

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



5th Sunday in Easter ~ 18 May 2014

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be.” — Jn 14:2-3

First Reading + Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading + 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel + John 14:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 19

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, May 20

7:00pm+Sandra SMITH, RIP – A Stasna

Wednesday, May 21

8:00am+Mass for the UNBORN, - K of C

12:00pm+St. Paul’s School Mass

Thursday, May 22

8:00am+Ted & Joe HEYDON, RIP – M Heydon

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

Friday, May 23

12:10pm+Angela WRIGHT, healing – J/C Orr

Saturday, May 24

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+John MEGRAW, healing – J/G Megraw

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, May 25

9:00am+Bing GIBSON, RIP – Family

10:30am+ For Int. of St Paul’s Confirmandi, - CWL/KofC

Our Feasts and Saints

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

May 24 + Blessed Louis-Zephirin

May 25 + Saint Bede the Venerable

Saint of the Week

Prayer is the best preparation for Holy Communion.

When we pray we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us.

- St. Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444), Priest, Patron of Advertisers, Feast Day May 20

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Living in exile in the land of unlikeness.

The leader of Liberal Party of Canada recently announced that all future Liberal candidates for parliament will have to be actively pro-abortion. In effect, this means that practicing Catholics are banned from running for the Liberal Party — as also are observant Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and Hindus. I will not say that I am shocked and appalled. Appalled, certainly, at how contemptuously people of faith can be disenfranchised. But this announcement is hardly shocking given the current state of Canadian culture and politics. We are indeed living in what St. John Paul II called the “culture of death” and Pope Benedict the “dictatorship of relativism.” Welcome to the brave new world.

It is at times like these that it occurs to me that if I were not already Catholic I would have to convert in order to escape the insanity of our present age. But I have already converted. This conversion was not a matter of trading one religion for another. Rather, it was finding my true self. Conversion is the on-going process of recognizing who one really is. It is recovering one’s true identity.

My sister is a fan of the TV series “Once Upon a Time.” The show has an interesting premise: all the inhabitants of the small town of Storybrooke are actually fairy-tale characters who have been put under a curse by the wicked queen so that they no longer remember who they really are. You and I and everyone else are, in real life, just like those fictional characters. We have forgotten who we really are.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux calls it living in the “land of unlikeness.” We were all created in the image and likeness of God, but we have *forgotten* that we are made in God’s likeness. We have to find our true identity. We are indeed living under a curse. Cardinal Newman called it an “aboriginal calamity.” We can call it original sin.

In the fairy-tale the street urchin learns that he is really a prince, the scullery-maid that she is really a princess. And likewise we learn that we are, though exiled in this land of unlikeness, really children of God. As St. John says, we were born “not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.” And as St. Paul reminds us, “God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying Abba, Father. So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir through God.”

Every once in a while we hear of cases of amnesia — complete loss of memory. John Doe wakes up from a coma not knowing who he is or where he came from. It is a tragedy. In this world, there is widespread spiritual amnesia. Everyone has forgotten who they are. And if they have not forgotten, they are trying their best to live as if they have.

In this “land of unlikeness,” we pray that God will open our eyes so that we can recognize our true selves and see ourselves as God sees us — as he created us — because who we are in the eyes of God is who we truly are indeed.



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Success Stories...

“My worst day clean is better than my best day using,” exclaims Suzanne, as she shares the details of her past use of drugs and other substance abuse. “I was on medication constantly to deal with the side effects and was a chronic pain patient for 35 years. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. With the support of Catholic Family Services, I was able to finally kick the habit.” The Closed Trauma and Sister mentoring program were crucial to helping Suzanne get her life back on track. The positive influence of CFS sistering program says supervisor Valerie Anderson and encouragement from other professional staff gave Suzanne the courage to try again. She sheds ‘tears of joy’ as she now speaks on behalf of CFS, sharing the detailed differences Catholic Family Services has made in her life. Over 77,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services programs.

Next ShareLife Sunday – June 1, 2014

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Parish Goal: \$50,000 Balance to-date: \$32,918.75

DID YOU KNOW?

You can donate on-line to ShareLife!

Parishioners may make monthly payments on-line or a one time donation by visiting the ShareLife website at:

www.sharelife.org

To-date our parish has received \$1,140 online donations by visiting the website; this makes our Total **\$34,058.75**

Calendar of Parish Events

NOTE: May 19th – OFFICE CLOSED

May 20 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm

May 21 – 2nd of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm

May 22 – Cemetery Committee Mtg. at 7:30pm

May 23 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm

May 28 – 3rd of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm

May 29 – Walking to Eternity Bible Study resumes 9-11am

May 31 – June 1 – Third ShareLife Collection Weekend.

“JUNE” is Senior’s Month!

You’re Invited !!

Thursday, June 5th

11:30 – 1:30p.m.

“Senior’s Social & Luncheon”

Refreshments & Entertainment

All Parishioners & Neighbours Are invited to join us!

Edge Night

Free Lunch

Next Edge ~ May 24th, 2014

At 6:00 pm, after 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8



The Pope’s Pastoral Works

Next Sunday, there will be a second collection for the Pope’s Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope’s Pastoral Works display Christ’s love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

BAPTISM



We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who entered in to the Roman Catholic Community through the holy sacrament of Baptism: Max Francesco BATTAGLIA; Monika Marie ERNST ARENAS; Abigail Julia HUNT; Logan Robert INGLES and Travis Ronald LaCROIX.



Just a Reminder to our parishioners doing their “spring cleaning”

Our ‘**Annual Garage Sale**’ is to be held on Saturday, June 21st. Please hold on to those treasures that are in good working order until June 18th when we can start receiving them in the parish hall. (*no clothing please*)



STRIDES FOR STEPHANIE

5K Walk/Run on May 31, 2014 at 10:00am

Start/Finish St. Paul’s Elementary School

Cost \$30 per person

(Includes Finisher medals and race kits. If you have business cards or flyers please feel free to supply them).

To register, contact Kara at karapercy@hotmail.com

Or Call 705.440.6077

Proceeds go to the family of Stephanie Bruce, a 3 year old girl battling Neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer that has targeted her kidneys.

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