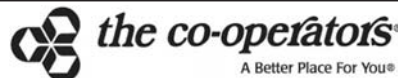
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