

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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Epiphany of The Lord ~ 8 January 2017

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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

First Reading + Isaiah 60:1-6
 Second Reading + Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
 Gospel + Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 9

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 10

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Fr. C J BENNETT – 91st Birthday

Wednesday, January 11

8:00am+Thomas SMITH, RIP – M Whelton

Thursday, January 12

8:00am+Robert Muir SUGG, RIP – S Duggan

Friday, January 13

12:10pm+Margaret GUCHARDI, RIP – M Lynch

Saturday, January 14

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Nick CARRAVETTA, RIP – J/M Scanlon

5:00pm+Leo/Mary JOYCE, Pers. Int. – Dw Donnelly

Sunday, January 15

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+John CARUSO, RIP – Bondi Family

Saint of the Week:

It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for 'God is Charity' (1 John 4:8)."

St. Albert the Great (1200-1280), Bishop, Feast Day January 15

Last Week's Collection:

Thank you for your continued Support!

Sunday Offering: \$ 4,553.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$ 1,684

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Living in the Truth of Christ.

In Plato's *Protagoras*, the story is told of how the various human arts were given to men by the gods:

Then Hermes asked Zeus: "How should we distribute shame and justice to humans. Should we distribute them as the other arts? For if one person practices the art of medicine, this suffices for many ordinary people; and so also with the other arts. Or should justice and shame be distributed to all?" Zeus replied: "Let all have a share; for cities can never prosper if only a few possess these, as is the case with the other arts. Establish this law as coming from me, and death to him who cannot partake of shame and justice, for he is a pestilence to the city."

This story gives a mythical account of what we call the "natural law," that understanding of right and wrong which is hard-wired into our human nature. It is often the case that, because of our free will, we choose to act against our nature and do what we know is wrong. But still, our evident need to rationalize and justify our acts is itself a witness against us of our innate sense of justice and shame.

The Roman statesman Cicero also spoke of a natural law common to all men:

There is in fact a true law — namely, right reason — which is in accordance with nature and applies to all men. Neither the civil government nor the people can absolve us from our obligation to obey this law, and it requires no teacher to expound and interpret it. It does not lay down one rule at Rome and another at Athens, nor will it be one rule today and another tomorrow. But there is one law, eternal and unchangeable, binding at all times upon all peoples; and there is one common master and ruler of men, namely God, who is the author of this law. The man who will not obey it will abandon his better self and deny the true nature of man.

Pope John Paul II in his landmark encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor* — "The Splendor of Truth" — spoke of a "crisis of truth" in our own times, when the fundamental principles of morality are being denied or distorted. He wrote:

Once the idea of a universal truth about the good, knowable by human reason, is lost, inevitably the notion of conscience also changes. There is a tendency to grant to the individual conscience the prerogative of independently determining the criteria of good and evil and then acting accordingly. This individualism leads to a denial of the very idea of human nature.

St. Paul said that even the gentiles have the law "written on their hearts." This is the natural law to which every human being is subject. As Christians we recognize that we are created in God's image and likeness. Relying on the authority of Scripture and Holy Tradition we endeavor not only to live by the universal moral law but, more than this, we strive to live in the Truth of Christ.

2017 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes are still available at the Entrances of both Churches. **Please look for your name before taking a new box.** The boxes will be in **Alphabetical order.** Thank you.

*For at least the first month of January, please record your name and full address (including your *911* number and Conc/Side Road numbers) on the front of the envelope.

**We are still looking for the owners of Envelope Numbers 380 and 445 if you wish a tax receipt.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 -25th 2016

During this week Christians of all denominations pray for the healing of the divisions among us. We recognize that the many sincere followers of Christ are not members of the Catholic Church. We pray that they may one day be united with us. Meanwhile we thank God for the many graces He bestows upon all people who worship him in faith.



CWL NEWS.....

Northern Region Social, Sunday, January 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm hosted by St. Patrick's, Phelpston, Council at Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmvale

Diocesan Development Day, Saturday, February 11th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Mass is at 8:30 am), at Christo Rei Parish, 3495 Confederation Parkway, Mississauga, \$10 registration fee will be paid by CWL. - Northern region will have a bus beckettcarla@gmail.com to register.



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Registration**

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Calendar of Events

- Jan 10 - Winter session of confirmation classes begin - 7pm
- Jan 11 - 2nd of 4 Baptism classes at 7:30pm
- Jan 12 - Finance Council Mtg. at 3:30pm
- Jan 12 - Knights of Columbus General Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 13 - Family Gather Mtg. for Holy Family School & non-catholic school students before their 1st Confessions.

LIFE TEEN
Next Life Night
Saturday, January 14th ~ 6:00 – 9:00pm
Dwelling Place
A night for Teens to understand Jesus as the Paschal sacrifice that we unite with in the Eucharist, and like Mary, become tabernacles of the Lord.

CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS
Bishop Robert Barron
Come Join us here at St. Paul's starting
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
(after the 7 pm Mass)
for a 10-week video series that
illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8
EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry
Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12
LIFE TEEN
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Friday, January 20th
Snow Tubing, Barrie
Parents Welcome with family
Cost \$25/person ~ meet 6:30pm at church
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An opportunity for Edgers & Life Teen's to enjoy a winter activity outside the group.  
Email: [allistonlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:allistonlifeteen@gmail.com)  
Or text Dave: 647-237-1348

**Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?**  
It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is highly recommended you contact the pastor well in advance. Plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.



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