

# 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 (LIFE TEEN Mass)

### **Sunday:**

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

10:30 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle

### **Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:**

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

(On the 1st & 3rd 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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## **Devotions:**

Marian Cenacle

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle

## **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 Classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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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Secretary: Deborah Donnelly, Ext. 21

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

*father.glass@gmail.com*

**Deacon:** Desmond Carroll

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

or email Dave: *allistonlifeteen@gmail.com*

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 14 June 2015

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest

has come.” — Mk 4:26, 28-29

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**First Reading + Ezekiel 17:22-24**  
**Second Reading + 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**  
**Gospel + Mark 4:26-34**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, June 15**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, June 16**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

10:45am+ Holy Family School Mass

Stephen BRINSMEAD, RIP – HFS Parent Council

7:00pm+Katiya BIFFIS, RIP – M Biffis

**Wednesday, June 17**

8:00am+Velma MANION, RIP – J/J Harris

9:30am+St. Paul’s School Mass at Church

**Thursday, June 18**

8:00am+Allison LEE, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

10:30am+Mass at the Good Samaritan Home

**Friday, June 19**

12:10pm+Special Intentions – Parishioner

**Saturday, June 20**

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Kent BROOM, healing – M Lynch

4:00 – 4:45 pm + CONFESSIONS

5:00pm+Fris ABEJERO, RIP – Family

**Sunday, June 21**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Georgina MUSCAT, RIP – Family

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

*On the reading of books and Catholic culture.*

Finally, I have met someone who has read *Moby Dick!* Everybody knows the story: Captain Ahab has lost his leg hunting the great white whale and has vowed revenge. Over the years I have made many attempts to read the novel but I never got past the first few chapters. Frankly, I have now given up. It is however a great consolation to personally know someone who has actually done it.

On the other hand, I have read Adam Smith’s *The Wealth of Nations*. Published in 1776, this “classic” is still incomparably the best introduction to economics, besides being a fine work of literature. Nobody besides myself, as far as I can tell, seems to have actually read it, though of course an awful lot of people pretend that they have. Back in my engineering days, a copy of the book lived in my desk drawer. Every day, during lunch, I would read a little. When I eventually got to the end of the book I would start again at page one. After the fifth time through, it was replaced with *Wheelock’s Latin*, which is another story.

Henry David Thoreau wrote: “Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations. How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book!”

It used to be that classic literature was part of our shared heritage. Even if few people read extensively, there was a trickle-down effect. Our high schools still keep alive the tradition of Shakespeare, but it is the rare student who has read L. M. Montgomery or Leacock, and they know nothing of Sarah Binks, the “sweet songstress of Saskatchewan.”

There is as well a *Catholic* cultural heritage that assumes at least a passing familiarity with the classics of Catholic literature: St. Augustine’s *Confessions*, the *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales, the spiritual autobiographies of St. Teresa of Avila and St. Therese of Lisieux, Cardinal Newman’s *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*.

Not everyone needs to have read these, but there ought to be a sense of living within the tradition out of which they were written. To be cut off from this tradition is to be deracinated — rootless. Pope Francis has spoken of this condition as a “desert,” quoting Cardinal Newman:

In some places a spiritual “desertification” has evidently come about, as a result of attempts by some societies to build without God or to eliminate their Christian roots. In those places “the Christian world is gradually becoming barren and effete, as land which has been worked out and is become sand.”

In this situation we have to create our own oases. One summer, I decided to forgo reading the newspaper at breakfast and instead read St. Augustine’s *The City of God*. It was a good decision. The world of current events went on without me for a couple of months while I gained a Catholic perspective on current events. I cultivated my roots.

**Saint of the Week:**

If my efforts stop just one sin from being committed, I shall consider them worthwhile.

- Saint John Francis Regis (1597-1640), Feast Day June 16

**Re: Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide**

From: Office of the Cardinal

On Tuesday June 23, 2015, a symposium will take place at St. Michael's College, Alumni Hall Rm. 100, on "How to respond to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide." Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition; Larry Worthen, Executive Director, Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada; and Charles Lewis, retired journalist at the National Post, will be speaking on The Supreme Court of Canada assisted suicide decision. Two sessions are being offered to the public and clergy:

1 to 3 p.m.

7 to 9 p.m.

The sessions will present the same content so you may choose whichever is most convenient. There is no charge to attend the symposium, but you must register online at <http://bit.ly/powertoendlife>. **CONTACT:** Matthew Sanders **EMAIL:** [msanders@archtoronto.org](mailto:msanders@archtoronto.org) **PHONE:** 416-934-3400, ext. 640

**Alliston Potato Festival – August 7, 8, 9, 2015  
OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD PRAYER GROUP**

Our next prayer meeting will be on **Thursday, June 18th, from 7:30-9:30pm** in St. Paul Church. There will be a Praise and Worship followed by Living Word Group. Snacks and fellowship will follow.



**Calendar of Parish Events**

**Jun 16** – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm

**Jun 17** – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm

**Jun 18** – LSS Prayer Group at 7:30pm

**Jun 18** – CWL General Mtg. at 7pm

**Jun 18** – Cemetery Committee mtg. at 7:30pm

**Jun 19** – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm

**Jun 24** – 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm

**Jun 27** – K of C Zone Mtg. at 9am

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The Smith family came for counselling to deal with the sudden death of their parent. The children's grief was complicated by the fact that they were now residing with their other parent, with whom they had not spent a great deal of time, due to long work hours to provide for the family. As this grief stricken family learned about each other, how to relate, how to trust, how to love and build a new definition of "family", they began to open up to their counsellor and share what their life was like before their parent's tragic death. One child in the family shared that a trusted adult in their life used to be very abusive to them – physically assaulting them, locking them in closets, and making them hurt each other – to name just a few of the milder incidents. That disclosure to the family therapist led to the arrest of that individual and it also resulted in those children no longer feeling afraid of any future victimization. Closer family intimacy, safety, and a brighter future resulted for the Smith Family. Last year, ShareLife-supported Family Service agencies provided family counselling to over 5,100 people in the Greater Toronto Area.

*Thank you for your generosity.  
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**Parish Goal: \$50,000    Balance to-date: \$41,734.05**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

**PIE BOOTH**



Due to food safety regulations, we are looking for fruit pies only. We prefer to use fresh or frozen fruit for the fillings (rather than canned) - so please keep this event in mind when our local fruit is in season.

Your donations to this event are greatly appreciated.

If you wish to **VOLUNTEER** at our Pie Booth, **L☺K** for our display in the foyer of the church. Foil pans will be distributed on the weekend of July 11/12. This year's contacts are: Loretta Gismondi 705-458-9504 or Carla Beckett 705-435-1381.

Divine Retreat Centre was inaugurated in the Archdiocese of Toronto on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. It is a branch of Potta-Divine Ministry. The pioneer of Potta-Divine Ministry Fr. Mathew Naickomparambil VC will be leading the first **DIVINE BIBLE CONVENTION on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm)**. The Three days Bible Convention including lunch and refreshment is \$75 per person.

**Pilgrimage Tour to England, Ireland and Scotland**

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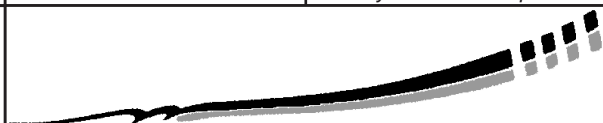

  
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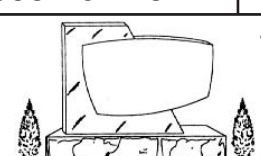
  
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