

# 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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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 5 March 2017

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor: and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him. "Away with you, Satan! Matt 4:8-10a

**First Reading + Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25, 3:1-7**  
**Second Reading + Romans 5:12-19**  
**Gospel + Matthew 4:1-11**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, March 6**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, March 7**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

**6:00pm+HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm+CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Alfie MULARKEY, RIP – S Hands

**Wednesday, March 8**

8:00am+Ann MARSHALL, RIP – K/A Holychuk

**Thursday, March 9**

8:00am+Mary WALSH, RIP – B/D Jebb

**Friday, March 10**

12:10pm+John McCOMB, RIP – H/W Wright

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday, March 11**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Fr. Brian HIGGINS, csb, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+Eugene DEVEREAUX, RIP – P Devereaux

**Sunday, March 12**

9:00am+Fr. Brian HIGGINS, csb, RIP – J/R Wallace

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

*Via Crucis — the Way of the Cross*

Easter is exactly six weeks away. God desires that this time be for us a time of special blessings; a time in which he abundantly pours out his graces upon us. God's generosity is limitless; but we place limits on our capacity to receive God's gifts. It would be a tragedy if we did not take advantage of this season of Lent; we will not get this time back again.

One of the great prayers for this time of year is the Stations of the Cross. In early times, pilgrims would travel to the Holy Land to visit the sacred sites. The most important of these sites was the Holy Sepulcher, Jesus' tomb, the place of his burial and resurrection. Pilgrims would gather at the site of the Praetorium, where Jesus was condemned to death, then walk the route along which Jesus carried his cross, ending at the tomb. Along the way they would stop to pray. When the pilgrims returned home, they put up pictures of these prayer stations in their own Churches. The popularity of this devotion spread quickly and soon became part of our common Catholic heritage.

The essence of the Stations is meditating upon the passion of Christ. Jesus came into the world in order to suffer unjustly at the hands of men, to be killed and then to rise again. Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins. This was the ultimate act of love. Even though he suffered at our hands — it was *we* who shouted "Crucify him! Crucify him" — Jesus offered his suffering as atonement for our sins, saying, "Father, forgive them."

When we do the Stations of the Cross, we begin the prayer for each station with "We adore, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world." Praying the Stations, we enter into the mystery of our redemption. On Easter morning we will celebrate the Resurrection — *Christos anesti!* — but before the resurrection comes suffering and death. This is the theme of Lent and the theme of the Stations of the Cross. As the hymn says: "When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride."

In a homily on the Cross, St. Ephrem of Edessa said:

Death slew our Lord by means of the body which he had assumed; but the same body proved to be the weapon with which he conquered death. Death could not devour our Lord unless he possessed a body; and so he came in search of a chariot in which to ride to the underworld. This chariot was the body which he received from the virgin; in it he invaded death's fortress, broke open its strong-room and scattered all its treasure. He raised up the cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living.

The three pillars of our Lenten observances are prayer, fasting and alms-giving. Of these, prayer is the most important. If our prayer is right, everything will be right.

**Saint of the Week:**

Love the poor tenderly, regarding them as your masters and yourselves as their servants. - *Saint John of God (1495-1550), Order of Hospitallers, Feast Day March 8*

**Last Week's Collection:**

Sunday Offertory \$ 4,130.60  
 Parish Capital Upgrades \$ 1,070.10

MARCH 5, 2017

## The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross  
Friday's at 7:00p.m.  
March 3rd – April 14<sup>th</sup>



**Feast of St. Joseph**  
**Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Monday, March 20th at 7:00p.m.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

**EDGE Night**  
**Friday, March 17 ~ 7:00 – 9:00pm**  
**Mary & Stations of the Cross**

Discover the incredible ongoing role Mary plays in the salvation offered by her son, Jesus. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at the start of each Edge Night during Lent



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

**Life Night**  
**Saturday, March 11 ~ 6:00 – 9:00pm**  
**Get Social Lip-Sync/Dance Battle**  
**An opportunity to have fun, grow in community and share our talents.**

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION:

With Fr. Jim Kelly JS

#### “Journey with the Canadian Martyrs”

You're invited to join us for a Lenten mission. Listen to reflections presented by a Jesuit Father from the Martyrs' Shrine, Midland. A Mass will be celebrated **March 8<sup>th</sup>** where you will have the opportunity to receive a blessing with the relics of Sts. Jean de Brébeuf, Charles Garnier and Gabriel Lalemant. Let the lives of the Martyrs deepen your connection to Christ as we journey with them through his passion into new life.

**March 6 – 8, 2017 @ 7 pm.**  
[www.holyspiritbarrie.ca](http://www.holyspiritbarrie.ca)



**“Living the Gospel” by supporting ShareLife agencies...**

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to “Live the Gospel,” in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an archdiocese, we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.

*Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season! —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday**  
**Please give generously.**

### **WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY**

*Daring to Walk the Walk*



An inspiring study to help you live your faith more fully and practical steps for living them out in your daily life.

**Begins April 19 for 8 weeks**  
**Video/discussion 9:15 – 11am – Wednesday Mornings**  
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*See poster for details*

Contact Claudette 705-435-3234

### **Join the “Call for Conscience” – Feb 6 – March 31, 2017**

In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. 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. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, join the “Call for Conscience” and write directly to your elected MPP asking them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection.

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