

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.

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 ~ 12 March 2017

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, for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to Him!” Matt 17:4-5

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 13

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 14

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Joe & Helen SMUG, RIP – S Smug

Wednesday, March 15

8:00am+Dennis DAVIS, RIP – P Murray

Thursday, March 16

8:00am+Donna COADE, RIP – L/R Hagan

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan Home

Friday, March 17

12:10pm+Ann MARSHALL, RIP – P/C Vanderpost

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 18

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Fr. Ed BOEHLER, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+Liberato VALENTINI, RIP – CWL

Sunday, March 19

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+George WHELTON, RIP – M Whelton

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Turning towards Jerusalem

The Gospel of today’s Mass is the account of the Transfiguration. This event marks the end of the long period of Jesus’ public ministry in Judea and Galilee. When Jesus comes down from the mountain we are told that he sets his face towards Jerusalem. The time of preaching the Kingdom of God has come to an end; now, Jesus has to go up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, with himself as the Passover sacrifice.

This long period of public ministry — probably three years — is also an important time of preparation for his disciples. After his death and resurrection, it will be up to them to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to build up the Kingdom of God. So, day after day, they travel with Jesus, listen to his teaching and witness his miracles. He sends them out two by two on their own preaching missions, with remarkable results. Then, there comes the day when Jesus asks them: “Who do people say that I am?” They give various answers. Some say you are Elijah, or one of the prophets. Then Jesus asks: “Who do you say that I am?” It is Peter who answers for them all: “You are the Christ, the Son of God.” At his point, their training is complete. Jesus goes up to the top of the mountain, taking with him only Peter, James and John. There, in their sight, he is transfigured and is seen talking with Moses and Elijah — Moses, the great law-giver and Elijah, the great prophet. A voice is heard from heaven: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” After coming down from the mountain, Jesus tells his disciples that the time has now come to go to Jerusalem and finish what he came to do.

Throughout their time of training the disciples are gradually learning who Jesus is. As we read the Gospel accounts we are learning with them. The Gospels do not only tell us who Jesus is, they also show us who he is. The Gospels are an encounter with Jesus. In the Gospels that same question is posed to us: “Who do you say that I am?” Our personal answer to that question has the power to shape not only our entire lives, but our eternal destinies.

Who is Jesus? A son of a carpenter, an itinerant preacher, a worker of miracles, a prophet. The people want him to lead them in revolt against the Romans. The Jewish authorities fear him as a disturber of the peace. To his disciples, he remains something of a mystery. Being close to him does not dispel the mystery, but rather heightens it. At the Transfiguration they get a glimpse of the reality. They are amazed but perplexed. Only afterwards will it all begin to make sense. First they must see Jesus handed over to the Romans, scourged, forced to carry his cross to Calvary, then crucified and placed in the tomb. Still they don’t understand. Then, three days later, he comes to them through locked doors. It is only then that they truly understand who he is. In the words of Thomas, the doubter, “My Lord and my God.”

Saint of the Week:

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and for evermore. - *Saint Patrick (385-461), Bishop Feast Day March 17*

Last Week’s Collection:

Sunday Offering \$4,564.70

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



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

Join the "Call for Conscience" – Feb 6 – March 31, 2017

Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016. Between June and December, 2016, more than 740 people across the country died from what is now being referred to as "medical aid in dying". Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to quality palliative (end of life) care. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

On the table in the foyer, The CWL have an information sheet and letters to MPP regarding protecting Physicians and Health Care workers who object to providing physician assisted suicide.



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.

St. Thomas Aquinas CSS Gala Dinner
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

WOODINGTON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

This May, senior students from St. Thomas Aquinas CSS will be travelling to China on a mission trip. Students will discover the vast contrast between urban and rural life as they travel through China from Beijing to our charity partner's community, where they'll work together with community members on a sustainable development project. In support of this mission, we would like to invite you to our Gala dinner:

Contact Mrs. Duggan 905.936.4743 x352 for tickets!
Silent Auction and amazing prizes will be available!

During Lent, The CWL are praying to Our Lady for the youth in our parish and in our schools.

Prayer to Our Lady, Untier of Knots

Holy Mary, full of the presence of God during your life you accepted with great humility the Holy Will of the Father and the legacy of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Evil never dared to entangle you with its confusion.

Since then you have interceded for all of our difficulties. With all simplicity and patience, you have given us examples on how to untangle the knots in our complicated lives. By being our Mother forever, you arrange and make clear the path that unites ties to Our Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and ours, with your maternal heart, untie the knots that upset our lives. We ask you to receive in your hands all the young people in our parish and in our schools. Help them undo the knots that entangle them caused by our culture, social media and the pervasive atheism that surrounds them on all sides. Deliver all of us from the chains and confusions that have us restrained.

Blessed Virgin Mary, through your grace, your intercession, and by your example, deliver us from evil and untie the knots that keep us from uniting with God, so that once free of every confusion and error, we may find Him in all things, have Him in our hearts and serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen



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Parish Goal: \$50,000

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday

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Daring to Walk the Walk

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