

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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Pentecost Sunday ~ 15 May 2016

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." — Jn 20:21-23

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass (2002), 1998, 1970 CCC

First Reading + Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel + John 20:19-23

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 16

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, May 17

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Terry GORMAN, RIP – J/M Scanlon

Wednesday, May 18

8:00am+Ed WALSH, RIP – J/R Vandervoort

Thursday, May 19

8:00am+Rolf WEICK, RIP – L/M Gaspar

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan Home

Friday, May 20

12:10pm+Bryan PUFEK, RIP – A Pufek

Saturday, May 21

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Uli HORSINKA, RIP – B Baumfeld

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, May 22

9:00am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – J/A Pendergast

10:30am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – M/A Crowley

Saint of the Week

Throw yourself upon Christ's mercy, crying: 'My Love and my Stronghold, my Protector and Liberator, in whom my heart has put its hope.'

- Blessed Alcuin (730- 804), Feast Day May 19

Our Saint & Feast Days

May 18 + Saint John I

May 20 + Saint Bernardine of Siena

May 21 + Saint Eugene de Mazenod

May 21 + Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions

May 22 + Saint Rita of Cascia

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

March for Life, Ottawa, 2016.

"Why do bad things happen to good people?" That is a question for which there is no easy answer. The Book of Job in the Bible deals specifically with this question. Job is a righteous man, but in spite of his righteousness he loses everything that he holds dear. His possessions are stolen and his children die tragically. He is afflicted with a painful disease and he has nothing left to live for.

Job is visited by friends who insist that he must have done something wrong to deserve this kind of punishment. Job insists on his innocence. In the end, God makes an appearance. God praises Job and rebukes his friends. So why did Job suffer? Not as a punishment for sin but because suffering is simply a fact of human existence.

Pope Leo XIII said:

To bear and to suffer is the ordinary condition of man. Man can no more create for himself a life free from suffering and filled only with happiness than he can abolish the decrees of his Divine Maker, who has willed that the consequences of original sin should be perpetual. It is reasonable, therefore, not to expect an end to troubles in this world, but rather to steel one's soul to bear troubles, by which we are taught to look forward with certainty to supreme happiness.

Christ has not promised eternal happiness in heaven to riches, nor to a life of ease, to honors or to power, but to long-suffering and to tears, to the love of justice and to cleanness of heart.

We forget sometimes how fortunate we are to live in a time and place where there is so little suffering compared to past times. The Irish immigrants who settled in these parts were survivors of the potato famines and the cholera ships. Even in this new land, life was hard. Walk through our graveyards and look at the old headstones — see how many died young, often not seeing their first birthday.

Bad things happen to good people. I can accept that. The more difficult question is:

"Why do good people do bad things?"

The people promoting abortion and euthanasia do not see themselves as bad people. They will insist that they are very good people. They care about the homeless and global warming. They recycle. They turn off their lights for earth hour. But they see nothing wrong with killing the innocent child in the womb or the person with a debilitating illness. In fact, they rejoice in it. It is as if some part of their normal human conscience has been switched off.

The recent visit of the Sisters of Life reminded me of what a crisis pregnancy counselor once told me: "There is not a single woman who has regretted the decision to give birth to her child." Life is an amazing gift. St. Augustine said of "unwanted" children: "Even when we do not want them, when we see them, they make us love them."

Archdiocese of Toronto
Accepts donations for Alberta Wildfires.....

**Cardinal Thomas Collins,
Archbishop of Toronto commented on the tragedy:**
“The hearts and prayers of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto are with the people of Alberta, especially those in Fort McMurray and the surrounding area. As a former bishop of St. Paul and of Edmonton, I have witnessed the resolve, generosity and faithfulness of Albertans. In the midst of this tragedy, I am confident that all people of goodwill across the country will reach out in a spirit of prayer, compassion and care to support those who are suffering. May God protect and comfort them both now and in the difficult days ahead.”

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:
• Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
• By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
• Through their parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Fort McMurray Fires – Disaster Relief



We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who entered in to the Roman Catholic community through the holy sacrament of BAPTISM: Luca Antonio CROTTY - DE FELICE; Arianna Rosalia FALLETTA; Catriona Mary Clark NOLAN; Dexter William Jordan THIVIERGE; Theodore Nicholas THIVIERGE and Charlotte May THIVIERGE.



CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
The Knights of Columbus are forming a parish 'Wednesday Golf League' starting May 18th. All are welcome.
To sign up or for more information, call Jim McDevitt at 705-435-7518

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING
Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in August 2016 and supports our parish bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

ShareLife
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In response to operational challenges and funding cuts, agencies continue to explore creative ways of working together and reaching more clients. The first initiative known as "Shared Services" encourages agencies to share back office functions in the areas of human resources, financial management and information technology. The vision for this effort is to strengthen the collaboration of agencies guided by the philosophy of working for the common good. ultimately these administrative and program efficiencies will lead to enhanced organizational capacity, reducing overhead and administrative costs for ShareLife supported agencies.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016
Please give generously. You can work wonders!
Parish Goal \$50,000 ~ Balance to-date \$30,808.15



'Pentecost'

Next Edge ~ Friday, May 27th, 2016 @ 7pm

'Retreat'

Next Life Night ~ Saturday, May 20-22, 2016
@ Mansfield Outdoor Centre



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SATURDAY, June 4, 2016
8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

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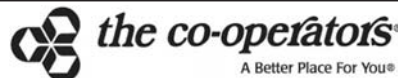
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