

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

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.

1st Thursday 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 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday morning.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

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.

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians are to be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation. (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 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. 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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 14 January 2018

“John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed. “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. John 1:35-37

First Reading + 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel + John 1:35-42

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 15

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 16

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Helen THIBERT, RIP – P/C Morrison

Wednesday, January 17

8:00am+Rev. Emidio CREMONA, RIP – Archdiocese TO

Thursday, January 18

8:00am+Anna GREEN, Spec. Int. – M/A Crowley

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

Friday, January 19

12:10pm+Maria CANALE PAROLA, RIP – J/A Pendergast

Saturday, January 20

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Crump Family

5:00pm+Letitia McCARDLE, RIP – E Durkan

Sunday, January 21

9:00am+Time SKELTON, RIP – P Campbell & Family

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from Him. He is in heaven, in hell, beyond the seas; dwelling in all things and enveloping all. Thus He embraces, and is embraced by, the universe, confined to no part of it but pervading all. - *Saint Hillary of Poitiers (d. 368), Patron of snakebites, Feast Day January 13*

Last Week's Collection:

Sunday Offertory \$ 3770.05

Solemnity of Mary \$ 2125.90

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ.

Leaving is easy; coming back is hard. Like most of my generation, I quietly dropped out of the Catholic Church in my teenage years. One of the major obstacles to my re-conversion was the perception that the Church of the 1990's was little different from the failing mainline Protestant denominations. What had happened to the Church of St. Augustine? Where was the Church of St. Teresa of Avila? Returning to the Church, I felt like a weary traveler finally come home after a long journey only to find the old farmstead gone, replaced by a cheap modern bungalow.

I was not fully aware of it at the time, but the Church was going through a period of renewal. There was a resurgence of Catholic publishing, and something new: a television network started by a cloistered nun with more faith than sense — EWTN. (If you have not read *Mother Angelica: The Remarkable Story of a Nun, Her Nerve and a Network of Miracles* by Raymond Arroyo, read it!) A fresh wind was blowing through the Church.

One of the key events which occurred at that time was the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Here was the faith — firmly rooted in Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Pope John Paul II declared it “a sure norm for teaching the faith.”

More than anything else, it was the example of Pope John Paul II that encouraged me to rediscover my faith and eventually to discern God's call to the priesthood. Throughout a long debilitating illness Pope John Paul continued to preach by his example even when he could no longer preach by his words.

I was in the Seminary when Pope John Paul finally succumbed to his illness and another holy priest, Cardinal Ratzinger, was elected as his successor to continue the work of reform. Pope Benedict XVI, in the homily for his first Mass as Pope, recalled the words of his predecessor:

At this point, my mind goes back to 22 October 1978, when Pope John Paul II began his ministry here in Saint Peter's Square. His words on that occasion constantly echo in my ears: “Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!”

Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation.

Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ, and you will find true life.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Saturday, January 20th

Stressed and Depressed no more.

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Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Friday, January 26th

Hope in the Lord.

A night on understanding depression and caring for those that are suffering. We are not alone.

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Calendar of Events

- Jan 15 – Parish Council Mtg. @ 7:00pm
- Jan 16 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. @ 7:30pm
- Jan 17 – 1st Communion Class Resumes Grp. A @ 6:00pm
- Jan 17 – 2nd of 4 Scheduled Baptism Classes @ 7:30pm
- Jan 18 – CWL General Mtg. @ 7:00pm
- Jan 19 - 1st Communion Class Resumes Grp. B @ 6:00pm
- Jan 20 – Life Teen Night @ 6:00pm
- Jan 24 – First Confessions – 6pm 6:30pm & 7:00pm
- Jan 25 – Blood Donor Clinic 2:30 – 7:30pm
- Jan 26 – Edge Night @ 7:00pm

Thursday, January 25th
at 7:00p.m.

Parish Solemnity

*The Conversion of
Saint Paul the Apostle*

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Vocations: A good vocation prayer to say every day – from the time we are young until we are in our golden years – is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." And if you think God is calling you to a church vocation call Vocations @ 416.968.0997

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**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
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January 18-25, 2018



Join us in an ecumenical prayer service led by Cardinal Thomas Collins (Homilist), Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba

Mina, and other religious leaders on Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3 p.m. at Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. E. (at Queen and Bond St.). Parking is available. Refreshments to follow. For information, contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416.934.3400 ext. 344 or 527 or email: vkwok@archtoronto.org

FIRST COMMUNION SESSIONS Continue....

The next gathering for parents and students continues January 17th at 6pm for Group A and January 19 at 6pm for Group B. (If you have not registered your child, you will have the opportunity to sign up in the fall of this year for spring 2019 First Communion).

FIRST CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be given on January 24th. Times will be given to the parents at the January 17 & 19th sessions.

CONFIRMATION – WINTER SESSIONS

The winter classes for students and parents begin on Wednesday, February 7 at 7pm. If you did not register for the fall classes or missed registering, you have the opportunity to join us in your child's mandatory preparation for confirmation on Wednesday, February 7th.

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