

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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1st Sunday of Advent ~ 30 November 2014

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

— Mt. 13:35-36

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass G201, 1978, 1979 CCD

First Reading + Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel + Mark 13:33-37

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 1

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 2

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

*****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Pasqua VALENTINI, RIP – L Valentini

Wednesday, December 3

8:00am+Marjorie MORRISON, RIP – P/C Morrison

Thursday, December 4

8:00am+Janet & Liam MEGRAW, Pers. Int. – G/J Megraw

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, December 5

12:10pm+Frances MORAN, RIP - Parishioner

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

Friday, December 6

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Lillian THIBERT, RIP – P/C Morrison

5:00pm+Vinko JANKOVICH, RIP – M Jankovich

Sunday, December 7

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+ Special Intentions, - Parishioner

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord.

Today we begin the season of Advent — the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. We are not yet celebrating Christmas, but rather preparing for the celebration which will begin with evening Mass on December 24th then continue throughout the “twelve days of Christmas” until the feast of Epiphany.

Saint Anselm wrote a famous treatise entitled *Cur Deus Homo* — *Why Did God Become Man*. It’s a good question and the answer is not obvious. You see, God did not *have to* become man; rather he *chose to* become man. And that is the central mystery of our Christian faith. The big *Why*.

And the only answer is *love*. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.” It is an answer that leads to another question: Why does God love us? And for that question there is no real answer, because it touches on the very nature of God: God *is* love.

In this season of Advent we start again to recount the story of that incredible love. The typical Hollywood story is “Boy meets girl; boy loses girl, boy regains girl.” The story of mankind is similar. Man meets God — creation, the garden of Eden. Man loses God — that regrettable incident with the serpent and its consequences. Man regains God — the incarnation of God as man, born to a virgin in a stable in Bethlehem and laid in a manger.

Of course a good story should have a redemptive ending as well. And ours ends with the ultimate act of love: the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross.

The early Church fathers did not overlook the symbolism of the lowly manger. A manger is a feeding trough for animals, but it can be seen as a symbol of the altar on which the body of the sacrificial victim is laid, as later Jesus’ body would be laid on the altar of the cross. Jesus is born in the shadow of the cross: “For this I was born, for this I came into the world.”

In Advent we relive those long ages of longing during which man had lost God. The Messiah has been promised — when will he come? And we recall the word of the prophet Habakkuk: “For still the vision awaits its time; it will hasten to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it. It will surely come. It will not delay.”

In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the coming of our Savior. There is a threefold coming: past, present and future. The past coming is Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem. The future coming will be Christ’s coming in glory. The present coming is the coming of Christ here and now into our own hearts. In the opening prayer of today’s Mass we ask God for “the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ.”

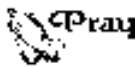
This Advent let us truly prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts and into our homes. As St. Augustine says: “The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy longing. So, my brethren, let us expand our hearts. Let us continue to desire, for then we shall be filled.”

Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

Food items and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Church. The hampers will be delivered to over 100 families in Alliston and surrounding area the week before Christmas.

“From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another, the warmth and joy of Christmas brings us closer to each other.”





SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR 2015 ORDINANDI

A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET is an offering of:
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 of prayers offered by a person for an intention.



This intention is for the seminarians studying at St.
 Augustine's Seminary who will be ordained priests in 2015.



These are personal prayer and devotion (not paid for) but
 offered by individuals for the intentions requested. The
 Ordinandi have always expressed that receiving this Spiritual
 Bouquet plaque of prayers is one of the best gifts they could
 receive knowing how much they are prayed for.

**Please sign-up now on the board in the foyer of the church.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



For children up to 12 years old

Sunday, December 14th

After the 10:30a.m. Mass

*Light refreshments

*Picture with Santa

*Surprise Gift Bag

2015 ORDINANDI DINNER

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 to assist the less fortunate individuals and
 families in our community. Over the past
 year, our parishioners donated a total of
 \$19,000 enabling our Society to assist those in need with food
 vouchers, rent, hydro, heating and oil.

At this time of year, we would appreciate your support in
 order to help ensure all have a happier Christmas. We will
 have a designated collection on December 13 & 14, 2014.
 Please use your envelope in your box of Sunday envelopes and
 have this added to your yearly income tax receipt, or you may
 deposit your donation at any time in the poor boxes at the
 rear of both Churches. You may also wish to sponsor a family
 for Christmas. Please call Paul Healy.

Also, we require more volunteers to assist with visits and
 distribute food vouchers. If you can volunteer a few hours a
 month, and wish to help out, please contact Paul Healy,
 President, at (705) 435- 4951.

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Tuesday, December 9

5:00 pm ADORATION & BENEDICTION

6:00 pm OPENING MASS with procession of Relics

VERENERATION of relics until 10:00 pm

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 am ADORATION & BENEDICTION

8:00 am MASS with procession of Relics

VERENERATION of relics until 10:00 pm

Thursday, December 11

6:00 am ADORATION & BENEDICTION

7:00 am CLOSING MASS with procession of Relics

For more information call Debra at 705.424.0500)

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Confessions

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm

(before 5:00 pm Mass)

Every Tuesday 6:15-6:45 pm

There will be *no* confessions on December 24th.

NOTE: All Sunday Masses for the weekends of December 21st
 & 28th will be at regular Mass times.

Christmas Mass Times

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

Wed. December 24th at 5:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. & 12 midnight

Thursday, December 25th at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, December 25th at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

Wednesday, December 31 at 5:00 pm

Thursday, January 1st at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, January 1st at 9:00 am

CHANGES IN MASS TIMES

Tuesday, 9 Dec: 6:00 pm

Thursday, 11 Dec, 7:00 am

Monday, December 8th 7:00p.m.

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