

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.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

1st Thursday 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 9:00 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) 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.

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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3rd Sunday of Lent ~ 4 March 2018

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." — Jn 4:10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

First Reading + Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel + John 4:5-42

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 5

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 6

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Verna WALSH, RIP – S/L Tilon

Wednesday, March 7

8:00am+Jack PIRIE, RIP – M Whelton

Thursday, March 8

8:00am+Bryan O'DOHERTY, RIP – P/P Kennedy

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, March 9

12:10pm+Joseph DE FOA, RIP – J Pender-Chiovitti

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 10

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Mary WALSH, RIP – P/P O'Leary

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

Sunday, March 11

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Maria/Waclaw SZYMANEK, RIP – Family

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Mind over matter.

There is an odd notion, currently being promoted by some theologians and prominent churchmen, concerning the "sovereign rights of conscience." As with many mistaken notions, this one contains a grain of truth: we may never act against our conscience; that is, in all circumstances we should do what we believe to be right. This is a sound principle, but it can be twisted to falsely assert that "as a responsible adult, I can decide for myself what is right and wrong." This is the essence of self-righteousness: I am the only judge of my own actions.

Ronald Knox called this "mind over matter — if I don't mind, then it doesn't matter." If I do not have a problem with what I am doing, then nobody else should have a problem with it either, not even God. There is a Christianized version of this called "being convicted by the Spirit." Here, the idea is that if I am in fact doing something wrong, then the Holy Spirit will somehow forcibly bring it to my attention. But until the Holy Spirit decides to "convict" me of it, my conscience is clear.

The truth is that right and wrong are not whatever I want them to be. For example, euthanasia has become legal in Canada. The debate is now shifting to discussion of offering this "medical procedure" to "pediatric patients," that is, we are now considering killing children and infants. The fact that some doctors do not mind killing their patients does not mean that it does not matter! The fact that they can do these deeds with a clear conscience makes it even worse.

On this topic, Dominique Barthelemy, O.P. offers a reflection on the temptation of Adam in the garden of Eden:

The "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" denotes the possibility of man determining for himself what is good and what is evil, in other words, of becoming the principle of his own moral conscience. There is an everlasting temptation in man to say to himself, "What is delightful to me I will call good, and what is distasteful to me I will call evil." Here we have Adam's temptation, and the restraining command God gave Adam was precisely to overcome man's inclination to decree what was good or bad for him according to his desires and tastes.

There is nothing dramatic in doing evil, provided man preserves a wide-awake conscience by which he can judge himself. The sinner whose conscience remains lucid, even though it acts as a jarring discord that causes him inner sufferings but which he cannot stifle, has not eaten the forbidden fruit. One is inclined to say that to consent to those who do evil is not as bad as actually doing it. Yet it is in fact worse, because the man who does evil may do it in spite of himself. But the moment he consents to evil for himself and for others, he has stifled his conscience, he has eaten the forbidden fruit.

Saint of the Week:

We must faithfully keep what we have promised. If through human weakness we fail, we must always without delay arise again by means of holy penance, and give our attention to leading a good life and to dying a holy death. *St. Colette (1381-1447), Abbess, Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers, Feast Day March 6*

Last Week's Collection:

General Offering \$4104.05
 Parish Capital Upgrades \$1256.65

SPECIAL MASS

Monday, March 19th

At 7:00p.m.

Saint Joseph,

Patron Saint of Canada

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The STATIONS of the CROSS

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross Friday's at 7:00p.m. up to Good Friday, March 30th

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St. Paul the Apostle Church

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—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

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**Reminder for those enrolled in Baptism Classes
March 7, 14, 21 and 28th at 7:30p.m.**

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 29th

No Morning Mass

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

Good Friday – March 30th

No Noon Mass

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

Holy Saturday – March 31st

No Morning Mass

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

Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – March 31st

{The greatest celebration in the Church Year}

Easter Sunday – April 1st

8:00a.m. at Immaculate Conception

9:00a.m. (**new**) and 10:30a.m. at St. Paul's Church

2018 Call for Conscience Campaign

Inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide.

Please visit: <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register yourself in this program.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Edge Night ~ Friday, March 9th @ 7:00pm



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Life Night ~ Sat. March 17th @ 6:00pm

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