

# 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.*

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## **Sunday Liturgies**

### **Saturday:**

5:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle

### **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.

1st Thursday 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 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday morning.  
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

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## **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.

## **Baptism:**

Parents/Guardians are to be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation. (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 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

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## **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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## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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## **Pastoral Team: Pastor:** Fr. Alan Glass

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**Deacon:** Desmond Carroll

**Youth Minister:** Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

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Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



**Pentecost Sunday ~ 4 June 2017**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> ShareLife Sunday**

*Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20:21-23*

**First Reading + Acts 2:1-11**  
**Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**  
**Gospel + John 20:19-23**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, June 5**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, June 6**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Bill HANDS, RIP – S Hands

**Wednesday, June 7**

8:00am+Cletus CROWLEY, RIP – M/A Crowley

**Thursday, June 8**

8:00am+Ernie THIBERT, RIP – C/P Morrison

**Friday, June 9**

12:10pm+John MEGRAW, RIP – J Megraw

**Saturday, June 10**

*(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Joe MCCARROLL, RIP – M Legault

5:00pm+Paul DION, RIP – Dion Family

**Sunday, June 11**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Madeleine LAPERRIERE, RIP – G Cole

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*A still more excellent way.*

On the day of Pentecost, when Mary and the Apostles were praying behind closed doors, the Holy Spirit broke in on them and turned their world upside down. With their hearts set on fire by the Spirit, the Apostles rushed into the street and began to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ. The crowd that gathered around them was overcome by their powerful testimony. The people asked, "What should we do?" Peter replied, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

When we were baptized we received the Holy Spirit to be the life of our souls. If we have let the fire of the Spirit burn down to warm coals, then we need to fan those coals back into life and rekindle the fire. That was the purpose of the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* which we hosted in this parish — to invite the Holy Spirit to again be the life of our souls. As I never tire of repeating: Just as the soul gives life to the body, so the Holy Spirit gives life to the soul, and we are only truly alive when we are alive in the Holy Spirit!

We should not ever be afraid of the Holy Spirit or the spiritual gifts associated with the *Life in the Spirit*. St. Paul himself in his first letter to the Corinthians describes the spiritual gifts including the gifts of prophecy and healing and speaking in tongues. In fact he says, "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you." He encourages us to "strive for the spiritual gifts and especially that you may prophesy." But he also says this: "And I will show you a *still more excellent way*. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." We all know how the rest of it goes. It ends, "And now faith, hope and love abide, these three, *and the greatest of these is love.*"

The lives of the Saints are so many examples of what it means to live in the Spirit. Lately, I have been reading the biographies of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, who together did so much to revitalize the Church in the 1600's and whose influence has extended far beyond their own place and time; both have officially been declared Doctors of the Church. Although neither of them spoke in tongues, their writings are luminous with the inspiration of the Spirit. They are shining examples of what God can accomplish in a soul that is open to the gifts of the Spirit.

These Saints were exceptional; but, then, *every* Saint is uniquely exceptional. As St. Paul says, "There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Each one of us is also exceptional. We need only to allow the Holy Spirit to fill us with the greatest of his gifts, which is love.

St. John of the Cross, at a time of trial, wrote to a friend: "As to my affairs, let them not trouble you, as none of them trouble me. Think only that God ordains all. And where there is no love, put in love and you will find love."

**Saint of the Week:**

Let us trust in Him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For He is all-powerful, and He tells us: 'My yoke is easy, and my burden light.' - *St. Boniface of Mainz (675-754), Bishop, Martyr, Feast Day June 5*

**Last Week's Collection:**

Sunday Offering \$3836.80

Capital Upgrades \$1264.60

Thank you for your generosity!



**Working wonders for those who need help in our neighbourhood...**

Working with St. Elizabeth HealthCare, ShareLife, through Catholic Charities, has implemented a shared services initiative that has provided support to agencies in the areas of human resources (16 agencies) and financial services (5 agencies). Now in its fourth year of activity, agencies participating in this initiative report that they are able to improve the quality, competency and accuracy of their work in these areas. Some Executive Directors reported on the impact of this initiative to their agency. **“It has enhanced our agency’s competence.” shares one Executive Director, “Before, I was in way over my head, but trying to do my best. Now, I have expertise at my disposal and feel comfortable.”**

**Today is ShareLife Sunday – June 4, 2017  
Thank you for your generosity.**

**Parish Goal: \$50,000 Balance to-date: \$40,237.85**

**MARYGROVE CAMP:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council, helps over 1,000 girls each summer, registering eligible campers through home visits. Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay. Open to eligible girls ages 5 -13, Marygrove provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy such an adventure. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society directly. This second collection will take place next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11.

**DAY OF REFLECTION**

Hosted by Northern Region  
Catholic Women’s League

**‘The Two Holy Hearts’**

**Facilitator:** Fr. Boniface Perri

**Date:** Saturday, June 24 ~ 9:00 – 3:30pm

**Place:** Holy Spirit Parish, Barrie

**Bring Brown Bag Lunch**

Coffee/tea and light refreshments provided

**Pre-registration is mandatory before June 4, 2017**

(1<sup>st</sup> come – 1<sup>st</sup> served)

Contact: Loretta Gismondi 705-458-9504 or

Email: gismondi.home@gmail.com

**Join us for the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of St. Paul’s  
Church on July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kirkpatrick at 10:30 am. There will be a reception in the Fr. Bennett Hall with refreshments and cake. This is a celebration of our parish community. We hope to see you there.



Also, we are calling for photos of the past 25 years – people, events, celebrations.

Please send your photos to [parishann25@gmail.com](mailto:parishann25@gmail.com) or drop off in the CWL bin on the wall in the church lobby.

**Our 2017-2019 Pastoral Council:**

On behalf of the nominations committee we wish to thank all nominated parishioners who let their names stand for the 2017-2019 Pastoral Council. Our council consists of twelve members; 6 representing the groups and schools in our parish and the 6 elected by the parish.

We wish to thank and congratulate our newly elected members for accepting the call to Stewardship on our parish council: John ANTAO, Ilona BINNS, Richard de Faria; Charles DONNELLY, Susan GRACE and Marnie VANDIERENDONK. Our thanks also go to the retiring Pastoral Council for their hard and inspiring ministry. We appreciate the great work by the nominations committee: Donna Haueter and Frank MacPherson.

**The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting with the old and the new councils is scheduled for Monday June 12 @ 7 pm. In the Father Bennett Hall.**

**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of the CWL Council we would like to say “THANK YOU” to all who supported our Annual Garage Sale. We are very grateful to our faithful crew from pricing, cleaning, selling, pickups and deliveries. Monies raised will be donated to the charitable works of CWL. As always; we are very grateful for our parishioners continued support and dedication, for the development and growth of our parish through our events.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:**

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools is seeking volunteers (male or female) who have devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month. Training will be provided. Those interested please contact Claudette Morrison 705.435.3234; Debbie Tardif 705.424.0500 or Mia Colaris 705-423-9626.



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