

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



4th Sunday of Lent ~ 30 March 2014

2nd Scrutiny

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." — *Jn 9:11-12*

First Reading + 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13

Second Reading + Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel + John 9:1-41

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 31

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, April 1

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Emma CARRICATO, RIP – S/E McGuire

Wednesday, April 2

8:00am+J/G Megraw, 59th Ann. – Family

Thursday, April 3

8:00am+Dorothy CROWLEY, RIP – M/A Crowley

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, April 4

12:10pm+Noreen DINAN, RIP – Friend

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS (*at St. Paul's*)

Saturday, April 5

(*Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Helen KIEFFER, ill – Jerry Kieffer

5:00pm+James McAULEY, RIP – L McAuley

Sunday, April 6

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Theresa TABONE, RIP – Tabone Family

Our Feasts and Saints

April 2 + St. Francis of Paola

April 4 + St. Isidore

April 5 + St. Vincent Ferrer

Saint of the Week

The offspring of virtue is perseverance. The fruit and offspring of perseverance is habit and child of habit is character."

- *St. John Climacus (525-606), Abbot, Feast Day March 30*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Dilige et quod vis fac.

St. Augustine said, "Love and then do what you want."

That sounds so simple! Love God; love others. Love motivates us to do the best for those we love, to do the right thing. But how do we know what is the right thing? It is not always obvious, easy or convenient.

During March break I spent a few days with my Mom who was minding the great-grandkids ages six and four, Curtis and Talia. Every ten minutes one of them was getting into some kind of mischief. Finally I said: "Curtis! Don't you know when you are doing something wrong?"

For all of us, right and wrong is something that we have to learn. True, we are all born with a basic capacity to understand right and wrong. But we also have to *grow* in virtue by continuous practice. We need to cultivate the virtue of Prudence, which is the virtue of knowing the right thing to do at the right time in the right way.

The huge challenge faced in today's world is that we are no longer encouraged to distinguish between right and wrong. As one insightful observer has said: "Our culture teaches that we are happiest and our society is most just when we are free to satisfy our desires... and respect the freedom of others to satisfy their desires." We are now being told: Do what you want, and let others do what they want. There is no right and wrong beyond that.

Hannah Arendt reported on the trial of the Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in the early 1960's:

The problem with Eichmann was precisely that so many were like him, and that the many were neither perverted nor sadistic, that they were, and still are, terribly and terrifyingly normal. From the viewpoint of our legal institutions and of our moral standards of judgment, this normality was much more terrifying than all the atrocities put together, for it implied — as had been said at Nuremberg over and over again by the defendants and their counsels — that this new type of criminal, who is in actual fact *hostis generis humani* [an enemy of mankind], commits his crimes under circumstances that make it well-nigh impossible for him to know or to feel that he is doing wrong.

Don't you know when you are doing something wrong? We are living in a society where it has become well-nigh impossible to know. Things that a generation ago were considered shameful are now paraded publicly. And the fact is we *ought* to know better. We really have no excuse.

Pope Francis reminds us in *Guadium Evangelii* that "Christian morality is not a form of stoicism, or self-denial, or merely practical philosophy or a catalogue of sins and faults. Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, and to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others."

Respond to the God of love. Let love be your desire and let love purify your desires and *then* do what you want.

Facing the Final

Next Edge ~ April 5th, 2014
At 6:00 pm, after 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

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Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00p.m.
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Regular confession times

Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45p.m.
[No Confessions on Holy Saturday]

Calendar of Parish Events

- Mar 30 – LSS Prayer Group 3-5:30pm
- Mar 31 – Squires Meeting at 7:00pm
- Apr 2 – CWL Executive Mtg. at 7:00pm
- Apr 3 – K of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Apr 4 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm
- Apr 9 – Day of Confessions beginning 7:00pm



Refresh and rekindle your love for each other by treating yourselves to a marriage enrichment weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, or give a weekend as a gift to family or friends. The Centre offers comfort, excellent cuisine and an inspiring program. The next weekend is April 11-13, 2014. For information telephone: 905-278-5229

Lent & Easter Schedule

During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's Church



Holy Thursday – April 17

No Morning Mass
7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

Good Friday – April 18

No Noon Mass
3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 19

No Morning Mass
12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – April 19

{The greatest celebration in the Church Year}

Easter Sunday – April 20

9:00a.m. + Immaculate Conception
9:00a.m.(new) and 10:30a.m.+ St. Paul's Church

National Catholic Mission 2014

"The Gift of Forgiveness"

A look at the hurts and cruelties we experience

VISIONTV: – Monday Pt 1 and Tuesday Pt 2

April 14 & 15, 2014

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

Guest Speakers:

Father Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I., Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND
Paula D'Arcy and Tom Zanzig

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



On **Sunday, Mar 30th, at 3-5:30pm**, there will be a teaching on Understanding Corporate Worship. Please plan to attend this extra teaching day for the month of March. Please mark your calendars. On **Passion Sunday, April 13th, from 3-5:30pm**, the prayer group will be presenting the **7 Last Words**. Please come and join us in this event. Both sessions followed by refreshments and Fellowship



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—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

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