

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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 24 January 2016

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.”

— Lk 4:18

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

First Reading + Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel + Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 25

7:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Tuesday, January 26

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – M Webb

Wednesday, January 27

8:00am+Rosemary O’LEARY, RIP – P/F Healy

Thursday, January 28

8:00am+Staff & Students of St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home

Friday, January 29

12:10pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – M Lynch

Saturday, January 30

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Patricia HOWARTH, RIP – S/E McGuire

5:00pm+CWL 50th Ann. Int. – K of C 3477 Assembly

Sunday, January 31

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Ernie MacNEIL, RIP – Family

Saints & Feast Days

January 25 + Conversion of Saint Paul

January 26 + Saint Timothy and Saint Titus

January 27 + Saint Angela Merici

January 28 + Saint Thomas Aquinas

January 31 + Saint John Bosco

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:

Lectio divina — reading the Bible.

One of the fundamental principles of the Protestant Reformation is *sola scriptura* — “only the Bible.” Martin Luther, the Augustinian monk who started the Reformation in 1517, thought that every individual believer was able on his own to come to a right understanding of the Bible, under the personal guidance of the Holy Spirit. Although this idea sounded good when it was first proposed, it quickly broke down in practice as other “reformers” each interpreted the Bible in his own way.

The consequence is that there are literally thousands of separate Protestant denominations, all believing that their distinctive doctrines are based on the Bible. Evidently the Bible is not as easy to read as Luther supposed.

St. Francis de Sales — one of the great saints of the Catholic Reformation — offered the following observation:

If Scripture is so easy to understand, then why all these Protestant interpreters and preachers? If you are faithful, you will understand the Scriptures just as well as they do. Send them off to unbelievers. If you can feed yourselves in the field of the Scripture, what do you want with pastors? Some mere child who is able to read the Bible will do just as well.

As far my own understanding of Scripture goes, despite years of study, including courses in Greek and Hebrew, I am still only a beginner. The good news is that God did not drop the Bible into our laps and say, “Read this and figure it out for yourself.” God gave us the Bible — and he also gave us a teacher to guide us in making sense of it. Christ founded a Church, *mater et magistra* — mother and teacher.

So how do we, as Catholic Christians, read the Bible? We read it in light of the constant and consistent teaching of the Church for the last 2000 years. When we read the Bible we do not read it alone. We read it as members of the Body of Christ, the Church. We read it together as a spiritual community united in the one faith and in continuity with the saints and the Doctors of the Church: Ignatius of Antioch, Irenaeus, Athanasius, Augustine, Bernard, Thomas Aquinas and all those innumerable other saintly men and women who came before us in the Church.

Indeed, Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it is understood best by those who are most alive in the Holy Spirit. That is why we look to the Saints. St. Teresa of Avila, though she had no formal education, had a much more profound understanding of Scripture than I ever will.

We read Scripture in light of the Church’s Tradition. You and me and Cardinal Collins and Pope Francis are all part of that Tradition. We did not create it. We were born into it when we were washed in the waters of baptism. It is our sure guide, because the Church is from Christ.

Even when we are physically alone, we always read Scripture within the community of Christ’s Church. This is the true *lectio divina* — “divine reading.”



The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who contributed to the celebration for Father Bennett's 90th Birthday. Special thanks to K of C for the muffins & refreshments, the 4th Degree Honour Guard, Lynda Blacklaws for providing the cake (delicious), the parishioners who assisted in distributing the cake and the youth who set up the hall. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. Fr. Bennett had a great time!

 **SPiritUAL BOUQUET FOR 2016 ORDINANDI**

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

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

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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.

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

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

Parish Solemnity
*The Conversion of
Saint Paul the Apostle*



Parish Solemnity ~ Patron Saint of our Parish



CWL NEWS.....

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Membership campaign for 2016 officially ended on December 31, 2015. For those who have not yet :

-- Please use a plain envelope or CWL envelope on the bulletin board. Print name, full mailing address, phone number and email address with your fee of \$25.

-- The envelope can be placed in the collection basket or the CWL mail-box.

St. Paul's Catholic Women's League has formed an "Outreach Group". This group would be on hand to visit new moms, those just home from hospital and shut-ins. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Beatriz Baumfeld at 705.435.9111

On Tuesday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

In closing the Jubilee Year for Consecrated Life, there will be a special Mass next Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Saturday, January 30, 2016

Rock Climbing - Barrie

Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Or Text Dave 647-237-1348



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night

Friday, February 5, 2016

Desert Wanderer

A night to discover the real meaning of Lent, and how we can fully enter into this season of repentance and conversion.

Calendar of Parish Events

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

Jan 26 - Defend Life Committee Mtg. at 7:30pm

Jan 26 - Faith Formation Video Night at 7:30pm

Jan 27 - Confirmation Class for Gr. 7 at 7pm

Jan 27 - 3rd of three scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm

Jan 28 - Finance Council Mtg. at 3:30pm

Jan 29 - First Confessions for SP's Gr. 2 students at 6pm

Jan 30 - Life Teen Rock Climbing at 1pm

Feb 4 - LSS Prayer Group at 7:30pm



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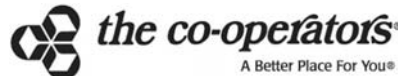
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