

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

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



1st Sunday of Lent ~ 22 February 2015

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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First Reading + Genesis 9:8-15
Second Reading + 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel + Mark 1:12-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 23

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 24

4:30 – 6:30pm LENTEN RETREAT

7:00pm+Augustino CURILIO, RIP – Family

Wednesday, February 25

8:00am+Jelo RIBIC, RIP – D Svetina

Thursday, February 26

8:00am+Brian DURKAN, RIP – P Kennedy

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

Friday, February 27

12:10pm+Leon PALVETZIAN, RIP – J/M Farrugia

7:00pm+ STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, February 28

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rev. Joseph FENECH, RIP – Archdiocese of TO

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, March 1 – 1st SHARELIFE SUNDAY

9:00am+Deceased members of H/T Langley- T/C Quail Families

10:30am+Vinko JANKOVICH, RIP – D Svetina

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross

Friday's at 7:00p.m.

February 20th – April 3rd

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Spiritual boot camp

Our observance of Lent has now begun. Lent is a time of conversion. It is a privileged time to draw closer to God; a time to realize what it means that the Holy Spirit is the life of the soul, and that we are only truly alive when we are alive in God. This is not some airy-fairy "spirituality." This is the hard work of conversion of mind and soul: this is the brutal stripping away from our life all that is not God, in order to see ourselves as created in likeness of God.

Just as you cannot grow in physical health without physical exercise, in the same way you cannot grow in spiritual health without spiritual exercise. These next six weeks of Lent are meant to be spiritual boot camp. There is no drill sergeant to keep us motivated; instead, Lent requires self-motivation and self-discipline, with the indispensable help of the Holy Spirit, who assists us gently but powerfully. In the Gospel for Ash Wednesday, Jesus lays out the basics of our spiritual work-out: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

This Lent we should also take stock of what it means to be a Catholic Christian in our secular society. Every year we find that our community is distancing itself from basic human values such as the inherent dignity of human life. Canada will soon permit the killing of the aged and infirm. We should all be horrified by this — all the more so, as this is being done in the name of "mercy" and "compassion." If you have any doubt at all about this issue, I strongly urge you to read Pope John Paul II's encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, "The Gospel of Life."

St. Peter tells us: "Do not be intimidated. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence."

In the coming years we will have ample opportunity to reflect on the words of St. Augustine:

All times are open season for martyrs. Nor should anyone say that Christians aren't persecuted. The judgment of the apostle Paul cannot be annulled, because it is true; Christ spoke through him, he wasn't lying. He said, you see, *All who wish to live loyally to Christ will suffer persecution.* "All," he says; he makes no exceptions for anyone, he leaves nobody aside. If you want to prove the truth of what he said, start living loyally in Christ, and you'll soon see that what he says is true.

You may think that "persecution" is too strong a word, but many good people are currently being subjected to public shaming, bullying and legal prosecution for the sake of conscience, because they cannot conform to the new "societal consensus" on basic morality. During this season of Lent may we take to heart the words of St. Paul: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Saint of the Week:

I seek nothing, I wish for nothing but you, my Lord Jesus Christ.

- Saint Margaret of Cortona (1247-1297), Patron of Homeless, Feast Day February 22



Together we are continuing to work wonders...

"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart...I love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and help each other always. And thus in helping each other we will do good for each other." —Pope Francis

This reminder from our Holy Father demonstrates the importance of caring for one another and our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. Please consider supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this Lenten season.

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

**LENLEN RETREAT – St. Paul's Church
Tues, February 24 – 4:30 to 6:30pm**

Sponsored by the SMCDSB

Join internationally acclaimed Australian Catholic presenters Michael Mangan (teacher, composer, music liturgist) & Anne Frawley-Mangan (educator, artist, writer, creative director) as they lead 'This Is The Time.....' an inspiring Lenten mini-retreat. Come and experience an interactive evening of music, prayer, story, drama, scripture, ritual & reflection. Re-focus your faith and discover creative and engaging ways of deepening our spirituality as we journey towards Easter.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER 2015

We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at: **ALLISTON ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**Friday, March 6th @ 2:00 PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD

GREATER BARRIE AREA PRAYER GROUP



All parishioner who have attended Life in Spirit are invited to join us on the first and third Thursday of each month in prayer 7:30 – 9pm. Our next prayer

meeting is on Thursday, **March 5th**. There will be praise and worship followed by **Living Word Group**. We will end with snacks and fellowship.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Couples contemplating marriage this year, a 'marriage preparation course' is mandatory. Our Lady of Grace in Angus is offering a weekend course March 27-29. Call OLG: 705-424-1551

Defeat for Humanity!

Next Edge ~ March 7, 2015

6:15pm

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

A night to Help Youth understand the effects of war and the need to actively work for peace.

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained
Episode 5: Who is Jesus?**

Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?



Jesus is more than a good teacher or a good example. He claimed to be God. And that claim challenges all of us to make an important choice—will we accept Jesus as Lord of our lives?

Next Session - February 26

Thursday mornings at 9:15a.m. ~ Following the Rosary

NOTE:

The evening series is being run on Tuesday's at 7:30pm

Session II - DIVINE REVELATION:

GOD SEEKING US & THE COMPASS FOR OUR LIVES

Calendar of Parish Events

- Feb 23- Parish Council Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Feb 24 – Lenten Retreat 4:30 – 6:30pm
- Feb 24 – Symbolon, Session II at 7:30pm
- Feb 24 – Defend Life Committee Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Feb 25 – Finance Council Mtg. at 3:30pm
- Feb 26 – Confirmation Class at 7:00p.m.
- Feb 27 – Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm
- Feb 27 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall 7:30pm
- Mar 1 –1st of 3 ShareLife Collections at all masses
- Mar 5 – LSS Prayer Group at 7:30pm

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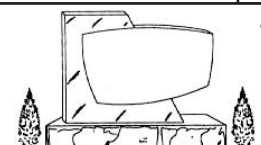
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