

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



5th Sunday of Lent ~ 22 March 2015

RCIA Third Scrutiny

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." — Jn 11:25-27

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First Reading + Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading + Romans 8:8-11

Gospel + John 11:1-45

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 23

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 22

Please note Mass times changes for Tues/Wed.

****8:00a.m.**+Joan DENNIS, RIP – A/J Pendergast

Wednesday, March 25 – The Annunciation

8:00am+ Bill SKELTON, healing – J/R Wallace

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

***7:00p.m.**+Anasatazja/Wladyslaw SZYJKA,RIP–G/S Gawron

Thursday, March 26

8:00am+Neville EDWARDS, RIP – K/A Holychuk

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

Friday, March 27

12:10pm+Rose-Marie CHADWICK, RIP – P Devereaux

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, March 28

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Andy/Ana PROKOPICH, Pers. Intentions

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, March 28

9:00am+Mary Nolan SMITH, RIP – M Lynch

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Last summer I decided to get reacquainted with the major world religions. I took down from my bookshelf a couple of my favorite books on Zen Buddhism. I doggedly plodded my way again through the Koran. And, knowing very little about Hinduism, I read for the first time a selection of the Upanishads — a collection of various teachings dating from about 800 B.C. to 1400 A.D.

In this ancient wisdom of India we recognize some familiar spiritual principles: "Beholding the world of action, let the lover of God attain renunciation: what is above creation cannot be attained by action." These words could be those of St. John of the Cross.

The Second Vatican Council declared: "The Catholic Church rejects nothing which is true and holy in other religions. She looks with sincere respect upon those ways of conduct and of life which often reflect a ray of the Truth which enlightens all men."

This does not mean that all religions are equal, or that all religions lead to God. The ancient Norse religion with its worship of Thor and Odin provides some interesting mythology, but it leads nowhere.

When St. Paul was spreading the Gospel, he was contending against belief in the many gods and goddesses of the Greek pantheon. There was a riot in Ephesus because the people felt that their goddess Artemis was being slighted. Where are the worshipers of Artemis now?

Some religions condone evil. The Canaanites sacrificed their children to the god Moloch. Human sacrifice was part of the Aztec culture. The atrocities committed in our own day by ISIS and Boko Haram are claimed to have a religious basis in radical Islam. These religious beliefs have nothing in common with the fundamentals of Christianity.

Still, even in the worse religions, we see that there are good people. I am sure that among the Aztecs there were many who were horrified at the thought of human sacrifice. There are many Muslims who reject Jihad and the strict interpretation of Sharia law.

I admire the human and spiritual wisdom in Buddhism and Hinduism and Greek philosophy. Within these traditions there is a sincere search for wisdom and ultimate truth; a striving for the good, the true and the beautiful; a striving for God.

The world has many religions and wisdom traditions. Many reflect a "ray of truth," some more than others. The wisdom and true humanity of these religions deserves our utmost respect, and there is in fact much that we can learn from them. At the same time, we know that the striving for spiritual wisdom that is so evident in many religions has its complete fulfillment in Christ. As St. Paul said: "We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the gentiles, but to those who are called, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Saint of the Week:

How I would like to engrave this great idea on each one's heart: Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, of laws to be obeyed, of prohibitions. That makes it very distasteful. Christianity is a person, one who loved us so much, one who calls for our love. Christianity is Christ. — *Servant of God Oscar Romero (1917-1980), Archbishop, Martyr, Potential Feast Day March 24*

SPECIAL MASS

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

On Sunday, **Mar 29th, 3-5:30pm**, Come join us in the Fr. Bennett Hall for The **7 LAST WORDS** Reflections. Snacks and fellowship will follow.

Our next prayer meeting will be on **Thursday, April 16th, 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.



HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT

Overnight Retreat

April 2-3, 2015

2pm April 2nd until 4pm April 3rd.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8



Working wonders for children with special needs...

We have always tried to expose our deaf children to both communities. As their parents, we have talked to them and tried to answer their questions when they saw someone using sign language and they had basic sign language books. Then one day our oldest son, Ethan, said he would like to learn sign language. We discovered Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer camp and enrolled him in the program. The following year Gavin joined his older brother and they both want to go again. We also put our name in for the Family Communication program because we wanted to support our children. These opportunities increased the boys' awareness of the deaf community and also helped them gain respect for different ways of communication. They enjoyed both experiences as did we. We all hope to take part in the Family program again. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Parish Goal: \$50,000 Balance to-date: \$14,370.25

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}



Please NOTE Mass Times

CHANGES

Easter Sunday – April 5th

****8:00 a.m.** + Immaculate Conception

****9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** + St. Paul's

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

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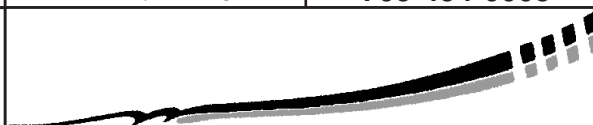


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