

# 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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www.stpaulsalliston.com

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



**Presentation of the Lord ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014**

*“Master, now you are dismissing this servant in peace, according to your word: for my eyes have seen your salvation,”*

First Reading + Malachi 3:1-4  
 Second Reading + Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18  
 Gospel + Luke 2:22-40

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, February 3**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, February 4**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

**6:00pm+HOLY HOUR**

7:00pm+Debbie Tardif, Pers. Int. – C Mackid

**Wednesday, February 5**

8:00am+John & Katie QUINLAN, 50<sup>th</sup> Ann. – A Green

**Thursday, February 6**

8:00am+Barbara METCALFE, RIP – C/J Alward

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

**Friday, February 7**

12:10pm+Mass for the Unborn – K of C

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

**Saturday, February 8**

*(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Claudette MORRISON, Pers. Int. – C Mackid

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Sunday, February 9**

9:00am+Debbie MURRAY, RIP – E/G De Coste

10:30am+Georgina MUSCAT, RIP – Tabone Family

**Our Saints and Feast Days**

February 3 + Saint Blaise

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February 5 + Saint Agatha

February 6 + Saint Paul Miki and Companions

February 8 + Saint Jerome Emiliani

February 8 + Saint Josephine Bakhita

**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.

- St. Ansgar (801-865), Bishop, Feast Day February 3

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

*Positive truth in religion.*

It is considered the height of arrogance these days to claim to know the truth, especially the truth of religion. Nobody today has the right to say: “I am right and you are wrong.” Our secular age demands that we religious believers demonstrate above all the virtue of being open-minded. Our Muslim neighbors deny that Jesus is the Son of God and claim that Mohammed is the last and greatest Prophet. Who are we to say that they are wrong? It is true that we do not believe what they believe — otherwise we would be Muslim instead of Christian — but shouldn’t we at least be open-minded enough to entertain the remote chance that they *might* be right and we *might* be mistaken?

According to the secular mind-set, we Christians are free to *believe* that Jesus is the Son of God, but it would be uncharitable to exclude the *possibility* that he is not. It is permitted to believe that we are right only if we do not exclude the possibility that we may be wrong. No one, we are told, can claim ownership to absolute truth — that would be fanaticism. In this secular age, the best we can hope for is tentative or conditional truth.

The problem is that we Christians actually do claim to *know* that Jesus is the Son of God. We know it not tentatively but with the absolute certainty of faith. And as we Catholics like to say: Faith is a certainty beyond all other certainties which excludes the least shadow of doubt. We believe because it is true. It is Truth with a capital-T.

The disciples of secularism like to pose as neutral. They claim not to have any particular tenets. They are fair and open-minded. Yet their skepticism itself is a belief. It is too vague to be called a religion but it is just as much a matter of faith. And a faith that is intolerant of any other.

Cardinal Newman in 1879 called it “liberalism”:

Liberalism in religion is the doctrine that there is no positive truth in religion, but that one creed is as good as another; and this is the teaching which is gaining substance and force daily. Never did Holy Church need champions against its more sorely than now, when, alas, it is an error overspreading, as a snare, the whole earth. But it must not be supposed for a moment that I am afraid of it. I lament it deeply, because I foresee that it may be the ruin of many souls; but I have no fear that it really can do any serious harm to the Word of God. Christianity has been too often in what seemed deadly peril, that we should fear for it any new trial now.

The Church will survive, as it has survived the past 2000 years, but what of the spiritual casualties? My own concern is that we have allowed ourselves to be bullied into submission, that we have become afraid to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. We need to be reminded of what St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth: “The message about the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

**OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD PRAYER GROUP**



Praise and thank the Lord for keeping us safe. We had to cancel our prayer meeting due to bad weather. The next one will be next Sunday, Feb 9th, at 3-5:30pm. There will be a short Praise and

Worship, followed by a teaching on the topic of NEW CREATION REALITIES. Members will be grouped into the ministries of their choice.

**Calendar of Parish Events**

**Feb 3** – Public Speaking Contest at 6:00pm

**Feb 4** - 7:30pm Film on Mother Angelica's "Heaven" series

**Feb 5** – CWL Executive Meeting at 7:00pm

**Feb 6** – K of C Executive Meeting at 7:30pm

**Feb 7** – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm

**Feb 12** – 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 scheduled Baptism classes at 7:30pm

**MORE CWL NEWS.....**



**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR 2014 ORDINANDIS**

A Spiritual Bouquet is an offering of Masses, Communion, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adorations, Sacrifices, Novenas and other forms of prayer offered by a person for an **intention**, this being, for the **seminarians** who are studying at St. Augustine's Seminary who will become ordained priests and make their vows in 2014. These offerings

**are not paid offerings**, but personal prayers and devotions completed and offered up by an individual for the intentions of the seminarians. The Ordinandis have always expressed that receiving this Spiritual Bouquet **is one of the best gifts** they receive and they always look forward to receiving it knowing how much they are prayed for in this new journey of their life to serve the Lord. 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 what you can commit yourself to follow through with.



**JEAN McCANN SERVICE AWARD FOR YOUTH**

The Jean McCann Service Award for Youth recognizes and affirms the role played in our parishes by our confirmed **Catholic youth (ages 15-18)**. This award is a tribute to Jean McCann, an inspirational CWL Life Member. It is hoped that by recognizing a young person with this award we can **emphasize the necessity of service to others** and show appreciation to those young people who are taking the gospel message seriously by providing service to others through being involved with their family, school and community. **Application deadline is March 7, 2014**. The applicants will be judged on the aforementioned criteria. For an application form see the parish board, or contact Anu Antao at 705-435-4982.

**GOT A QUESTION?**

Next Edge, March 1st, 2014

*At 6:00 pm, after 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass*



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

**\*\*NO EDGE Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**FAMILY DAY WEEKEND**



**Marriage Sunday February 8/9, 2014**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday once again this year, on the weekend of February 8/9, 2014. In addition to local parish initiatives, there will be a special Mass and reception with Cardinal Collins to be held on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica (83 Power St.). All couples celebrating a significant milestone anniversary anytime in 2014 (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60+) along with their family and friends are encouraged to attend. All are welcome to this special event that is being coordinated by our local Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement.

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

by Mother Angelica

**Date:** Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & **Time:** 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

( after 7:00 p.m. Mass)

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

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

*Valentine Dinner and Dance*

Holy Spirit Church, Barrie

Saturday, February 14

Cocktails at 6:30pm

Tickets \$50 ea. (Partial Tax receipt)

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