

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

3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Life in the Spirit Prayer Group

(On the 2nd & 4th Sunday 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 9:00a.m. Mass Saturday morning.

Devotions:

Marian Cenacle

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

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

Reconciliation(Confessions):

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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 2nd, 3rd & 4th 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 the Parish 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. 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



4th Sunday of Lent ~ 15 March 2015

RCIA Second Scrutiny

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. — Jn 9:35-38

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First Reading + 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading + Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel + John 9:1-41

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 16

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 17

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Gordon STEWART, RIP – Alda & Family

Wednesday, March 18

8:00am+Brian DURKAN, RIP – K/A Holychuk

Thursday, March 19 Feast of St. Joseph

8:00am+Rev. James DUFFY, RIP – Archdiocese of TO

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan Home

7:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – E Durkan

Friday, March 20

12:10pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP - J/R Farrugia

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, March 21

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Mary GILBRIDE, RIP – M Lynch

5:00pm+Walter/Kathleen DURKAN, RIP – B/E Durkan

Sunday, March 22

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Noreen FITZGERALD, RIP – M/J Neilson

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

I once was blind but now I see.

For the Sundays of Lent we are given a series of long readings from the Gospel of John. The readings have this in common: they are all about conversion.

The *transfiguration* — Jesus reveals to his closest disciples a glimpse of his true divinity. This is a sign of Jesus' glorious resurrection on Easter morning, after the pain and sorrow and the seeming defeat of the crucifixion.

The *woman at the well* — a Samaritan woman comes to draw water from Jacob's well and encounters a stranger, a Jewish man, who offers her "living water." She tells him: When the Messiah comes, he will proclaim all things to us. Jesus: I am he — I am the Messiah. The Samaritan woman is converted along with many of the other townspeople.

The *man born blind* — Jesus tells the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam, and he is able to see. The Pharisees ask: Who opened your eyes? He says: A prophet. The Pharisees say: Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner. The man replies: I don't know if he is a sinner; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.

The *raising of Lazarus* — the brother of Mary and Martha is four days in the tomb. Martha says: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. The people say: He opened the eyes of the blind; could he not have kept this man from dying? Jesus commands Lazarus to come out from the tomb, and he does.

We see in these episodes different aspects of spiritual conversion — the close encounter with Jesus and the sudden recognition of him as the Messiah. Like the man born without the gift of sight, our eyes are now opened. We were spiritually dead, but now we are alive in the Holy Spirit. The glory of Jesus is revealed to us — and we are awe-struck. Like the Samaritan woman, this encounter changes us forever. We can never go back to being the person we were before encountering Jesus.

We talk about intellectual "enlightenment" — suddenly for the first time seeing things clearly as they truly are, without illusion. Conversion is a spiritual enlightenment. It is a realization that we are God's special creation: "For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you."

Conversion is not imaginary or metaphorical. It is real. It is the overwhelming flood of God's grace into our souls. It is a process — the sometimes long process of dismantling the obstacles that we have put in the way of our encounter with Christ. But it is a process that culminates in a singular moment: often a difficult moment of surrender to God's love, like St. Augustine's conversion in the garden. For others it is a moment of quiet recognition: as Cardinal Newman describes it, a moment of knowing that you know.

Truly, the greatest of all misfortunes is never to have known Jesus Christ. "God, how good you are to those who seek you but, how much more to those who find you."

Saint of the Week:

Our actions have a tongue of their own; they have an eloquence of their own, even when the tongue is silent. For deeds prove the lover more than words.

- *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day March 18*

MARCH 15, 2015

Lent & Easter Schedule

During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays
at 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's Church

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday's at 6pm before 7pm Mass

Saturday's at 4pm before the 5pm Mass

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

No Morning Mass

7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

Good Friday – April 3rd

No Noon Mass

3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 4th

No Morning Mass

12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – April 4th

{*The greatest celebration in the Church Year*}

Easter Sunday – April 5th

9:00a.m.+Immaculate Conception

9:00a.m. (*new*) and 10:30a.m. + St. Paul's Church

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday's at 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's
Up until Good Friday– April 3rd

National Catholic Mission 2015

"Beware the Holy Spirit!"

VISIONTV: – Part 1 Monday, March 30

"God and the 6:00 o'clock news."

Part II Tuesday, March 31

"God does not count birthdays."

Twice Daily: 6:00pm & repeated at 10:00pm

Hosted by: Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and feature
Spiritan Fr. Anthony Gittins.



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Next ShareLife Sunday – April 12th

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Parish Goal: \$50,000 Balance to-date: \$13,765.25

Living the Option

Next Edge ~ March 21, 2015 6:15pm

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

*A night where our faith leads us to serve the poor and
that through them we learn about God*

Feast of St. Joseph

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patron Saint of Canada

Thursday, March 19th

Mass at 8:00a.m. and 7:00pm

Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord

(Also consecration to the BVM)

Wednesday, March 25th

Mass at 8:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.

(Note: Daily Mass on Tuesday 24 will be at 8am only)

OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD PRAYER GROUP

Our next prayer meeting will be on
Thursday, **March 19th, 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.

On Sunday, **Mar 29th, 3-5:30pm**, Come join us in the
Fr. Bennett hall for The **7 LAST WORDS Reflections**.
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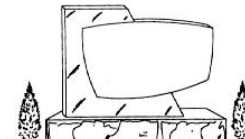
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