

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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 29 January 2017

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”
Matthew 5:7-8*

**First Reading + Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel + Matthew 5:1-12**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 30

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 31

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Ernie DEAN, RIP – M Jankovich

Wednesday, February 1

8:00am+Corrine DOL, RIP – J/R Vandervoort

Thursday, February 2

8:00am+Joan COLE, RIP – J Behl

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, February 3

12:10pm+Joe & Helen SMUG, RIP – S Smug

Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Saturday, February 4

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Marita CEMMINS, Pers. Int. – M Whelton

5:00pm+Ann MARSHALL, RIP – J/K Quinlan

Sunday, February 5

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Carol WELDON, RIP – S/T Quinn

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Keeping the faith in times of adversity.

And when Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?” — Matthew 8:23–27.

This is a nice story, but it has a point. The Catholic Church is like that boat — in fact the Church is called the “barque of Peter.” There are times when it seems that this barque is caught in a perfect storm and is in imminent danger of capsizing. In the midst of this peril, we need to remember that the Church is not *our* boat, it is *Jesus’* boat, and he will never let it sink. We need a little faith.

In most parts of the world, Christians now suffer violent persecution. The Christian communities of the Middle East, after enduring for two thousand years, are now mostly gone, the people killed or forced to flee their homelands. In Islamic countries, conversion to Christianity is punishable by death. In China, the officially recognized “patriotic” Church is controlled by the Communist government, while the real Church is forced to live underground.

In the Western democracies, the culture has not only rejected Christ but has embraced values directly contrary to basic Christian morality. We now live in a post-Christian and increasingly anti-Catholic culture. Sadly, we see that the Church herself is not immune to the influences of secular culture, and attempts are made to undermine the faith, even by those whose duty it is to defend it.

In these times of trial, we take comfort in the surety of faith. As Cardinal Newman not so long ago wrote:

The whole course of Christianity is but one series of troubles and disorders. Every century is like every other and seems worse than all times before. The Church is ever ailing and lingers on in weakness, “always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in her body.” Religion seems ever expiring, schisms dominant, the light of Truth dim, its adherents scattered. The cause of Christ is ever in its last agony, as though it were but a question of time whether it fails this day or another.

Meanwhile, thus much of comfort do we gain from what has been hitherto: not to despond, not to be dismayed, not to be anxious at the troubles which encompass us. They have ever been; they shall ever be; they are our portion. “The floods are risen, the floods have lift up their voice, the floods lift up their waves. The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly; but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.”

Saint of the Week:

I would like an abundance of peace. I would like full vessels of charity. I would like rich treasures of mercy. I would like cheerfulness to preside over all.

- *St. Brigid of Kildare (451-523), Feast Day February 1*

Last Week’s Collection:

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**St. Louis de Montfort Consecration
To Jesus through Mary
February 20 to March 25**

St. Louis de Montfort left a wonderful gift to Catholics who wish to better serve Jesus and the Holy Trinity. His gift is the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary because it is giving oneself, fully and completely to God, without conditions, without strings, without reservation. This Consecration or Entrustment is accomplished through a 33 day exercise of prayer (about 5-10 minutes per day) under His Mother's care. Prayer booklets will be available.



If you wish to know more about this Entrustment visit website: www.childrenofthefather.org/, or to register, please contact Debbie Tardif at 705-424-0500 or email: d.tardif13@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

- Jan – 30 CWL Public Speaking Contest at 7p.m.
- Feb 2 – K of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30p.m.
- Feb 3 – Edge Night at 7p.m.
- Feb 6 – Confirmation Class at 7p.m.
- Feb 9 – CWL Executive Mtg. at 7p.m.
- Feb 9 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30p.m.
- Feb 11 – Pub Trivia Night at 7p.m.
- Feb 13 – 25th Anniversary Committee Mtg. at 7p.m. If you wish to volunteer with this committee you are invited to join us.
- Feb 14 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg at 7:30p.m. If you wish to volunteer with the STVDP, you are invited to join us.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

**EDGE Night
Friday, February 3 at 7:00pm**

BATMAN

A night using the example of Batman to reflect goodness & patience, 2 fruits of the Spirit.



MORE CWL NEWS.....

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET
FOR 2017 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 2017. 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 Ordinandi 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 in the foyer 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.



2017 Ordinandi Dinner

The Annual Ordinandi Dinner organized by the Serra Club will be held on **Tuesday, March 7th** at the Pearson Convention Centre, 2638 Steeles Avenue, East, Brampton.

-- Tickets are \$70 each for adults, we have a table of 10 reserved. The **dead-line to purchase is January 31, 2017**. By attending the dinner you are encouraging our seminarians who will become ordained priests and helping support Serra House where men discern priestly vocations. Kindly contact Carla Beckett 705-435-1381 or email Carla

At: beckettcarla@gmail.com **Don't forget to sign up on the Spiritual Bouquet on board in the foyer.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

February 10 at 6:00p.m.

For students from Holy Family School and Mrs. Janssen class from St. Paul's School.

February 24 at 6:00pm

For students from St Paul's School.
If you are unable to attend with your school night, please be sure to attend the other night.
Attendance will be taken each night.



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