

# 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.

## **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) Alternating Mondays - 7:00 p.m.

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) Alternating Saturdays - 6-9:00 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.

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## **NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES.**

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

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 1 March 2020**

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you Satan!" *Matthew 4:8-10a*

**First Reading + Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7**

**Second Reading + Romans 5:12-19**

**Gospel + Matthew 4:1-11**

**Mass  for the Intentions  Week**

**Monday, March 2**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, March 3**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Bill HANDS, RIP – S Hands

**Wednesday, March 4**

8:00am+John KAVANAGH, Pers Int – J/C Orr

**Thursday, March 5**

8:00am+Giovanni/Angela STEA, RIP – T Novielli

**Friday, March 6**

*(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

12:10pm+Christina MORRISON, Pers Int – C/P Morrison

**\*\*7:15pm+STATIONS of the CROSS @ St. Paul's**

**Saturday, March 7**

*(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Isaac LEE, Pers Int – J/C Orr

**\*\*4:00pm – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

5:00pm+Eugene DEVEREAUX, RIP – Family

**Sunday, March 8**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Artur SILVA, RIP – Family

**Saint of the Week:**

If there be a true way that leads to the everlasting kingdom, it is most certainly that of suffering, patiently endured. - *St. Colette (1381-1447), Patron of infertility, Feast Day March 6*

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

*Beginning the forty days of Lent.*

On this first Sunday of Lent we begin the familiar sequence of Gospel readings: the temptation of Jesus in the desert; the Transfiguration; the Samaritan woman at the well; the healing of the man born blind; the raising of Lazarus; then, on Palm Sunday, the Passion narrative. Because Lent is traditionally a time of preparation for those who are going to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, these readings are especially selected for their instruction. We can see these readings as a compendium of the entire Gospel.

The temptation in the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. After being baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, Jesus goes out into the wilderness for forty days.

Anthony Esolen comments on the nature of these temptations:

Perhaps we can see it more clearly if we consider two of the temptations. For Satan brought Jesus to a hilltop, and spread out before him "all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time." "All this power will I give you," said Satan, "and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it. If you therefore will worship me, all shall be yours."

The temptation was perhaps more subtle than we know. Certainly throughout Galilee and Judea there must have been many people whose insides were gnawed by hunger. Why not take the plan of God into your own hands, so to speak, and start writing the story yourself? Why not turn the stones into bread and feed the multitudes?

Or look at all the kingdoms of the world, the Persians ruled by despots and their all-too-efficient bureaucrats, the Romans imposing law and peace upon their subject peoples at the point of a sword, the barbarian tribes beyond the Roman frontiers, living half by herding cattle and half by war and plunder. Why not, for the sake of all those suffering peoples, assume immediate lordship over them, and bring justice to them all?

But that would be like saying, "I, and not the Father, am going to determine the course of human history. And He will have no choice but to let me do it."

Throughout his public ministry, Jesus continually tells people not to publicize his miracles. The people of Israel were waiting for the coming of the Messiah who, as a descendent of King David, would rule over a restored nation of Israel, freed from Roman rule. Purposely, Jesus rejected the role of a political leader.

Jesus did not come to establish a nation-state, but to establish the New Covenant, which is for all people, both Jew and Gentile. Jesus would do this, not by raising armies to battle the Roman legions, but by offering himself as a victim on the cross. In the desert he is tempted to establish his Kingdom by an easier way than by suffering.

## **"WORLD DAY OF PRAYER"**

Host: St. John's United Church, Alliston  
Friday, March 6, 2020, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Program written by the women of Zimbabwe & World Day of Prayer Committee **"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"** Refreshments follow the service; Day Care is provided.

Presented by the Catholic Women's League

### **Lenten Retreat**

With Fr. Robert Foliot, S.J.

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12 noon**  
in the Fr. Bennett Hall from

All are invited and this event is free to ALL!

Fr. Foliot, S.J. entered the Society of Jesus in 1962 and was ordained in 1973. He has been the pastor of Jesuit parishes and served as the Superior for Jesuit communities across Canada for over 30 years. He has done much of his ministry in multi-cultural settings, lived and worked with First Nations people and is fluent in French and Spanish. He is presently the Superior of the Jesuit Community at Manresa-La-Storta in Pickering, ON

Tea, coffee, bagels, cream cheese, muffins will be provided. Please sign up on the easel in the narthex.



**Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings**

"The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

**Parish Goal: \$57,300 Balance to Date: \$ 235.00**

**March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

### **Calendar of Events**

**Mar 4** – 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 Baptism Classes 7:30pm

**Mar 4** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class Grp A at 6pm

**Mar 5** – K of C Exe. Mtg. at 7:30pm

**Mar 6** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class Grp B at 6pm

**Mar 7** – All Day **Confirmation Retreat** for both groups A & B starting 9:00-6:00pm

**Mar 10** – Cemetery Board Meeting at 7:30pm

### **The Stations of the Cross**

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross  
Friday's at 7:15p.m.

February 28<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>



### **Confessions**

Weekly on Tuesdays 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.

And Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.



### **Feast of St. Joseph**

**Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.

(Patron Saint of Canada)



Now in its 7th year, Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. The conference will take place **July 3-5, 2020** on campus at UOIT in Oshawa, ON.

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### **Reclaiming Love 2020**

#### **Theology of the Body for Everyone**

The realities of masculinity, femininity and gender – and how these relate to our identity – are being questioned like never before. Jason Evert, internationally-known Catholic speaker and author, leads a discussion that helps us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. Speaking the truth with love, he shows how the recognition of what our biology reveals helps us understand who God created us to be and lets us accompany others on their life's journey.

**Tuesday, May 19** – St. Mary's Parish (Barrie, ON): 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available starting February 14, 2020. To purchase tickets online, please visit: <https://www.ocytoronto.org/reclaiminglove>



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