

# 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

Marian Cenacle: Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.

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

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

(On the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month)

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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.

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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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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 19 March 2017**

*The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."*

John 4:7-10

**First Reading + Exodus 17:3-7**  
**Second Reading + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**Gospel + John 4:5-42**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, March 20 – FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

**Patron St. of Canada**

7:00pm+G/D Tardif & Family, Pers. Int.

**Tuesday, March 21**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Frances LUKANCIC, RIP – A/E Kokelj

**Wednesday, March 22**

8:00am+Ann MARSHALL, RIP – E Durkan

**Thursday, March 23**

8:00am+Evangeline GAGNON, RIP – B/D Lynch

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

**Friday, March 24**

12:10pm+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Crump Family

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday, March 25**

*(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

**Annunciation of the Lord**

9:00am+Charles Peacock, RIP – J/R Farrugia

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

**Sunday, March 26**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Decease members of RIBIC Family, - D Svetina

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

*On being good without God*

There are many, who in the conduct of this present life can certainly be called good people. For all practical purposes they observe what is prescribed in the law. But, because they do all this without knowing to what end it is ordered, they do it in vain. However worthwhile good works may appear to men, without faith such works are nonetheless without meaning. They strike me as so much energy and haste expended in the wrong direction. What makes a work good is the end in view. Faith points out the end in view. — St. Augustine

An eminent Catholic theologian, commenting on this passage, wrote: "In view of such texts it can be asked whether St. Augustine has not overlooked the fact that all men who really do good — that is, who lead a life of real benefit to society — are on the way to their final destiny, whether they know it or not."

Did Augustine get it wrong? Of course not. Augustine did not "overlook" anything. Rather he saw clearly that every action is necessarily directed to an end. For example, if I wash the dishes, the end in view is a cupboard full of clean dishes, ready to be used. If I follow a program of diet and exercise, the end in view is good health. These are naturally good things to do; they are each, according to the end in view, both worthwhile and meaningful.

However, if I want clean dishes, it would be a waste of time to sweep the floor. It may appear worthwhile, but it is not to the purpose. In the same way, if the final end of man is everlasting life in heaven, then anything that is not directed to that end, whatever its secondary merits may be, is only wasted effort. As St. Augustine would say, "It is great strides but off the road."

St. Teresa of Avila says the same: "While in a state of mortal sin the soul will find profit in nothing; none of its good works will be of any avail to win it glory; for they will not have their origin in the First Principle, which is God, through whom alone our virtue is true virtue."

St. Augustine and St. Teresa are only repeating what is written in the Letter to the Hebrews: "Without faith it is impossible to please God. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." This has always been taken to include those who have not had the Gospel preached to them but whom St. Paul describes as "having the law written on their hearts." Good deeds are truly good when undertaken not for some merely natural end but in order to please God. This is made possible with the assistance of grace.

Every vocation is a religious vocation. Everything that we do ought to be directed to our true end, which is God. Along the way, we also have to wash dishes and look after our health, but always keeping the ultimate end in view. As St. Paul says, "I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

**Saint of the Week**

The Church is that one wherein the true word of God is preached, which Christ left to His Apostles, which the same Church hath always observed, the doctors preached, and Martyrs and confessors witnessed. This is the Church I believe to be true. - *Saint Margaret Clitherow (1555-1586), Martyr, Feast Day March 26*



**Living the Gospel  
by providing for homeless youth...**

On a given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly.

The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. 75 % of these youth have been matched with mentors and have also made progress in strengthening their life skills and family relationships, getting them ready for life on their own. In addition, the ShareLife funded Youth In Transition programs helps youth in foster care to transition to independent living.

**First ShareLife Sunday – April 2, 2017**

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

**Parish Goal: \$50,000      Balance to-date: \$ 460**



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

**Life Night  
Saturday, March 25 ~ 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Un-Finished**

A night to introduce the idea that God is not finished with us. God always has more abundant life for us.

**Call for Conscience Campaign**

At present, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this.

Take the time to visit: [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected MPP asking them to protect conscience rights. Resources for writing are available in the foyer of the church.

**WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY**

*Daring to Walk the Walk*

**Begins April 19 for 8 weeks**

**Video/discussion 9:15 – 11 am – Wednesday Mornings**

**Cost of study guide \$20**

Contact Claudette 705-435-3234

**Feast of St. Joseph  
Patron Saint of Canada  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.



**Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord**

Saturday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m.

At Immaculate Conception Church



**The Stations of the Cross**

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross

Friday's at 7:00 p.m.

March 3rd – April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Lent & Easter Schedule**

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

**CONFESSIONS** - Tuesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday – April 13**

*No Morning Mass*

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

**Good Friday – April 14**

*No Noon Mass*

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

**Holy Saturday – April 15**

*No Morning Mass*

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

**Easter Vigil + 8:30 pm – April 15**

{*The greatest celebration in the Church Year*}

**Easter Sunday – April 16**

\*\*\*8:00 a.m. (new) + Immaculate Conception

\*\*9:00 a.m. (new) St. Paul's Church

10:30 a.m.+ St. Paul's Church

St. Thomas Aquinas CSS Gala Dinner

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25th**

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