

# 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

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.

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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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Secretary: Deborah Donnelly, Ext. 21

## **Pastoral Team:**

*Pastor:* Fr. Alan Glass, EXT. 22

*Deacon:* Desmond Carroll

*Youth Minister:* Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

or email Dave: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

*Secretary:* Deborah Donnelly, EXT. 21

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 16 February 2014

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’” — Mt 5:33-37

First Reading + Sirach 15:15-20  
 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
 Gospel + Matthew 5:17-37

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, February 17**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, February 18**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

**6:00pm+HOLY HOUR**

7:00pm+Gerard BERGIN, RIP – P Devereaux

**Wednesday, February 19**

8:00am+Igor ANTONOFF, RIP – K/A Holychuk

**Thursday, February 20**

8:00am+Marcelle Longe, RIP – M Whelton

10:30am+ Mass at Good Samaritan Home

**Friday, February 21**

12:10pm+ Henry Donnelly, B-day wishes – Family

**Saturday, February 22**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Louise ALBERT, RIP – J/F Gallant

5:00pm+Tan Family, Spec. Occasion – R/Y Galezowski

**Sunday, February 23**

9:00am+Michael PARSONS, RIP – G/A Ronan

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**OUR FEASTS & SAINTS**

February 17 + Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order

February 21 + Saint Peter Damian

February 22 + Chair of Saint Peter

February 23 + Saint Polycarp

**Saint of the Week**

He who does Christ's work must stay with Christ always.

- Blessed Fra Angelico (1395-1455), Dominican Friar, Painter, Feast Day February 18

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

*A magnificent calling — a vocation of love.*

In October 2014 an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops will meet in Rome to discuss “the pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization.”

The Synod is a formal gathering of Bishops from around the world which meets regularly every four years to discuss a particular topic of importance to the worldwide Church. Following the Synod the Pope issues a summary of the discussions in an “Apostolic Exhortation.” The last Ordinary Synod was held in 2012 on the topic of the “New Evangelization.” This resulted in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* — “The Joy of the Gospel.”

The upcoming Synod on the family is an *Extraordinary* Synod because it is in addition to the usual four-year cycle. The choice of the topic reflects Pope Francis’ deep concern for the pastoral care of the modern families, who often struggle in difficult situations. An Ordinary Synod, to be held in 2015, will follow up on the same topic.

The preparatory document for the Synod outlines some of the challenges facing the modern family:

The many new situations requiring the Church’s attention and pastoral care include: mixed or inter-religious marriages; the single-parent family; polygamy;... dowry ...; the caste system; a culture of non-commitment and a presumption that the marriage bond can be temporary; forms of feminism hostile to the Church; migration and the reformulation of the very concept of the family; relativist pluralism in the conception of marriage; the influence of the media on popular culture in its understanding of marriage and family life; underlying trends of thought in legislative proposals which devalue the idea of permanence and faithfulness in the marriage covenant; an increase in the practice of surrogate motherhood ...; and new interpretations of what is considered a human right. Within the Church, faith in the sacramentality of marriage and the healing power of the Sacrament of Penance show signs of weakness or total abandonment.

While polygamy, dowry and caste may not be issues in Canada, they are significant problems in Asia and Africa. Of more interest to Canadians is our secular society’s “reformulation of the very concept of family.”

In the face of a “social and spiritual crisis,” the upcoming Synod of Bishops is a way for the Church to propose anew to a jaded world the high ideal of the sanctity of marriage and the vocation of parenthood, a vocation which is, above all, a vocation of love.

As Pope Francis wrote in his Encyclical on Faith: Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love. It assures us that this love is trustworthy and worth embracing, for it is based on God’s faithfulness which is stronger than our every weakness.

**PEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD PRAYER GROUP**



The next one will be this Sunday, Feb. 23rd, from 3-5:30pm. There will be a short Praise and Worship; a teaching on the topic of "New Creation Realities" followed by discussion and refreshments in parish hall.

Come and join our neighbours in celebrating  
**World Day of Prayer**  
 Friday, March 7, 2014  
 At St. John's United Church  
 Alliston, Ontario  
 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

World Day of Prayer is a world wide movement of many cultures who come together the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world. For more information, please see the poster in the foyer.  
**Please confirm your attendance by March 1<sup>st</sup>** by calling St. John's United Church @705-435-6732 Extension 201

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET  
 FOR 2014 ORDINANDIS**



The sign-up sheet is provided at the back of the church on an easel. *You do not have to sign your name.* just the number of prayers, masses, rosaries that you can commit yourself to follow through with. These offerings *are not paid offerings.* This Spiritual Bouquet is one of the **'best gifts'** they could receive and they always look forward to receiving it. Please, take a moment to give inspiration and support to our future priests.

**Calendar of Parish Events**

- Feb 17** – Office Closed /Family Day
- Feb 18** - 7:30pm Film on Mother Angelica's "Heaven" series
- Feb 19** – 2nd of 3 scheduled Baptism classes at 7:30pm
- Feb 20-22** ~ Confirmation Retreat for Holy Family School
- Feb 23** – Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 3-5:30pm



**Another honeymoon** is a perfect way for a couple to celebrate their marriage. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre offers married couples the privacy, comfort, hospitality and inspiring program

that encourage couples to continue exploring their lives together. The next weekend is February 21st-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.... for information telephone: Father Tomy at 905-278-5229 ex. 225. Visit our website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/queenofapostles.ca>

**GOT A QUESTION?**

*Next Edge, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014*  
 At 6:00 pm, after 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

**\*\*NO EDGE Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Confirmation Retreat Weekend – HFS**

**Event: Video on "Heaven" (7 weeks)**

by Mother Angelica

**Week 3** – Feb. 18th ~ **Time: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
 (after 7:00 p.m. Mass)

**Place:** St. Paul's Church

**Contact:** Claudette Morrison (705-435-3234)

For Details or Information: 416-251-4255 / 905-278-2510. Online Payment to: Catholic Renewal Ministries, 1 Central Road, Box 2087, Toronto ON M2N 3N4. Contact: pdkramer@regent.ca, www.liftjesushigher.org

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