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.

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.

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

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians are to be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Classes on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (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

St. Paul the Apostle

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Immaculate Conception

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Pastoral Team: Pastor: Fr. Alan Glass

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Youth Minister: Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24 or email Dave: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 5 February 2017

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden." – Matt 5:13a, 14

First Reading + Isaiah 58:6-10 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel + Matthew 5:13-16

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 6 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 7

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+*HOLY HOUR* 6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Pat PENDERGAST, RIP – S Duggan

Wednesday, February 8

 $8:00 am + Frank\ CROWLEY,\ RIP-M/A\ Crowley$

Thursday, February 9

8:00am+Liberato VALENTINI, RIP – B/M McCallum Friday, February 10

12:10pm+Mary WALSH, RIP – Janet Vanderpost **Saturday, February 11**

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)
9:00am+Corrine DOL, RIP – W/C Mundy
5:00pm+James DONNELLY, RIP – Dw. Donnelly
Sunday, February 12

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Liberato VALENTINI, RIP – B Baumfeld

Saint of the Week:

I asked a favor of you and you would not listen, so I asked it of God and He granted it.

- St. Scholastica (480– 542), Sister of St. Benedict, Feast Day February 10

Last Week's Collection:

Sunday Offering \$4,059.75 Parish Capital Upgrades \$1,139.50

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The supernatural life of grace.

When I was in the Seminary I wrote a thesis on the First Plenary Council of Quebec, 1912. The Council was a meeting of all the bishops and religious superiors in Canada. The document which resulted from their deliberations included a summary of the Catholic Faith. The very first paragraph states:

First of all, this Plenary Council considers it necessary to assert the essential distinction between the merely natural order and the supernatural order, since the neglect or denial of this distinction has led to the growth of many modern errors which tear at the roots of Christianity. There is moreover the greatest difference between these two orders, the one corresponding to the individual's own powers, while the other exceeds the powers of created nature; and this difference encompasses both the end and the means. Indeed, the vision of God exceeds not only the capacity of man but of any created intellect whatsoever, according to what has been written: That eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what things God hath prepared for them that love him.

When Christians talk of the "supernatural" we are referring to what exceeds the powers of any created being, even the most exalted angel; that which can be attributed to the action of God alone. When we call Faith, Hope and Charity the "Supernatural Virtues," we mean that they are "infused" or instilled into our soul by God alone. As St. Paul tells us: "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." And: "It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure." God's grace is not the reward of faith; rather, faith is the gift of God's grace.

The denial of the supernatural, which the Council of Quebec warned of more than a century ago, remains a persistent error in the Church today. When we lose sight of the supernatural, the Mass becomes an "assembly" or a "ritual meal" rather than the Most Holy Sacrifice of Christ's Body and Blood; the amazing reality of Christ's presence in the Tabernacle becomes a pious fiction; prayer becomes "mindfulness" rather than the raising of the mind and soul to God; the Church is seen as an enforcer of "rules and regulations" rather than a teacher of virtue; and what Pope John Paul II called "ordinary Christian living" becomes a virtually unattainable "high moral ideal."

Jesus said: I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly! Why settle for a merely "natural" life, when we can live the abundance of the supernatural life of grace? We are born creatures of Earth, but we are destined for life in Heaven. The life of grace is eternal life already begun Just as the soul gives life to the body, so the Holy Spirit gives life to the soul; and we are only truly alive when we are alive in the Holy Spirit.

St. Louis de Montfort Consecration To Jesus through Mary February 20 to March 25

St. Louis de Montfort left a wonderful gift to Catholics who wish to better serve Jesus and the Holy Trinity. His gift is the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary because it is giving oneself, fully and completely to God, without conditions, without strings, without reservation. This Consecration or Entrustment is accomplished through a 33 day exercise of prayer (about 5-10 minutes per day) under His Mother's care. Prayer booklets will be available.



If you wish to know more about this Entrustment visit website: www.childrenofthefather.org/, or to register, please contact Debbie Tardif at 705-424-0500 or email: d.tardif13@gmail.com



We are even closer! Our current share of the collection for Family of Faith campaign is \$71,342.00 as of December 31, 2015. This consists of interest and payments collected from beginning of campaign up until June 30, 2015. With this money we will

redesign the church courtyard to meet new accessibility standards. Repave our parking areas and repair the catch basins. At Immaculate Conception we will replace carpeting in the sanctuary and remove the step in the sacristy for safety and easier access.

Please continue to contribute toward the completion of your pledge. The efforts of this campaign will help our parish address some of our most pressing needs.

St. Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance At Holy Spirit Parish Hall – 650 Essa Rd. Barrie Saturday, February 11, 2017.

Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7pm

Entertainment & DJ: Paul Valentine & Alicja Wysocka Catered by: "The Best Food in Town"

Tickets available at \$50 each (tax receipt for \$25)

For more information and reservation, please contact Tina at 705-722-3771 ext.7 or 705-817-1434.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

February 10 at 6:00p.m.

For students from <u>Holy Family School</u> and <u>Mrs. Janssen class from St. Paul's School</u>.

February 24 at 6:00pm

For students from <u>St Paul's School</u>. If you are unable to attend with your school night, please be sure to attend the other night.

Attendance will be taken each night.

Last Week to Get Your Tickets!





Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night Social Friday, February 17 at 7:00pm Bright Lights Dance

An opportunity for youth to learn group dances with a mix of clean secular & Christian hits.

<u>Celebrate Your Marriage</u> with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: March 17-19, 2017 (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga) For information and application, please go to: www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.



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