

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.

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary time ~ 17 January 2016

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." — Jn 2:3-5

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First Reading + Isaiah 62:1-5
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel + John 2:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 18

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 19

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – B Baumfeld

Wednesday, January 20

8:00am+Sr. Mary Michael, RIP – S/E McGuire

Thursday, January 21

8:00am+Violet CRAIG, RIP – I Glass

10:30am+Mass at the Good Samaritan Home

Friday, January 22

12:10pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – M Lynch

Saturday, January 23

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

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

Sunday, January 24

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Anna GREEN, B-day Wishes – M/A Crowley

Saints & Feast Days

January 20 + Saint Fabian

January 20 + Saint Sebastian

January 21 + Saint Agnes

January 22 Saint Vincent

Saint of the Week

God is merciful to those who want to love Him and who have placed their hopes in Him. - *Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Feast Day January 24*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Setting priorities — putting first things first.

Prayer is the test of everything; prayer is also the source of everything; prayer is the driving force of everything; prayer is also the director of everything. If prayer is right, everything is right. For prayer will not allow anything to go wrong. — Theophan the Recluse

I am a piper. A long time ago, having moved to a new town, I joined the local pipe band. It was a good band. The problem was that I was living in an apartment where practicing on the pipes was not possible. After some soul-searching I quit the band, and so ended my piping career.

There is some regret that I was not able to become a better piper, but I keep it up as much as I can. During the summer I manage to get out the pipes most days. It has become a tradition for me to bring the pipes to Edge Camp and play before dinner. This year I have been invited to pipe in the Seminarians at the Serra Club Ordinandi Dinner.

In this life we cannot do all the things that we would like to do. We have to set priorities. Playing the pipes is now part of my recreation time — a pleasure, but not a priority. I can live without it. Physical exercise is rarely a pleasure but it is a priority. Spiritual reading is a must, and I will keep struggling with St. Augustine's Latin sermons.

The *absolute* priority for me, as for all Christians, is the Eucharist and daily prayer — these come before all else. The soul cannot live without prayer any more than the body can live without oxygen. Like a garden without water, a soul without prayer shrivels up and dies.

It is not easy to maintain prayer as a priority. We are all busy about so many important things, but as Jesus tells Martha: "You are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her." Yes, we sympathize with Martha — someone has to get supper on the table — but so often we find prayer much harder than all of our other work.

Among the sayings of the desert Fathers is this:

The brethren asked Abba Agathon, "Among all good works, which is the virtue which requires the greatest effort?" He answered, "Forgive me, but I think there is no labor greater than that of prayer to God. For every time a man wants to pray, his enemies, the demons, want to prevent him, for they know that it is only by turning him from prayer that they can hinder his journey. Whatever good a man undertakes, if he perseveres in it, he will attain rest. But prayer is warfare to the last breath."

This life is a journey to God. This is our purpose in life — to love and serve God in this world in order to live with him forever in the next. We can do other things while on this journey, but we keep our eye on the goal, and we make a priority of those things that get us there. We can get by without a lot of things, but we cannot get by without prayer.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees (January 17)

JANUARY 17, 2016

Pope Francis declared the theme for 2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees (January 17) to be "Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy." Weeks later, Cardinal Thomas Collins established Project Hope in the Archdiocese of Toronto in response to the refugee crisis in the Middle East. Since then, we have established enough sponsorship committees to support 90 refugee families and raised more than \$3.5 million to support newcomers in their first year of resettlement.

Cardinal Collins wrote: "This is a tremendous accomplishment and I thank all donors for this tangible demonstration of assistance for refugee families in great need. I also wish to express my profound thanks to the countless volunteers who have formed refugee settlement committees. Let us continue to pray for all those persecuted and displaced in so many parts of our world."

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service: January 24, 2016

Join us in an ecumenical prayer service with special concern for refugees, led by Roman Catholic Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins (homilist), Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, and other city-wide religious leaders on: Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, 2 High Meadow Place (north-west of Finch Ave. and Hwy 400). Ample parking is available, refreshments to follow. For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or vwkwok@archtoronto.org.

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

Parish Solemnity
*The Conversion of
Saint Paul the Apostle*



Parish Solemnity ~ Patron Saint of our Parish

Calendar of Parish Events

- Jan 19 – ST. Vincent de Paul Mtg. – 7:30pm
- Jan 20 – Confirmation Class – Grade 8 at 7pm
- Jan 20 – 2nd of 3 scheduled baptism classes at 7:30pm
- Jan 21 – Blood Donor Clinic 2:30-7:30pm
- Jan 21 – Cemetery Board Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 21 – CWL General Mtg. at 7pm
- Jan 24 – Parish Breakfast/Altar Server awards after 10:30 mass
- Jan 25 – Parish Council Mtg. at 7:30pm

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INFO - Contact: Dave McKendrick, Youth Minister
705-435-6325 ext 24 or email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com
Text: 647-237-1348 Registration begins January 11, 2016



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 30, 2016

Rock Climbing - Barrie

Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Or Text Dave 647-237-1348

**TAIZE PRAYERS @ HOLY SPIRIT
PARISH** Friday, February 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

*St. Valentine's
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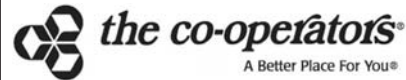
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