

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



1st Sunday of Lent ~ 9 March 2014

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"

— Mt 4:8-10

First Reading + Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25, 3:1-7

Second Reading + Romans 5:12-19

Gospel + Matthew 4:1-11

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 10

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, March 11

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Mass for the UNBORN, - K of C

Wednesday, March 12

8:00am+Joan & Gerald Megraw, 59th Ann. – Family

Thursday, March 13

8:00am+

Friday, March 14

12:10pm+Isaltina & Jose SILVA, RIP – M Mota

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 15

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, March 16

9:00am+Debbie MURRAY, RIP – G/E De Coste

10:30am+Gordon STEWART, RIP – A. Stewart/Family

Our Feasts and Saints

March 9 + Saint Frances of Rome

Saint of the Week

I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God.

- St. Dominic Savio (1842-1857) Patron of the falsely accused, Feast Day March 9

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Lent: forty days in the desert.

As we solemnly offer the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent, we entreat you, O Lord, that, through works of penance and charity, we may turn away from harmful pleasures and, cleansed from our sins, may become worthy to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.

— Prayer over the Offerings, Ash Wednesday.

Jesus went into the desert to allow himself to be tempted by the devil. Jesus knew the hard road that he was destined to follow — the road to the cross — and the devil tempted him with an easier path.

Consider the first temptation. Turn these stones into bread. Is there anything wrong with bread? The devil is tempting Jesus with something that is in itself good. If you are hungry bread is not only a good thing, it is a necessity. So why is this a temptation?

Because Jesus was fasting for a reason: to prepare himself for his great mission. To do as the devil suggested would be to take the easy way out. In the garden of Gethsemane, on the night when he was arrested, Jesus would pray that the cup of suffering might somehow be taken away from him — but not as he willed but as the Father willed. This was the same temptation, to avoid the suffering that it was his mission to undergo. Jesus tells the devil, quoting from the Scriptures, that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Or as he says to his disciples at another time, Jesus' food is to do the will of his Father.

The essence of temptation is that it presents us with something that appears good to us, something that we desire. It offers us a promise of pleasure, fulfillment or happiness. It promises to make us better off. If we didn't see it as something good, it wouldn't be a temptation. Temptation is the feeling that we are missing out on something. This is the 'glamor of evil.' Worldly wisdom tells us that to know something we need to experience it. However, this is a trap, and we may realize too late that we have sold our soul to the devil. We do not attain moral maturity by experimenting with evil, but by rejecting it.

We need to become aware of the true evil that is hidden within the apparent good of the things which tempt us. Going into the desert with Jesus is one way to do get this awareness. Jesus gives us the fixed point, the rule by which everything else can be judged.

The time in the desert for Jesus was a time of preparation. We also need this time in the desert to take stock of the world, and to take stock of ourselves. We need this time to turn away from the world, to clear our vision, to find our place with God, to confront the devil and his temptations. And to overcome them so that we can take up our mission of Christian discipleship with a clearer vision and renewed strength.

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday's at 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's
March 7th – April 18th

Feast of St. Joseph
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, March 19th at 8:00a.m.

Calendar of Parish Events

Mar 11-13 Fr. Glass away from Office

Mar 11 - 7:30pm Film on Mother Angelica's "Heaven" series

Mar 12 – 1st of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm

Mar 13 – CWL General Meeting at 7:00pm

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Mar 14 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm



C.W.L. NEWS

Please save your used **postage stamps** (include a wide paper border around the stamp) for the C.W.L. We will be donating them to the Development & Peace Organization. The stamps are sold to collectors and the proceeds are used to fund the needs of women in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Haiti. Please place the stamps in the CWL collection box in the foyer on the news stand bottom rack.



"FRUIT OF THE EARTH AND WORK OF HUMAN HANDS"

A new reflection paper by the Social Affairs Commission of the Ontario Bishops
At

Holy Martyrs of Japan Church
167 Essa Road, Bradford

Tuesday evenings:

March 25, April 1 and April 8th, 7 – 9 p.m.

Everyone is invited to this 3 session study of the Bishops' reflection paper. It is an opportunity for farmers and non-farmers to explore sustainable food production with respect to globalization, land use and the environment.

Info/Contact Laurie van den Hurk 705-424-5537 or email:

lvandenhurk@aarchtoronto.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Couples contemplating getting married this year; A 'marriage preparation course' is mandatory. Our Lady of Grace Church in Angus is offering a weekend course March 21-23. Call OLG parish office at 705-424-1551.



EDGE Social Night!

Next Edge ~ March 15, 2014
At 6:00 pm, after 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8



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March 9, 2014

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"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart...I love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and help each other always. And thus in helping each other we will do good for each other." —*Pope Francis*

Our Holy Father reminds us of the importance of caring for each other. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable, marginalized and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. This demonstrates our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. Please consider supporting ShareLife, the annual appeal of our Archdiocese, during this Lenten season.

—*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto*



We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who have entered into the Roman Catholic Community through the **Sacrament of BAPTISM**:

Andres DUQUE-FLOOD; Lucas Roman FEDERICI; Caleb Wayne HEWIT; Ashlynn Helen Terri MADIGAN; Avery Irene Rachael MADIGAN; Noah Eric John SCHLOSSER and Reed Michael John SCHLOSSER.

OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD PRAYER GROUP

This Sunday, March 23rd from 3-5:30pm., come and join us in Praise and Worship; a teaching on the topic of "Basic Intercession" followed by discussion and refreshments in parish hall.



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