

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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5th Sunday of Lent ~ 13 March 2016
 RCIA – Third Scrutiny

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." — Jn 11:21-23

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

First Reading + Ezekiel 37:12-14
Second Reading + Romans 8:8-11
Gospel + John 11:1-45

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 14

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 15

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Frederick GLEASON, RIP – A/M Borczyk

Wednesday, March 16

8:00am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – M Heydon

Thursday, March 17

8:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan Home

Friday, March 18

12:10pm+Gordon STEWART, RIP – A Stewart

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Maria OMERZEL, RIP – M Jankovich

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, March 20

9:00am+Dick CRAMER, RIP – L Van Kruistum

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

Saint of the Week

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them, my children, as you would honor Christ Himself.

-Saint Louise de Marillac (1591-1660), Feast Day March 15

OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group evening will be Thursday, Mar 17th at 7:30-9pm. There will be a short Praise and Worship, followed by a teaching. All members of the past 3 LSS groups are invited to join in the fellowship at prayer group meetings.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Mysterium fidei — The mystery of faith.

These words are said by the priest at the consecration of the chalice during the Mass. It is not our faith that is mysterious; rather, the mystery is that Christ should make himself really present in the sacrament. At the consecration, the underlying reality of the bread and wine is changed into the reality, the "substance", of Christ — Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity — so that what remains of the bread and wine are the appearances and the physical properties only.

Cardinal Newman said of this mystery:

People say that the doctrine of Transubstantiation is difficult to believe. I grant that it is difficult, impossible to imagine — but how is it impossible to believe? For myself, I cannot say *how* it is; but I say, "Why should it not be? What's to hinder it? What do I know of substance or matter? Just as much as the greatest philosophers, and that is nothing at all." Modern science considers that phenomena [what is visible or measurable] constitute the whole of our knowledge in physics. The Catholic doctrine leaves phenomena alone. It does not say that the phenomena go; on the contrary, it says that they remain: nor does it say that the same phenomena are in many places at once. It deals with what no one on earth knows anything about, the material substances themselves.

The mysteries of faith may be above our understanding but they are never contrary to reason. We do not go to the Bible to look for an explanation of the natural sciences. As Cardinal Bellarmine said in defense of Galileo: "The scriptures tell us how to go to Heaven, not how the heavens go." Yet it is much more foolish to look for an explanation of things above nature in a science textbook. We all know the quote from *Hamlet*: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

Modern culture looks at faith as itself mysterious, but it is in reality of all things the most prosaic. Faith is simply seeing things as they are. It is being in touch with reality.

Although I am Catholic to the marrow, I appreciate the seeds of wisdom in other religions. One Zen master speaks about "enlightenment" in a way that also applies to faith.

Before you attain it, it is something wonderful, but after you obtain it, it is nothing special. A Chinese poem says: "I went and I returned. It was nothing special. Rozan famous for its misty mountains; Sekko for its waters." For people who have no experience of enlightenment [faith] it is a kind of mystery, something wonderful. But if you attain it, it is just you yourself, nothing special.

Faith is not mysterious. It is by the light of faith, however, that we are able to perceive and contemplate the awesome mysteries of God and his creation, things visible and invisible, the natural and the supernatural.

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 – March 24

No Morning Mass

7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

Good Friday – March 25

No Noon Mass

3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 26

No Morning Mass – No Confessions

12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – March 26

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## **Please NOTE Mass Times** **CHANGES**

### **Easter Sunday – March 27th**

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

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



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## **National Catholic Mission 2016**

### *"Merciful Like the Father"*

**Salt & Light TV: – Part 1 Tuesday, March 22**  
**Part II Wednesday, March 23**

Twice Daily: 8:00pm & repeated at Midnight

**Vision TV: – Part 1 Monday, March 21**

**Part II Tuesday, March 22**

Twice Daily: 6:00pm & repeated at 10:00pm

Hosted by: Fr. Thomas Rosica CSB  
CEO Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation

### **Assisted Suicide - Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! CanadiansforConscience.ca**

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1, 2016

### **THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN THE SCHOOLS**

The Rosary Apostolate is seeking volunteers who have a devotion to Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month.

Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact: Loretta Gismondi @705-458-9504 or [gismondi.home@gmail.com](mailto:gismondi.home@gmail.com)

## **HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT**

*Overnight Retreat*

***March 24-25, 2016***

***2pm March 24 until 4pm March 25th***



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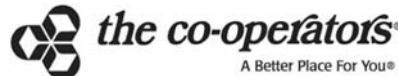
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