

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

3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Life in the Spirit Prayer Group

(On the 2nd & 4th Sunday 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 9:00a.m. Mass Saturday morning.

Devotions:

Marian Cenacle

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

Reconciliation(Confessions):

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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 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 the Parish 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. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor or Deacon and register as soon as possible. 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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 1st February 2015

All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. — M k 1: 27-28

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

First Reading + Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel + Mark 1:21-28

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord (Blessing of Candles)

**7:00pm+Tom & Diane COFFIN, 50th Ann – J/D Dinneen

Tuesday, February 3

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Joe McCARROLL, 96th B-day, L/T Keogh

(St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats)

Wednesday, February 4

8:00am+Bill RONAN, RIP – P/P Kennedy

Thursday, February 5

8:00am+Isadore PALUBISKI, Pers. Int.

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, February 6

12:10pm+Erna LEX, RIP – C Leska/S Ocffeing

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

Saturday, February 7

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Robert MITCHELL, RIP – L/J Bonazza

5:00pm+David BRADLEY, RIP – F Bradley/Family

Sunday, February 8

9:00am FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+John ALMEIDA, RIP – Mable Almeida

Saint of the Week

If I were worthy of such a favor from my God, I would ask that he grant me this one miracle: that by His grace He would make of me a good man.

- Saint Ansgar (801-865), Feast Day February 3

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The greatest sadness — not to be a saint.

In last week’s bulletin I mentioned Fr. Robert Barron’s new series, *Catholicism: the Pivotal Players*. It has since been brought to my attention that only one of the Saints being profiled in that series is a woman: St. Catherine of Siena. St. Catherine is presented as the exemplar of the Christian mystic, one who is caught up in the love of God in prayer. It was suggested to me that it would be nice to have a series devoted specifically to great *women* saints.

It would be nice, but then again, it also seems to me that the Church is really “gender-blind” when it comes to the saints. There is no such thing a great *woman* saint — there are just great saints, some of whom happen to be women.

If you look at the Church’s liturgical calendar, there is no distinction between male and female. The feast day of St. Vincent is followed by that of St. Agnes. The feast day of St. Augustine is followed by that of St. Monica. Both St. Benedict and his sister Scholastica have their days, as do St. Francis and St. Clair, as also St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. Last year we had the canonization of two saints from Canada: St. Francois de Laval, first Bishop of Quebec, and Marie de l’Incarnation.

St. Paul tells us that in Christ there is neither slave nor free, neither Jew nor Greek, neither male nor female. The greatest saint of all time is, of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus had many close friends and disciples, including Mary Magdalen, and Lazarus’ sisters, Mary and Martha.

Ralph Martin’s book, *The Fulfillment of All Desire*, is a “guidebook for the journey to God based on the wisdom of the saints.” He takes as his guides seven recognized “Doctors of the Church”: St. Augustine, Bernard of Clairvaux, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Francis de Sales and Therese of Lisieux. An amazing group of saints! Every Catholic needs to have read St. Augustine’s *Confessions*, St. Teresa’s *Life*, *The Introduction to the Devout Life* of St. Francis de Sales, and St. Therese’ *The Story of a Soul* — all available in modern translations.

Some people seem to think that when Jesus instituted the Church he started it as a boys’ club. No. The basic unit of the Church is the *family* — a father and a mother and their children. The purpose of the family is first of all the sanctification of the spouses. Your vocation — in the case of most people, this is marriage — is the primary means of your sanctification. This is the much-touted “universal call to holiness” — we are all called to be saints!

Within the Church, not all are called to marriage. Some are called to be Priests — to offer the sacrifice of the Mass and to administer the Sacraments. Some are called to a celibate life of prayer or service as monks or nuns, religious brothers or sisters. Some are called to the single life. Everyone, without exception, is called to be a saint.

Among the saints, some will be “great.” Some of these great saints will be men, and some will be women.

SPECIAL MASS
Monday, February 2nd
at 7:00p.m.
The Presentation of the Lord
And the
Blessing of Candles



OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD

GREATER BARRIE AREA PRAYER GROUP

Please come and join us for our next prayer meetings on Thursday, February 5, and 19, **2015 from 7:30-9:30pm** at the Parish Hall. There will be praise and worship followed by **Living Word Group**.

We will end with snacks and fellowship.



SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

EPISODE 2: DIVINE REVELATION:

GOD SEEKING US & THE COMPASS FOR OUR LIVES



Religion is often perceived as humanity's search for God, but Christianity is more about God's search for us. God "unveils" himself to us and reveals his plan for our lives.

**NEXT CLASS FEBRUARY 5 ~ ~ THURSDAY MORNINGS
AT 9:15A.M.**

Calendar of Parish Events

- Feb 4 – First Confessions for St. Paul's School at 6pm
- Feb 5 – Life in Spirit Prayer Mtg. 7-9pm
- Feb 5 – K of C Exe. Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Feb 6 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm
- Feb 9 – CWL Public Speaking Contest 7:00pm
- NO BAPTISM CLASSES IN MARCH**
- Feb 12 – CWL Exe. Mtg. at 7:00pm
- Feb 12 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Feb 13 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm

WANTED

The Catholic Women's League is requesting assistance from all ladies in the parish. We are collecting the following items for *"My Sister's Place"* in Alliston which is a safe place for women and their children. Please help us by collecting new or *gently* used pyjamas and slippers; make-up, nail polish, hair dyes (new products only); toiletry articles eg. toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, lotion etc. (new products only). Please place the items in the blue bin labelled under the table in the narthex of the church. Thank you very much for your support of this worthy project.

St. Valentine's
Dinner & Dance

Please Join us on
Saturday, February 14th
Cocktails at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM

Door Prizes & Spot Dance Surprises.
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650 Essa Road, Barrie

You are invited to join us for the annual

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WINTER SOCIAL**

*Come join us for Fellowship,
Refreshments and Entertainment*

**Sunday, February 1, 2015
2:00 – 4:00 pm
The Fr. Bennett Hall
Contact for info:
Carla 705.435.1381**



2015 Synod of Bishops

In preparation for the 2015 Synod of Bishops on the vocation and the mission of the family, Cardinal Collins is inviting Catholics to participate in the consultation process.

Cardinal Collins is inviting Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to offer insights and feedback on issues that will be considered as part of the Synods focus on "the Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the contemporary world." Full details including background documents can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/synod - deadline for feedback is February 16, 2015

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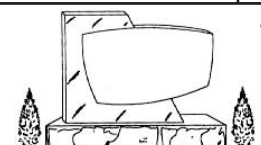

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