

# 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.*

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## **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

## **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 on the First Friday of each month until Saturday 9:00a.m. Mass. Confessions available before the Friday and Saturday Masses.

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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **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 (CWL Pres: Beatriz Baumfeld 705-435-9111)

## **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.

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## **NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES**

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### **Pastoral Team:**

*Pastor:* Fr. Alan Glass, EXT. 22

*Deacon:* Desmond Carroll

*Youth Minister:* Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

or email Dave: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

*Secretary:* Deborah Donnelly, EXT. 21

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



### Christ The King ~ 24 November 2013

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." — Lk 23:42-43

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First Reading + 2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Second Reading + Colossians 1:12-20  
Gospel + Luke 23: 35-43

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, November 25**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, November 26**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

**6:00pm+HOLY HOUR**

7:00pm+Sally CALLAGHAN, 100<sup>th</sup> B-day – J/F Gallant

**Wednesday, November 27**

8:00am+Audrey POWER, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

**Thursday, November 28**

8:00am+Raymond THIBERT, RIP – Family

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Residence

**Friday, November 29**

12:10pm+Audrey POWER, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

**Saturday, November 30**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Barry SKELTON, RIP – C/T Skelton

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Sunday, December 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00am+Tony GROEN, healing – J/C Orr

10:30am+Albert DUMANSKI, RIP – M Dumanski

### **Calendar of Parish Events**

**Nov 25** – K Of C Christmas Dinner at 6p.m.

**Nov 27** – 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes @ 7:30p.m.

**Nov 29** – Euchred in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30p.m.

**Nov 30** – Journey to Bethlehem, bus leaves at 6:30p.m.

**Dec 2** – Christmas tree Set-up at 7:00p.m. (**Office Closed**)

**Dec 8** – Children's Christmas Party at 11:30p.m.

**Dec 9** – CWL Christmas Social Following 6:30p.m. Mass

**Dec 12** – Lessons & Carols Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

**Dec 12** – Cemetery Board Committee Mtg. 7:30p.m.

**Dec 17** – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30p.m.

**Dec 19** – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30p.m.

### **FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

#### *The challenge of faith*

Today, as we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King (*Christus Rex*), we are also at the end of the Year of Faith. This year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This past year we were invited to learn more about our faith and to consider how we put it into practice.

Faith is not a feeling. Faith is a choice. It is a choice that engages the whole of one's being, including the intellect, but not excluding the heart and soul. What has happened in our current culture is that men's hearts are turned away from God. Without the light of faith, the human intellect is darkened, and we fall into folly. We no longer know right from wrong, true from false and we make the grossest blunders even in natural science.

It is remarkable how atheism compels even intelligent men to say ridiculous things. Stephen Hawking is a brilliant scientist, but he believes that "because there is a law of gravity, the Universe can and will create itself from nothing." That is utter nonsense. It is not religious nonsense, it is scientific nonsense. *Ex nihil, nihil fit* — nothing comes from nothing.

The resurrection of Christ is miraculous. To believe it is a matter of faith. But "spontaneous creation" from nothing? That is truly unbelievable.

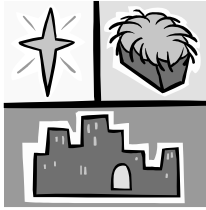
The last few decades have been a veritable new "golden age" of Catholic teaching. Like the wise steward in the parable who brings out of his storehouse treasures both new and old, Catholic publishers have been offering an abundance of excellent books by new authors as well as modern translations of the Christian classics. There are many good Catholic web sites. And we have EWTN and Salt+Light TV.

Christianity has not lost the intellectual battle with atheism or agnosticism. The intellectual grounds for the Christian faith have never been stronger — the arguments for atheism have never been weaker. So how is it that we have fallen into a new age of paganism?

The old pagan religions were attractive because they pandered to the weakness of our fallen nature — they made few demands other than the occasional sacrifice. In honor of Bacchus, the God of wine, you could indulge in a drunken orgy. Not many people today would find fault with that kind of religion.

Faith is a choice. We can choose to order our lives according to faith in a God who gives our lives meaning and purpose. Or we can choose not to. But it is not simply a matter of intellectual assent to the truths about God. It is not only an intellectual choice, but a moral choice.

"You say that you believe. Act on it, and that is faith!" — St. Augustine.



# JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

## Family Event

**Join us on a trip back in time.  
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**Sat. Nov. 30 - 6:30 pm  
\$5 ea bus to Barrie + Event Donation**

Pre-register by Nov.23  
See youth board for forms or  
email Dave: [allistonlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:allistonlifeteen@gmail.com)

Grades 6-12 may attend unaccompanied  
with registration form

Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>

Mass at St. Paul's Church 7:00 p.m.

*'Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception  
Of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary'*

*"Hail, Full of Grace! The Lord is with you." Luke 1*

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

*(For children up to 12yrs old)*

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30a.m. Mass



- \*Light refreshments
- \*Picture with Santa
- \*Surprise Gift Bag



Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the back of the church after each mass for the weekend of

November 30, December 1 to accept names of parishioners who would like to **'SPONSOR A FAMILY'** Christmas. You may also call Paul Healy (705- 435-4951), to register or for more information.



## PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Confessions:

#### Advent Day of Reconciliation - Wednesday, Dec 11th

Confessions at 7:00p.m. with several guest priests in attendance.

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45p.m. (before 5:00p.m. Mass)  
There will be No confessions on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE:** All Sunday Masses for the weekends of December 22nd & 29th will be at regular Mass times.

### Christmas Mass Times:

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

**Tues. December 24<sup>th</sup>:** at 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 12midnight

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** at 10:30a.m.

At Immaculate Conception Church, Adjala

**Wed. December 25<sup>th</sup>:** at 9:00a.m.

### New Year's Eve Mass Times:

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

**Tuesday, December 31:** at 5:00p.m.

**Wednesday, January 1st:** at 10:30a.m.

At Immaculate Conception Church, Adj-Tos

**Wednesday, January 1st:** at 9:00am

## C.W.L. CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Monday, December 9th

Mass 6:30 p.m. – Solemnity of Mary

Followed by Social &

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**NOTICE:** \$25 Membership Fees for 2013 are now due.



### **Moving Forward Together –**

#### **Special Collection for Aboriginal People**

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