# 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 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)

### 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.

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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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Passion (Palm) Sunday ~ 20 March 2016

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. \_ Lk 19:34. 37b

Gospel + Luke 19:28-40 First Reading + Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading + Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel + Luke 22:14-23:56

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, March 21 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, March 22** 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLYHOUR \*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – E Durkan Wednesday, March 23 8:00am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP - J/C Orr HOLY THURSDAY - March 24 (No morning mass) 7:30pm+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – P Devereaux Followed by adoration in the hall until 10pm **GOOD FRIDAY – March 25** (No daily mass) 3:00pm+PASSION of the LORD 7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS HOLY SATURDAY - March 26 (No daily mass) 12:00pm+Blessing of Easter Food at Immaculate Conception SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL 8:30pm+Walter/Kathleen Durkan, RIP - E Durkan **EASTER SUNDAY – March 27** (Mass at Immaculate Conception) 8:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (Mass at St. Paul's) 9:00am+Ilidio MORAIS, RIP – Morais Family 10:30am+Veronica VISOCKY, RIP - K/J Quinlan

**TENEBRAE:** An ecumenical commemoration of the Passion of Christ in Scripture, music and candlelight. Palm Sunday – March 20 at 7:30pm Holy Spirit Parish 650 Essa Rd., Barrie

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

St. Paul declared to be of *first importance* that Christ died for our sins, and that he was buried, and that he rose again on the third day. This is what we celebrate during the three days of the Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. These are the most important celebrations of the Church year. The high point is the Easter Vigil.

All of the liturgies of Holy Week tie in together but each has its own individual character, very different from the usual Sunday Mass. Some of the traditional prayers and actions date back to the early days of Christianity and the ancient observances of the Church in Jerusalem.

At the Chrism Mass our Archbishop, Cardinal Collins, blesses the three Holy Oils that will be used in all the parishes during the coming year. The *Oil of Catechumens* is used in the Sacrament of Baptism. *Sacred Chrism* is used in Confirmation. The *Oil of the Sick* is used in the Anointing of the Sick. Most of the priests of the Archdiocese assist at this Mass and solemnly renew their ordination promise to faithfully serve the people of God.

The Mass of Holy Thursday recalls what occurred on the night when Jesus took the bread and blessed it and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body," and similarly with the wine. In doing this, Jesus instituted both the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. As an example for his disciples, he also washed their feet.

The Mass of Holy Thursday does not end in the Church. Instead, just as Jesus went with his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane, so too, we all process with the Blessed Sacrament to our own Garden of Gethsemane set up in Fr. Bennett Hall where, in the presence of Jesus, we remain for a while in prayer.

The Good Friday liturgy begins in silence. There is no procession. There is no opening hymn. There is no sign of the cross and no greeting of the people. Instead the sacred ministers enter quietly and lie prostrate on the floor before the Altar. The priest then goes directly to the chair and says the Opening Prayer. The focus of the liturgy is the reading of the passion account from the Gospel of John, followed by the veneration of the Cross. The Eucharist is not celebrated but Holy Communion is given from hosts consecrated the day before. The liturgy ends, as it began, in silence.

The Easter Vigil, which always begins after sundown, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Vigil begins outdoors with the new fire and the blessing of the Easter Candle, which is then carried in procession into the darkened Church. There is an extended series of readings from the Old Testament, then the singing of the Gloria with the ringing of bells — and only then is the Church illuminated. As the Christian faithful have done throughout the ages, in a spirit of prayer we prepare for that moment when we can loudly proclaim the Resurrection:

"Christos Anesti! — Christ is Risen!"

# **Regular Confession Times**

Tuesdays 6:00pm – 6:45pm Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45p.m. [No Confessions on Holy Saturday]

# Lent & Easter Schedule

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

## EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – March 24 <u>No Morning Mass</u> 7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

**Good Friday** – March 25 <u>No Noon Mass</u> 3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion 7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 26 <u>No Morning Mass – No Confessions</u> 12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at Immaculate Conception Church Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – March 26 {The greatest celebration in the Church Year}

# Please NOTE Mass Times <u>CHANGES</u>

Easter Sunday – March 27th \*\*8:00 a.m. + Immaculate Conception \*\*9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. + St. Paul's

## **SL ShareLife**

### www.sharelife.org Working wonders in our families...

"The impact that Silent Voice has had on my life as a former camper has given me the opportunity to meet many deaf and hard of hearing children from different backgrounds. Silent Voice has helped me discover who I am in my life and has given me purpose and future goals. As an adult, I want to help other deaf children and youth who are going through difficult times in life. I want to show them that they are not alone and provide them with support and a role model that is really needed in their lives. Thank you, ShareLife!" —Suma, former camper and Silent Voice day program counselor. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016 Please give generously. You can work wonders! Parish Goal \$50,000 ~ Balance to-date \$9,800.60

# HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT

Overnight Retreat

<u>March 24-25, 2016</u> 2pm March 24 until 4pm March 25<sup>th</sup>



### Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com Or Text Dave: 647-237-1348

### Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada Good Friday Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land March 25, 2016

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. "*He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness.*" Rm 12:8

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - begins Good Friday, March 25th



and is completed Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Lord told St. Faustina..."On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls." Novena Leaflets are available under the Divine Mercy Image in St. Paul's Church.

### **Good Shepherd Food Bank: Easter Food Drive**

Badly needed: Rice, instant and ground coffee, tea, canned soups and stews, canned meats, canned vegetables & fruit, powdered fruit juice, pasta & pasta sauce, ketchup, mustard, relish, and breakfast cereals.

Cash donation should be mailed to:

### The Good Shepherd Food Bank,

P.O. Box 71, Alliston, ON L9R 1T9.

(Tax receipts are issued by the Food Bank <u>not</u> the Church.)

## National Catholic Mission 2016

# "Merciful Like the Father"

Salt & Light TV: – Part 1 Tuesday, March 22 Part II Wednesday, March 23 Twice Daily: 8:00pm & repeated at Midnight

Vision TV: – Part 1 Monday, March 21 Part II Tuesday, March 22 Twice Daily: 6:00pm & repeated at 10:00pm

Hosted by: Fr. Thomas Rosica CSB CEO Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation

