

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

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

10:30 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) Alternating Mondays - 7:00 p.m.

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) Alternating Saturdays - 6-9:00 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.

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians are to be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation. (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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2nd Sunday of Lent ~ 8 March 2020

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

A call to conversion.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. — Rev. 3:20.

God is calling us to a deeper conversion. It would be an unspeakable tragedy if we were to go through the remaining five weeks of Lent with the attitude of ‘business as usual.’ Jesus is knocking at the door. If we do not open the door to our Lord now, at this instant, when will we do it? As St. Paul says to the Corinthians, “Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.”

What is holding us back? We all desire a closer relationship with God. We all yearn for the Holy Spirit to be more fully the life of our soul, yet we experience what Fr. Thomas Dubay has called ‘a remarkable resistance.’ He writes, “It is no exaggeration to say that if we lived one percent of what we hear and see and read in our Catholic liturgies in a year or a month, we would have been saints long ago.” Fr. Dubay offers a ‘surefire program’ to overcome our resistance: deep conversion comes about by conversing with God in deep prayer.

But, as the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel said, “The very thing that keeps us from such effective and powerful prayer is the fear that it actually might transform us.” We fear what the Holy Spirit might accomplish in us if we truly allowed him free rein. Surely, He will take us out of our ‘comfort zone.’ Here we need to recall the words of Pope John Paul II: “Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!”

In my own life, answering the call to conversion led me to leave my comfortable life as a professional engineer to enter the Seminary to study for the priesthood. For most of my life, the idea of being a priest never entered my mind. But as my great saint, St. Augustine said, “When God wants to bestow on you a great gift, he first gives you the grace to pray for it.” God gave me the grace of my vocation; but first he gave me the grace to desire it.

The greatest sadness is that so many people never find their true vocation. It is not the case that Christ is failing to call them. He is calling, but they are failing to hear his call because they are not living a life of conversion and prayer.

Every vocation is a *religious* vocation. For every single one of us, our vocation is our primary means of growing in holiness. The vocation of marriage and family is just as holy as that of the cloistered nun or the monk. The demands and sacrifices are different, but married life needs to be grounded in prayer just as much as religious life.

The well-known painting by William Holman Hunt called ‘The Light of the World’ shows Jesus knocking at the door. The painter was criticized because he forgot to put a door-latch on the outside of the door. But it was not a mistake; as he pointed out, the latch is on the *inside*. Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. It is up to us to ‘open wide the door to Christ’ and to let him in.

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed the, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” *Matthew 17:4-5*

First Reading + Genesis 12:1-4
Second Reading + 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel + Matthew 17:1-9

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, March 9
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 10
 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**
 7:00pm+Marjorie MORRISON, RIP – P/C Morrison

Wednesday, March 11
 8:00am+Leo DELSNYDER, RIP – B/A Major

Thursday, March 12
 8:00am+Sr. Michelle THIBERT, Pers Int – P/C Morrison

Friday, March 13
(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
 12:10+Leo JOYCE, RIP – J Turner/D Thomas

****7:15pm+STATIONS of the CROSS @ St. Paul’s**

Saturday, March 14
(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
 9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Family

5:00pm+Margaret CASSIDY, RIP – J/M Scanlon

Sunday, March 15
 9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:30am+Barbara KEOGH, RIP – M Keogh

Saint of the Week:

Justice means being just, and giving each his own — giving God the things that are God’s, and the world, what belongs to the world. - *Saint John of God (1495-1550), Order of Hospitallers, Feast Day March 8*

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday's at 7:15p.m.

February 28th – April 10th



Confessions

Weekly on Tuesdays 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.

And Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.



Feast of St. Joseph

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, March 19th – 8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.

(Patron Saint of Canada)

Presented by the Catholic Women's League

Lenten Retreat

With Fr. Robert Foliot, S.J.

Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 – 12 noon

in the Fr. Bennett Hall from

All are invited and this event is free to ALL!

Fr. Foliot, S.J. entered the Society of Jesus in 1962 and was ordained in 1973. He has been the pastor of Jesuit parishes and served as the Superior for Jesuit communities across Canada for over 30 years. He has done much of his ministry in multi-cultural settings, lived and worked with First Nations people and is fluent in French and Spanish. He is presently the Superior of the Jesuit Community at Manresa-La-Storta in Pickering, ON

Tea, coffee, bagels, cream cheese, muffins will be provided. Please sign up on the easel in the narthex.

Nurture Life, Oppose Death on Demand!

Contact Your Member of Parliament Today!

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.



www.sharelife.org

ShareLife: It's who we are!

Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago – it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.

Parish Goal: \$57,300 Balance to Date: \$ 235.00

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

Update on Coronavirus for Parishes

Our goal is to act responsibly, based on credible information from reliable sources. We have been in regular contact with local health officials and will continue this dialogue. Information from the provincial website (Ontario.ca/COVID-19) provides basic background on the coronavirus and practical advice for all organizations:

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a household, workplace or health care centre.

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses. Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- *wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer*
- *sneeze and cough into your sleeve*
- *avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth*
- *avoid contact with people who are sick*
- *stay home if you are sick*

Regarding liturgical practices, local health officials have indicated that it is not necessary to alter current practices at this time. Parishes are encouraged to use the above information to remind parishioners about the importance of practicing healthy hygiene.

Calendar of Events

Mar 10 – Cemetery Board Meeting at 7:30pm

Mar 11 – 2nd of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30pm

Mar 12 – CWL Exe Mtg. at 7:00pm

Mar 12 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm

Mar 14 – Lenten Retreat 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Mar 15 – CWL Knit & Crochet group at 7:00pm

Mar 17 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm



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