

# 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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### **Pastoral Team: Pastor:** Fr. Alan Glass

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**Youth Minister:** Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

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Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 7 February 2016

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. — Lk 5: 5-6

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**First Reading + Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**  
**Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**  
**Gospel + Luke 5:1-11**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, February 8**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, February 9**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Intention of CWL for 50<sup>th</sup> Ann. – K of C #9352

**Wednesday, February 10 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

8:00am+Maria MARTENS, RIP – M Mota

7:00pm+John ALMEIDA, RIP – M Almeida

**Thursday, February 11**

8:00am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – P/C Morrison

**Friday, February 12**

12:10pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – J/A Pendergast

**Saturday, February 13**

*(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Josephine DAVIS, RIP – J/C Orr

5:00pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – E/W Shipman

**Sunday, February 14**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – L/M Joyce

**Saint of the Week**

**February 7** - O Lord, behold and visit this vine which Thy right hand hath planted. Strengthen the weak, relieve the contrite, confirm the strong. Build them up in love, cleanse them with purity, enlighten them with wisdom, keep them with mercy.

- *Saint Ethelwald of Lindisfarne (d. 740), Feast Day February 12*

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

*Lent — making a good start.*

Lent begins this week with the observance of Ash Wednesday, "to begin with holy fasts the exercises of Christian warfare, that as we do battle with the spirits of evil, we may be protected by the help of self-denial."

St. John warns us against "love of the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life." During Lent we especially take this warning to heart. For the next six weeks we will step back from our hectic pursuit of worldly things so that we can re-orient ourselves to God.

Jesus gave us the example. Just as he was forty days in the desert, confronting head-on the wiles of Satan and the temptations of the world, so we too enter a spiritual desert. Lent is given to us as a sacred season of conversion and renewal — a time to break free from the habits of sin and to acquire habits of virtue, above all the habit of prayer.

God wants to fill us abundantly with the gifts of his grace but we need to make room to receive them. St. Augustine in a homily 1500 years ago spoke of this:

The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy desire. Suppose you are going to fill some container, and you know you will be given a large amount, then you set about enlarging the container. Why? Because you know the quantity you will have to put in it and your eyes tell you there is not enough room. By expanding it, therefore, you increase the capacity of the container.

Such is our Christian life. By desiring heaven we exercise the powers of our soul. So, my brethren, let us expand our hearts. Let us continue to desire, for then we shall be filled.

God's love is unconditional. The gifts of God's grace are freely given to all who desire them — but they have to be *desired*. There has to be a hunger for that which only God can give. We receive in proportion to our desire. Let us then increase our desire.

In the second Preface of Lent we offer this prayer:

For you, Father, have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

Lent is a time to free ourselves from our bondage to whatever holds us back in our relationship with God. It is a time to empty ourselves so that we may be filled.

All the prayers of the Church during this time help us to do this. Each Sunday the readings and prayers of the Mass are all directed to this one end — to express our desire for conversion and spiritual renewal. All our devotional practices, especially the Stations of the Cross, are intended to expand our hearts to receive all the abundant graces that God wants to give us.

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LIFE TEEN

**Correct Data Information:** Please write your name and address on your envelopes for a few weeks so we have your correct information on file. I have a couple of people using envelopes and I have no idea who they are. Also; there are people who have provided name only and no addresses. Please **DO NOT** use old envelopes from previous years as they have been re-issued to new parishioners. When this happens, someone else will get credit for your generous donations. We ask that you pick up a new box if you wish to continue supporting your parish

There are a few generous people who have signed up for P.A.G. If you wish envelopes please pick up a new box and use it for their pre-authorized giving.

This is the time of your when most people review their charitable giving. If you wish to increase the amount of your P.A.G. offering, just call the office or drop a note in the collection basket.

**2015 TAX RECEIPTS / 2016 ENVELOPES:**

The 2015 Tax receipts are available in the foyer of the church this weekend. The receipts are in 'alphabetical order' and we ask you to please pick up your receipt to help defray mailing costs. Please be careful and make sure you are only picking up your own receipt.



**ALSO....**New boxes are available each week at St. Paul's for parishioners who have not registered as yet.


*We thank you all for your ongoing support of your parish.*



We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who entered into the Roman Catholic Community through the holy sacrament of Baptism: Bentley Dean GALLO; Eleanor Gloria Grace HARVEY; Bruce William David HARVEY and Andrew Nicolaj MADSEN.

**Ash Wednesday**

Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's  
8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.





Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

**EDGE Night**  
Friday, February 19, 2016

**Wild Things**

An Edge issue night on Peer Pressure and Freedom

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**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Adults and Teens (grade 10 up) interested in volunteering with Edge or Adults for Life Teen are welcome to come and join our training session starting at 10:30am, Saturday, February 20, lunch included. Dinner after 5pm mass - Teens \$10, Adults \$15



**Steubenville Toronto**  
**Registration**

[steubenvilletoronto.com](http://steubenvilletoronto.com)

INFO - Contact: Dave McKendrick, Youth Minister  
705-435-6325 ext 24 or email: [allistonlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:allistonlifeteen@gmail.com)  
Text: 647-237-1348

- Calendar of Parish Events**
- Feb 8 – Public Speaking Contest at 7pm
  - Feb 10 – Ash Wednesday
  - Feb 11 – CWL Executive Mtg. at 7pm
  - Feb 11 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
  - Feb 11 – Edge CORE Mtg. at 7pm
  - Feb 16 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm
  - Feb 17 – 2<sup>nd</sup> of three scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
  - Feb 18 – CWL GENERAL Mtg. at 7:00pm





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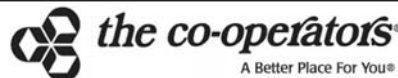
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