

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

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 on the First Friday of each month until Saturday 9:00a.m. Mass. Confessions available before the Friday and Saturday Masses.

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 (CWL Pres: Beatriz Baumfeld 705-435-9111)

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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Pastor: Fr. Alan Glass, EXT. 22

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or email Dave: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Secretary: Deborah Donnelly, EXT. 21

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 19 January 2014

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." — Jn 1:32-34

First Reading + Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 Gospel + John 1:14, 12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 20

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 21

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Raffaele ORSI, RIP – T/J Riengueitte

Wednesday, January 22

8:00am+Murray VALIQUETTE, RIP – A Green

Thursday, January 23

8:00am+Tammy ZUKAS, RIP – M Whelton

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home

Friday, January 24

12:10pm+Barbara METCALFE, RIP – P Devereaux

Saturday, January 25

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Pers. Int. – C. Mackid

5:00pm+Letitia McARDLE, RIP – B/E Durkan

Sunday, January 26

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Padraig FITZGERALD, RIP – J/M Neilson

Our Saints and Feast Days

January 20 + Saint Fabian

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January 21 + Saint Agnes

January 22 + Saint Vincent

January 24 + Saint Francis de Sales

January 25 + Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint of the Week

Every moment comes to us pregnant with a command from God, only to pass on and plunge into eternity, there to remain forever what we have made of it. - St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Patron of Writers, Feast Day January 24

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Literature of Religion.

Book reading is a solitary and sedentary pursuit, and those who do are cautioned that a book should be used as an integral part of a well-rounded life, including a daily regimen of rigorous physical exercise, rewarding personal relationships, and a sensible low-fat diet. A book should not be used as a substitute or an excuse. — Garrison Keillor

Books are indeed necessary to a well-rounded life. How could we get by without books, especially when it comes to our spiritual well-being?

Cardinal Newman said that one of the things that led him into the Catholic Church was his "love of the literature of religion." He loved reading St. Athanasius, St. Augustine, St. Francis de Sales, and so many other Catholic saints. It was the writings of these saints that fed him spiritually. In them he found traced out the true path of wisdom. These were his guides, as Cardinal Newman also has been a guide and mentor for me and countless others.

I suppose that it is possible to become a saint — to progress in holiness and wisdom — simply by meditation on scripture and prayer. St. Francis of Assisi is a great example of this. Most of us however need the "literature of religion." Books are, for most of us, a practical necessity.

In fact, I don't see how it is possible to know what it means to be Catholic without having read the autobiographies of St. Augustine, St. Teresa of Avila and St. Therese of Lisieux. This is not about knowing books. It is about knowing the people who wrote these books, who put themselves *into* these books, who share with us what is most important in their lives — their experience of God.

As we progress in age, we should also progress in holiness and wisdom. How is it that wisdom remains so elusive? Scripture says: "Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates." The last time I checked my gates, she wasn't there.

We struggle on in humility. Cardinal Newman deplored the fact that we so often stumble along the path to wisdom, often taking two steps back for each step forward, so that it seems "we walk to heaven backwards." Still, little by little, year by year, we strive to become wiser. Experience is a great teacher, but it has also been called "the mistress of fools." A fool may learn by his own mistakes, but the wise man will learn from the mistakes of others.

One thing I do know is this: We will not make progress without reliable teachers and guides. Thankfully, it is not hard to find them. What used to be called "good Catholic books" are now more readily available than ever. We just need to make the effort to read them — an effort that will be richly rewarded. Wisdom comes to those who seek her.

Calendar of Parish Events

- Jan 22 – 3rd of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
Jan 22 – First Confessions – Holy Family School 6pm
Jan 23 – Finance Council Mtg. at 3:30pm
Jan 23 – Parish Council Mtg. at 7pm
Jan – 23 – Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg. 7:30pm
Jan 24 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm
Jan 26 – Life in the Spirit Prayer Mtg. 3-5:30pm
Jan 29 - First Confessions – St. Paul's School 6pm



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul

THANK YOU!!

St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank the parishioners for their kind donations, throughout the year, and especially during this Christmas Season. Many less

fortunate individuals and families were assisted because of your overwhelming display of generosity, which helped many have a much happier Christmas.

C.W.L. NORTHERN REGION SOCIAL

On Saturday, Jan. 26, 2014 from 2-4 pm

At Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmvale

Renew acquaintances and make new friends

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DEVELOPMENT DAY

Toronto Diocesan Council

DATE: Saturday, February 15, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Portuguese Cultural Centre, Bradford

COST: Our C.W.L. Council will pay registration cost

Coffee & tea will be provided – bring a brown bag lunch

WORKSHOP THEME:

“We Have Seen the Lord in Gathering around the Hearth”

FACILITATORS: Dr. Connie Price & Laurie van den Hurk

DEADLINE: Register before January 24, 2014 CONTACT

PERSON: Carla Beckett (705) 435-1381

The Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry CONTEST



An Opportunity for the Youth of Our Community to encourage awareness about positive attitude towards all Pro-Life Issues

The Catholic Women's League of Canada promotes the Mary Dobell Pro-Life Awareness Essay and Poetry Contest Annually.

This contest is open to students in grades 7 to grade 12.

Contest deadline: By **March 14, 2014**. For application forms and details, please see the parish bulletin board or contact:

Anu Antao at 705-435-4982.

Why Catholics are Right and should share with other Christians!



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Saturday, January 25, 2014

At 6:00 pm, after 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

SNOW TUBING NIGHT!

Friday, January 24th, 2014

Email Dave McKendrick: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Or 705-435-6325 ext 24 Text 647-237-1348

St. James Annual Men's Retreat to Mary Lake Retreat Centre in King City: **January 31 - February 2, 2014.**

Call Greg 905-729-3968 or Ray 905-729-2879. For more information about Mary Lake Retreat Centre, visit: www.augustinians.ca. Brochures can be found in the back of all Church.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP



Our first biweekly prayer meeting held last Sunday was very successful. We invite you to join us next Sunday, January 26, from 3-5:30pm as we pray, sing and enjoy fellowship all together in the spirit.

ALL ENVELOPE USERS!

We have had cases of names and numbers not matching our database. To help us accurately record your donations:

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