

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 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. 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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



The Baptism of the Lord ~ 11 January 2015

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." — Mt 3:16-17

First Reading + Isaiah 55:1-11
Second Reading + 1 John 5:1-9
Gospel + Mark 1:7-11

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 12

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 13

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00am+Antonio de FARIA, RIP –

Wednesday, January 14

8:00am+Ken SILLMAN, RIP – P/J Ceresino

Thursday, January 15

8:00am+Sister Annunciata, Pers. Int. – M Lynch

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

Friday, January 16

12:10pm+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

Saturday, January 17

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Mary/Bernard FARLEY, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, January 18

9:00am+Ron SMITH, RIP – D Geronimo

10:30am+Martha Ribic/Andrej Svetina, RIP Angelo/MartinPurfek

Saint of the Week

All our sanctity and perfection consists in conforming ourselves to the will of God, which is the sole and supreme rule of perfection and of holiness. - *Blessed Alfonso Maria Mazurek (1891-1944), martyr, Feast Day January 12*

Feast Days & Saints

January 12 + Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

January 13 + Saint Hilary

January 17 + Saint Anthony

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Evangelization and marketing the Gospel.

We are used to the idea of companies and organizations “re-inventing” themselves to adapt to changing circumstances. Innovation, it is said, is the key to success. According to business guru Peter Drucker:

Because its purpose is to create a customer, the business enterprise has two — and only these two — basic functions: marketing and innovation. To satisfy the customer is the mission and purpose of every business. For this reason alone, any serious attempt to state ‘what our business is’ must start with the customer’s realities, his situation, his behavior, his expectations, and his values. The aim of marketing is to know and understand the customer so well that the product or service fits him and sells itself.

It is evident that the Catholic Church today is having difficulty attracting and holding on to her “customers”. Some say that this failure is due to a lack of innovation.

We are now observing the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council which took place in the 1960s. The watchword of the Council was *aggiornamento* — Italian for “bringing up to date.” In a way, the Council was about responding to the needs of the 20th and 21st centuries.

One of the major innovations that came out of the Council was an update of the way Mass was celebrated. Some of our older parishioners remember the days when the most common form of Mass was the so-called “low Mass” — no music or singing, the prayers being said by the priest silently in Latin, “with his back to the people.” If you wanted to receive Communion you had to refrain from all food and drink from the previous midnight. Communion was received kneeling and on the tongue. What occurred after the Council was indeed an extreme makeover.

However, although the “look and feel” of the Mass changed drastically, there was no change in the doctrine of the Mass. The Mass was and remains what it has always been — the making present of the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus on the cross. What changed were the outward forms: the inner reality cannot change.

A look at the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, now twenty years old, is enough to dispel any notion that what we believe as Catholics changes with the seasons. The Church does indeed consider the “customer’s” realities, expectations and values. The mission of the Church, however, is not to *affirm* these values — now so often diametrically opposed to Christian values — but to offer an alternative. That may not be an “easy sell” in today’s world, but the Church is not a “business enterprise.” Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel, “in season and out of season.”

As St. Paul exhorts us: “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.”



Calling All Edge Youth
"With the Eyes of Christ"

We will look at how Christ views us and see that we are created in His image and yet all unique.

Saturday, January 17 @ 6:15 p.m.
Life Teen Mass 5:00 p.m.

FUN TIMES!
For All Edge Youth
Snow Tubing Night
January 24, 2015
Snow Valley Road Trip

January 30-31, 2015
Over Night Retreat in Barrie
For The Edge Youth
Contact Dave McKendrick
Text 647.237.1348 or email at
allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

**Sign-up forms are mandatory for travel and out door events

2015 Offertory Envelopes ~ Alphabetical Order

The 2015 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are still available at the Entrances of both Churches. Please pick them up as soon as possible. For at least the first month of January, please record your name and full address (include your 911 and Conc/Side Road numbers) on the front of the envelope as the post-office will put it in the dead letter box.

For those of you participating in the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan... (P.A.G.) you still need to pick up your regular offertory box of envelopes as you will need them for Special Collections such as Christmas, Easter, and special scheduled archdiocesan collections. Please drop in your regular Sunday envelope in the collection basket with the letters P.A.G. checked off on the front. By doing this you show others you are still supporting your parish and it also takes away the discomfort of the basket passing by you without making a contribution. We thank you for your generous support over the year!

**PS - I am stilling looking for the name and address of the user of Envelope #14 to prepare a tax receipt. If you don't want a receipt please mark the envelope No Receipt Required. Thank you for your on going support!

Calendar of Parish Events

- Jan 11 - LSS#2 Grand Reunion 3 - 5:30pm
- Jan 14 - First Communion Gathering 6pm for Parents and children from Holy Family School or other schools
- Jan 14 - 1st of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
- Jan 15 - CWL General Mtg. at 7:00pm
- Jan 15 - K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 15 - LSS Prayer Mtg. at 7:30pm in the church
- Jan 16 - Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm
- Jan 18 - Parish Breakfast/Altar Server Recognitions

Mark your Calendars!

The Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Squires are hosting their annual Parish Breakfast on January 18 at 10:00am for all

parishioners in both N. Adjala and Alliston to attend. The menu will consist of, sausages, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bread and beverage. Donations will be gratefully accepted. There will be a commissioning of Altar Servers at the 10:30am Mass and The Knights will be acknowledging the Altar Servers at the breakfast with merit certificates for their dedicated service.



Chalice is a Catholic charity that primarily supports community initiatives in developing countries through the sponsorship of children and elderly in need. We began our mission in 1996 as Christian Child Care International, an independent Canadian sponsorship organization. Our name changed to Chalice in January 2008.

We work closely with lay people, religious missionaries and local communities in their efforts to provide care for the many children and elderly caught in the dehumanizing grip of extreme poverty and lack of education. Those accepted into the sponsorship program are received based on need with no regard for gender, race or religious affiliation.

Next weekend, January 17-18, Deacon Alf Stong will preach at each mass about how we can help them with their mission.

Upcoming Grand Reunion for LSS#2 participants will be held on Sunday, Jan 11, 2015, from 3-5:30 p.m. beginning with Mass at 3pm.



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