

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) every 2nd Monday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 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

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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First Sunday of Lent ~ 10 February 2019

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Luke 4:1-3

First Reading + Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Second Reading + Romans 10:8-13
Gospel + Luke 4:1-13

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, March 11
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 12
 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS
 7:00pm+Sr Michele THIBERT, Per Int – P/C Morrison

Wednesday, March 13

8:00am+Rev Charles REEVES, RIP – Archdiocese TO
Thursday, March 14

8:00am+Teresa VARANO, RIP – J/S Duggan
Friday, March 15

12:10pm+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Family
 7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 16

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Ida DOIRON, RIP – J/F Farrugia
 5:00pm+Marnie HOLYCHUK, RIP – A. K Holychuk

Sunday, March 16

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:30am+Jane ALFARERO, RIP – L Alfarero/Family

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel” — Rom 1:16

The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday is from Matthew, chapter 6: “Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.” Jesus does not tell us to refrain from practicing piety — on the contrary, this is taken for granted — but do it for God and the good of our souls, not for the praise of men. St. Francis de Sales comments on this passage: “Never do or say anything to win the praise of men, but also never leave anything undone or unsaid for fear of being praised (or reviled).”

In Jesus’ time, piety was praiseworthy; today it is blameworthy. If you are pro-life — a position which is absolutely fundamental to the Christian faith — you cannot stand as a candidate for two of our three federal political parties. If you express an opinion on the insanity of men, who self-identify as women, competing against women in women’s sports, you will be vilified as ‘transphobic.’ Our challenge today, as Christians, is to stand up for the faith. We need to take heed the words of Christ: “If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him.”

We say that Christians are not persecuted — we are, after all, living in a ‘tolerant’ society in which the right of freedom of religion is enshrined in our constitution. But if one openly identifies as a practicing, believing Christian, there are consequences! I recall the acute embarrassment of a Bishop who was confronted in a radio interview with the passage in the Catechism which describes the homosexual inclination as being “objectively disordered.” It brought to mind the words of St. Augustine:

The persecutor does not say to you, “Deny Christ.” But Christ is the truth, and if we deny the truth we deny Christ. Why do we do it? Because we are afraid. Don’t we call it a persecution of Christians when we are struggling for the truth? Well, now we are being tested one by one; each one is subjected to trial in his own particular case.

Today it is safe to self-identify as Christian only if we make it clear that we do not actually believe what the Bible teaches regarding the Ten Commandments — as long as our Christianity is no more than humanitarianism or respect for the golden rule. We can be ‘Catholic’ but not *Catholic!*

We only remember the first half of Jesus’ admonition, “Do not practice your piety before men ...” and forget the rest, “... in order to be seen by them.” Jesus is condemning hypocrisy not piety. He is condemning those who seek the praise of men instead of a pure conscience before God. As St. Paul says: “Am I seeking the approval of men or of God? If I were trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

Today, the world requires us to condemn a veritable smorgasbord of “-phobias,” but we may not mention “sin.” We have become afraid to say, “I am a Christian.”

Saint of the Week:

We must continually have before our eyes our model, the exemplary life of Jesus Christ. We are called to imitate this life. - St. Louise de Marillac (1591-1660), Patron saint for Social Workers, Feast Day March 14

Tuesday Evening Video Series

Following the 7:00 pm Mass

NO GREATER LOVE

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

March 12 – The Prayer of Agony

March 19 – (Solemnity of St. Joseph) "Are you the Christ?"

March 26 – The Trial before Pilate

April 2 – The Death of the Messiah

April 9 – The Seven Last Words

"SAVE THE DATE"

Saturday, April 6th @ 6:30pm

Homemade Pierogi Dinner

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As always, we Thank You for your continued support!

SPECIAL MASSES

☩ Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00p.m.

Saint Joseph,

Patron Saint of Canada

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

☩ Monday, March 25 at 7:00p.m.

The Annunciation of the Lord

The STATIONS of the CROSS

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday's at 7:00p.m. up to Good Friday, April 19th



Ministry to Grades 6-8

Edge Night ~ Monday, March 18th @ 7:00pm

Basecamp Parent Night

The goal is to prepare the youth for the upcoming semester, to set up the theme of *To the Heights* and bring the parents in to learn more about the importance of getting their family to Mass every week.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Life Night ~ Saturday, March 23rd @ 6:00pm

Why Celibacy?

The goal is to understand that celibacy is a personal call from God. Freely controlling our desires rather than being controlled by them. Directing our passions toward the true, good and beautiful.



www.sharelife.org

Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife agencies

"As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!"

— Cardinal Thomas Collins

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