

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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Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 26 January 2014

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." — Mt. 4:18-19

First Reading + Isaiah 9:1-4
 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18
 Gospel + Matthew 4:12-23

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 27

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 28

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Yvonne POWER, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

Wednesday, January 29

8:00am+Anna GREEN, B-Day Int. – A/M Crowley

10:30am+Holy Family School Mass

Thursday, January 30

8:00am+John&Mary KENNEDY, Pers. Int. – N Arsenault

Friday, January 31

12:10pm+Pasqua VALENTINI, RIP – G/L Gismondi

Saturday, February 1

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Billie Stephens, RIP – P/Kennedy

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, February 2

9:00am+Michael QUEALEY, RIP – W/C Mundy

10:30am+Ernie MacNEIL, RIP – Family

Our Saints and Feast Days

January 26 + Saint Timothy and Saint Titus

January 27 + Saint Angela Merici

January 28 + Saint Thomas Aquinas

January 31 + Saint John Bosco

February 2 + The Presentation of the Lord

Saint of the Week

All armies are useless unless assisted by God.

- St. John Bosco (1815-1888), Priest, Founder of the Salesian Society, Feast Day January 31

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Religious Accommodation.

When we hear the phrase "religious accommodation" used instead of the phrase "religious freedom" or "religious rights," we need to be concerned. A "freedom" or "right" can be claimed as one's due. An accommodation is like a favor — it is not owed, it is merely conceded. When our secular society thinks that it is doing us a favor by letting us live our religious faith, there is a problem.

I heard one secular pundit say with regard to the Church's teaching against same-sex marriage: "Freedom of religion does not trump freedom of equality." In other words, if we get with the program and if we march in step with secular society then maybe we can get along. But we should not presume on so-called religious "rights." From the secular point of view, it is self-evident that we religious people are wrong, and wrong doesn't have any rights.

The HBO series *Band of Brothers* tells the story of a company of the U.S. 101st Airborne during the Second World War. At one point, they are sent to defend the city of Bastogne. Warned that the German Army is about to cut off the only remaining road out of the city and they will be completely surrounded, their response is this: "We're paratroopers. We're *supposed* to be surrounded."

The purpose of airborne troops is to parachute behind enemy lines and operate in enemy territory. That is what they are trained for. It is why they exist, their *raison d'être*.

It is the same with us Christians. We are also trained to operate in enemy territory — in the midst of a secular culture. We are *supposed* to be surrounded. Are we going to complain about it? How can we? It is simply part of being a disciple of Christ. "If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own, but I have chosen you out of the world — therefore the world hates you." (John 15:19). Those are strong words, but they were spoken by Christ, and spoken to us.

Cardinal Newman said: "The world at large, not only is not Christian, but cannot discern or understand the Christian." We all know this from our own daily lives. Here we are, living in a community among neighbors and friends who are like us in so many ways — working together, enjoying much the same entertainment, shopping at the same stores — but when it comes to the most important things, the most *essential* things, they just don't "get" us. As it says in the Psalm: "I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons." Maybe this is a situation to lament, but it is part and parcel of discipleship.

The Jewish Philosopher, Hannah Arendt, wrote: "If one is attacked as a Jew, one must defend oneself as a Jew. Not as a German, not as a world-citizen, not as an upholder of the Rights of Man, or whatever. But: What can I specifically do as a Jew." The same applies to us Christians. When we are attacked as Christians, we need to defend ourselves as Christians and not settle for "religious accommodation."

OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD PRAYER GROUP



Praise and thank the Lord for a well-attended first prayer meeting of the year.

The next one will be this Sunday, Jan 26, at 3-5:30pm. There will be a short Praise and Worship, followed by a

teaching on the topic of NEW CREATION REALITIES. Members will be grouped into the ministries of their choice.

Calendar of Parish Events

Jan. 28 – 7:30pm Film on Mother Angelica's "Heaven Series"

Jan 29 - First Confessions – St. Paul's School 6pm

Jan 31 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm

Feb 3 – Public Speaking Contest at 6:00pm



CWL NEWS.....

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Membership campaign for 2014 will officially end on the weekend of **February 1st & 2nd**.

-- Please use a plain envelope or CWL envelope on the bulletin board (NOT the one in your Box in Nov. 2014) 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.

C.W.L. Public Speaking Competition

The Mary Matthews Public Speaking Competition sponsored by the C.W.L. will take place in the parish hall on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:00p.m. All parishioners are welcome to come and support these young people as they deliver their prepared speeches in front of an audience. Refreshments will be served.

2014 Ordinandi Dinner

The Annual Ordinandi Dinner organized by the Serra Club will be held on **Tuesday, March 4th** at the Pearson Convention Centre, 2638 Steeles Avenue, East, Brampton.

-- Tickets are \$70 each for adults & \$35 each for youth.

-- The dead-line to purchase is January 31, 2014.

By attending the dinner you are encouraging our seminarians who will become ordained priests and helping support Serra House where men discern priestly vocations. Kindly contact Linda Gaspar @ 705-435-2978.

Event: Video on "Heaven" (7 weeks)

by Mother Angelica

Date: Feb. 4th & **Time:** 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

(after 7:00 p.m. Mass)

Place: St. Paul's Church

Contact: Claudette Morrison (705-435-3234)

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Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

****NOTE: Edge cancelled for Feb 1st.

Saturday, February 8th, 2014

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



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

**Inviting neighbouring parishes for
A Social Event!**

Sunday, Feb. 9th, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Email Dave McKendrick: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com
Or call 705-435-6325 ext 24 OR: Text 647-237-1348

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.

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