

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

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)

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.

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.

NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES

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8th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ 26 February 2017

“Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?” — Mt 6:26

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

First Reading + Isaiah 49:14-15
 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
 Gospel + Matthew 6:24-34

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 27

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 28

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm+CONFESSIONS

7:00am+Helen LYNCH, RIP – W/H Wright

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

8:00am+Ann MARSHALL, RIP – H/W Wright

7:00pm+Liberato VALENTINI, RIP – CWL Northern Region

Thursday, March 2

8:00am+Corrine DOL, RIP – B/D Jebb

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, March 3

12:10pm+Ann MARSHALL, RIP – P Devereaux Family

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, March 4

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception

9:00am+Antenore BELLI, RIP – J/R McLoughlin

5:00pm+Helen LYNCH, RIP – CWL

Sunday, March 5

9:00am+Mary WALSH, RIP – Mary Small

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Quinquagesima Sunday

We are now at the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday. There are only a few days to prepare for Lent, that extraordinary season of grace which is especially marked by prayer, fasting and alms-giving. These practices, which are good in themselves, are also a means for expanding our capacity to receive God's abundant grace in our lives.

The first priority is prayer. A long while ago I read a book on physical fitness. In the introduction the author said, "If you are smoker, nothing in this book will do you any good unless you quit smoking." The same can be said about prayer. If you are not praying, nothing else will do any good. So establish the habit of prayer as a firm foundation.

I have been reading Cardinal Robert Sarah's latest book, *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*. The good Cardinal is making an important point. It is only in the silence of prayer that the Holy Spirit can get on with the work of transformation in our souls. When someone first comes to a Holy Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, the most startling thing is that there is nothing going on — only silence in the presence of Christ. There is a temptation to fill that void with scripture readings or hymns or some other kind of activity. But the silence is intentional; it is a void waiting to be filled by God.

When Elijah fled to Mount Horeb, God came to him. But God did not come in the great wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but rather in "a still small voice." It is only when we enter into the silence of prayer that we can hear that still small voice speaking to us in the depths of our soul.

In a similar way fasting is a way to create a hunger for God. When Jesus was tempted in the desert he rebuked Satan: man does not live on bread alone! We are not angels, but physical beings, and when we worship God we do it with both body and soul. It has been rightly said that we are not saved *from* the body, but *in* the body. And just as our belief in the resurrection of the body means that our bodies will participate in the joy of heaven, so it is right that our bodies participate in our worship here on earth.

Finally, just as our heavenly Father is generous to us, making the sun to shine of the just and the unjust, so we are called to be generous to each other. Each Lent we begin our Share Life collection to support a large number of Catholic agencies in our Archdiocese which provide assistance to those in need. Your donations to Share Life are directed to those most in need with the minimum of overhead costs.

God's love is infinite, but our capacity to receive it is limited. Therefore we need to increase our capacity. This is the whole point of Lent. It cannot be business as usual. We should not miss out on this great opportunity to make room for the Holy Spirit in our lives. St. Augustine says: "God wants to fill each of you with what is good, so cast out what is bad. The vessel must be emptied of its contents and then be cleaned, even if you have to work hard and scour it."

Saint of the Week:

Little children follow and obey their father. They love their mother. They know nothing of covetousness, ill-will, bad temper, arrogance or lying. This state of mind opens the road to heaven. To imitate our Lord's own humility, we must return to the simplicity of God's little ones."

- Pope St. Hilary (315-368), *Feast Day February 28*

Ash Wednesday

March 1st at St. Paul's
8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.



The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday's at 7:00p.m.
March 3rd – April 14th



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

**EDGE Night Social
Friday, March 3 at 7:00pm**

Lent - Stations of the Cross

An opportunity to understand the purpose and
meaning of the season of Lent.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

**Life Night Social
Saturday, March 11 ~ 6:00 – 9:00pm
TBA!**



July 21 – 23, 2017

**Steubenville OHIO
Registration**

Limited Seats - Deadline April 20, 2017

INFO/REGISTRATION - Contact: Dave McKendrick
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Text: 647-237-1348

WORLD DAY of PRAYER

Fri. March 3, 2017

*St. Andrew's Church, Alliston
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

"AM I BEING UNFAIR TO YOU?"

*Program written by the women of
the Philippines. All are well.*

The C.W.L. congratulates the winners of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest which was held on Monday, January 30, 2017. First Place Winner Sydney Thompson from Holy Family School spoke on "What Is Beauty" and will next speak at the Northern Region Level on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Martyr's Church in Bradford. Runner-up Jacob Bruce from Holy Family School spoke on "ADHD". The quality of the speeches was outstanding and presented a challenge for the judges. All the participants are to be congratulated on their excellent presentations.

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Calendar of Events

- Feb 27** – Parish Council Mtg. at 7pm
- Mar 2** – Finance Council Mtg. at 3:30pm
- Mar 2** – Life in the Sprite Prayer Group at 7pm
- Mar 2** – Knights of Columbus Exe. Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Mar 6** – Confirmation Class at 7pm
- Mar 6** – 1 of 4 Scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
- Mar 9** – CWL Exe Meeting at 7pm
- Mar 9** – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Mar 10** – Stations of the Cross
- Mar 11** – Life Teen Night at 6pm
- Mar 14** – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Mar 15** – 2 of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
- Mar 16** – Blood Donor Clinic 2-7:30pm
- Mar 16** – CWL General Mtg. at 7pm
- Mar 17** – Edg Night at 7pm

CWL 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are quickly approaching the final dead-line of Mar. 6, 2017 for our membership campaign. Please enclose the fee of \$25 in the CWL envelope in your 2016 church offertory box or the pre-printed envelopes on the table in foyer. It can be dropped in the collection basket at weekend masses, the CWL mail box or the church office. Thank you.



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