

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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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Baptism of the Lord ~ 10 January 2016

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” — Lk 3:16bc

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

First Reading + Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading + Titus: 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel + Luke 3:15-15, 21-22

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 11

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 12

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Jauntia VAZ, RIP – M Almeida

Wednesday, January 6

8:00am+Neil SHEVLEN, RIP – J/R Farrugia

Thursday, January 7

8:00am+Grace BODOGH, RIP, - J/P/L Ceresino

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, January 8

12:10pm+Dorothy ARDITO, RIP – B/D Lynch

Saturday, January 9

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Marion PLETS, RIP – K/J Quinlan

5:00pm+Herb/Ameila BINCE, RIP – E Durkan

Sunday, January 10

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+ Fr. BENNETT- 65 Anniversary of Ordination

Saints & Feast Days

January 12 + St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

January 13 + St. Hilary

January 17 + Saint Anthony

Saint of the Week

Be like gods to the poor, imitating God's mercy. Humanity has nothing so much in common with God as the ability to do good. - *Saint Gregory of Nyssa (300-395), Feast Day January 10*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The conviction of faith.

“Faith is a conviction, not a consciousness” — when I came across this statement many years ago I did not know what to make of it. Since that time I have come to see the truth of it. Certainly we are conscious of our *having* faith, but we are not ordinarily conscious of the *object* of our faith, which is God himself.

We can perceive material objects only through our five senses — sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch. Since God is not made of matter, we cannot perceive him directly. We can also have an intellectual knowledge of the nature of things that are perceived, the *how* and *why* of the things. But again, since God is not a thing of this world, we cannot even have this kind of intellectual knowledge about God.

We can only *indirectly* come to the knowledge of God through the things that he has made; through what St. Augustine calls the *vestigia Dei*, “the fingerprints of God”:

Some people in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it; read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink; instead he set before your eyes the things that he made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that? Why, heaven and earth shout to you: “God made me.”

This imprint of God on created things is especially evident in the greatest of all his creations: man — made in the image and likeness of God. In man's intellect and free will we see a reflection of God's own attributes. In man's capacity for love and sacrifice, we see a reflection of God's infinite love. As St. Irenaeus says: man fully alive reveals the glory of God. Although this knowledge of God is not a result of direct perception or consciousness it is no less real.

Normally, we do not *feel* God's presence. The action of the Holy Spirit in our souls is so deeply interior that we are usually not aware of that action. Often, it is only by looking back on our life that we see the influence of grace.

We know that there are many things even in nature that we cannot sense, such as radio waves, which are constantly all around us and even passing through us. We lack the ability to directly perceive them but we do not deny that they are present. In order to capture them we need a radio receiver. Is there a receiver for God? Yes. It is called faith.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ... Without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Faith is not something unusual or extraordinary. It is not a gift limited to the lucky few. It is merely opening one's eyes to see what is all around us, the “book not written with ink” which shouts “God made me!”

SPECIAL MASS

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

Parish Solemnity

*The Conversion of
Saint Paul the Apostle*



Parish Solemnity ~ Patron Saint of our Parish



**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET
FOR 2016 ORDINANDI**

A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET is an offering of:
Masses - Communions - Rosaries - Stations of the Cross -
Eucharistic Adorations - Sacrifices - Novenas and other forms
of prayers offered by a person for an intention.



This intention is for the seminarians studying at St.
Augustine's Seminary who will be ordained priests in 2016.



These are personal prayers and devotions (not paid for) but
offered by individuals for the intentions requested. The
Ordinandi have always expressed that receiving this Spiritual
Bouquet Plaque of Prayers is one of the best gifts they could
receive knowing how much they are prayed for.



**Please sign-up now on the board in the foyer of the church

2016 ORDINANDI DINNER

Organized by the Serra Club

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

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seminarians who will be ordained in 2015 as well as help
promote and support Serra House where men discern
priestly vocation. For Tickets call Loretta at 705.458.9504

Calendar of Parish Events

Jan 11 - Defend Life Meeting at 7:30pm

Jan 12 - Faith Formation Video Nights at 7:30pm
(Journey through the Bible with Mary)

Jan 13 - Confirmation Class -Grade 7 at 7:00pm

Jan 13 - 1st of three scheduled baptism classes at 7:30pm

Jan 14 - CWL Executive Mtg. at 7:00pm

Jan 14 - K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm

Jan 14 - CORE Edge Mtg. at 7:00pm

Jan 15 - 1st Confessions at 1st Communion Family Gathering at 6pm

Jan 19 - ST. Vincent de Paul Mtg. - 7:30pm

Jan 21 - Blood Donor Clinic 2:30-7:30pm

Jan 21 - Cemetery Board Mtg. at 7:30pm

Jan 25 - Parish Council Mtg. at 7:30pm



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night

Friday, January 22, 2016

SNOW TUBING, Barrie

Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Or Text Dave 647-237-1348



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Snow Tubing - Barrie

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**Steubenville Toronto
Registration**

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INFO - Contact: Dave McKendrick, Youth Minister
705-435-6325 ext 24 or email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

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Registration begins January 11, 2016

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 -25th 2016

During this week Christians of all denominations pray for
the healing of the divisions among us. We
recognize that the many sincere followers of
Christ are not members of the Catholic Church.
We pray that they may one day be united with us.
Meanwhile we thank God for the many graces He
bestows upon all people who worship him in faith. For
information see website: weekofprayer.ca





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