

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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PALM SUNDAY



Passion (Palm) Sunday ~ 29 March 2015

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

— Mk 11:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

Gospel + Mark 11:1-10
First Reading + Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading + Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel + Gospel 14:1 – 15:47

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 30

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 31

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Jamie RAY, RIP – Richard Yates

Wednesday, April 1

8:00am+Jacques ROY, RIP – F/O Lecours

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2

7:30pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – P Devereaux

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

3:00pm+Commemeration of the Passion of the Lord

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, April 4

8:30pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

8:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

9:00am+June TOMPOROWSKI, RIP – Family

10:30am+Dorothy CROWLEY, RIP – A/M Crowley

Saint of the Week:

Let your prayer be completely simple, for both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase. Do not launch into long discussions that fritter away your mind in efforts for eloquence. A single word full of faith saved the good thief.

- *Saint John Climacus (525-605), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day March 30*

NOTICE:

The parish office will be closed at 3pm on Thursday, April 2nd and will re-open on Tuesday, April 7th at 9:00am.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Reality of That Which Surpasses Understanding

The recent film, *The Theory of Everything*, is a biography of a brilliant scientist, Stephen Hawking. The title refers to his quest to find a single universal theory that explains all the physical laws of the universe. This “theory of everything” is the Holy Grail of physicists. Hawking has spent most of his life searching for it, without even coming close to finding it. It remains frustratingly elusive.

I have admired Hawking since reading his most popular book, *A Brief History of Time*. That book was one of the many sign-posts that pointed me to God. That is a curious result, considering that Hawking is an outspoken atheist.

Of course, science can neither prove nor disprove the existence of God. Still, fundamental philosophical questions attract the interest of scientists as much as anyone else, although scientists are particularly ill-equipped to deal with them. Scientists, the brilliant ones not excepted, are apt to think that everything can be explained by science.

But as the late Fr. Neuhaus has commented:

Over the past three hundred years, there have been thousands of books, each one published in the confidence that it provides the final knock-down argument demonstrating that there is no God and that once this truth is recognized all belief and action premised upon the reality of God will cease and desist.

I have in my time read more than my share of arguments for atheism and have yet to encounter one that is aimed at debunking the God in whom I believe. Put differently, I, too, do not believe in the God in whom they do not believe. The reality of that which surpasses understanding is not disproved by the recognition that it surpasses understanding.

One of great philosophical questions — one that points to the necessity of a Creator — is the question: “Why is there something rather than nothing?” Why does the universe exist at all? Why do *we* exist?

Prof. Hawking believes the answer can be found in the theory of the “multiverse” — the idea that our universe is only one of an infinite number of completely independent universes each with its own unique set of physical laws:

The multiverse concept can explain the fine tuning of physical law without the need for a benevolent creator. Because there is a law of gravity, the Universe can and will create itself from nothing. Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the Universe exists, why we exist.

As G. K. Chesterton once said: “When a man ceases to believe in God, he doesn’t believe in nothing — he will believe in anything.” Even, it seems, spontaneous creation from nothing! There is indeed a “theory of everything” — the ultimate explanation of all that is or ever will be. It is not a scientific theory. It is what we call “God.”

HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT

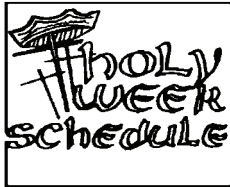
Overnight Retreat

April 2-3, 2015

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



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8



Tuesday, March 31

CONFESSIONS

6pm ~ 6:45pm before 7pm Mass

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 – No Confessions

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

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.



GOOD FRIDAY

Holy Land Commissariat in Canada

Pontifical Collection of Good Friday

on April 3, 2015 for the Benefit of the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 3, 2015. As we respond to this appeal, the visit of Pope Francis in the Holy Land from May 24 to 26, 2014 vividly comes to mind and we revisit the words of Scripture that marked his prayer at the Holy Sepulchre: *"I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as He said. Come; see the place where the Lord lay."* (Matthew 28: 5-6)

The Pontifical Collection of Good Friday is in support and of solidarity with the Christians who are the "living stones" of those consecrated places.

Opposing the Supreme Court of Canada assisted suicide decision Post Card Campaign:

On February 6, the Supreme Court made an irresponsible and dangerous decision by decriminalizing assisted suicide.

The Post Card Campaign allows you to send this message to one of these three parliamentarians:

1) **The Right Honourable Stephen Harper-**

Office of the Prime Minister

2) **The Hon. Dr. Kellie Leitch,**

P.C., O.ONT, MP Simcoe-Grey

3) **The Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay –**

Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Encourage as many of your family and friends to sign and mail (No stamp necessary) this post card immediately. **Post cards have been placed at the back of the church** in foyer for distribution. You may contact EPC at: www.epcc.ca



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Working wonders in our livelihoods...

When he was presented with a top youth achievement award at a recent gala at The Carlu, Kiwayne was only a short distance from the streets where he had been homeless, and a world away. In the building's food court a few years ago, he recalls falling asleep at the table – exhausted – trying to avoid having to go back outside. "I was going down the wrong path and didn't know if I'd live to be 21," he says. But for the past two years since moving into his own place, Kiwayne has been studying construction engineering at George Brown College and working part-time at the Provincial Advocate's Office. Kiwayne grew up in foster care and, at 17, he found himself on the street until a friend told him about Covenant House. "Covenant House gave me stable housing that allowed me to go back to school and learn life skills." says Kiwayne.

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