

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

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.

1st Thursday 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 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday morning.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass

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.

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians are to be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation. (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 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. 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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st October 2017

“Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, ‘The First’. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.” Matt 21:31

First Reading + Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading + Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel + Matthew 21:28-32

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 2

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, October 3

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+David MACDONALD, RIP – A/J Pendergast

Wednesday, October 4

8:00am+John KENNEDY, RIP – E Durkan

Thursday, October 5

8:00am+Tim SKELTON, RIP – B/M McCALLUM

10:30am+Stella MURRAY, RIP – J/R Farrugia

Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, October 6

12:10pm+Jack MAHER, RIP – P Devereaux

Saturday, October 7

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Doug HORAN, RIP – T Walsh

5:00pm+John KENNEDY, RIP – A/J Pendergast

Sunday, October 8

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Anne FERNANDES, RIP – M Michelberger

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

“Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.”

A kind visitor to our parish reminded me that it is now 2017. No one can ignore the fact that our culture has indeed changed. Perceptions of right and wrong, of good and evil, have changed. Ideas of what is socially acceptable have changed. What used to be unthinkable and reprehensible is now popular and laudable. It is a cause of scandal to many that the Church is lagging behind society in accepting new values in place of outdated Christian morality.

Pope Benedict, well aware of the facts of modernity, asked the question: “Why not accept that we have lost the battle and choose instead to dedicate our energies to initiatives that can hope to find support in a broader social consensus? Indeed if we remain on the superficial level, we could be convinced that not much has changed in our private lives and in the life of our societies: basically, everything seems to be going on as before.” For an answer he goes back to the early Church, when the Gospel message was first making its way in the pagan world. We are Christians — “God has assigned us such a high position, and we are not allowed to abandon it.”

This is the challenge of Christian discipleship in every age. We will always be out of step with the spirit of the age. No doubt some kind parishioner reminded St. Augustine, “It is now 417. The Church needs to get with the times.” Augustine’s reply was to quote St. Paul: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Or as Augustine himself said:

In this life, virtue is nothing else but the love of that which ought to be loved. But what must one choose for one’s first love if not that Good than which there is no better? That is God. And if we place any other thing over him in our love, or on the same level, we do not know how to love ourselves.

In his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae — The Gospel of Life: On the Value and Inviolability of Human Life*, Pope John Paul II called on all people of good will to reject the spirit of the age and to promote a true culture of life:

There has been a profound change in the way in which life and relationships between people are considered. Choices once unanimously considered criminal and rejected by the common moral sense are gradually becoming socially acceptable. The end result of this is tragic: not only is the fact of the destruction of so many human lives still to be born or in their final stage extremely grave and disturbing, but no less grave and disturbing is the fact that conscience itself, darkened as it were by such widespread conditioning, is finding it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good and evil in what concerns the basic value of human life.

Saint of the Week:

You cannot all abandon your possessions, but at least you can change your attitude about them. All getting separates you from others; all giving unites to others. - *Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), Patron Saint of Ecology, Feast Day October 4*

Last Week’s Collection:

Sunday Offering \$ 4,151.85
 Needs of Cdn. Church \$ 1,375.45
 Donation from the \$ 3,000.00
 Friendship Group towards North Door Canopy.

Immaculate Conception Coffee Mornings:

We wish to thank all those who donated or participated in Coffee Sundays from Canada Day weekend until Labour Day weekend. This year's total was \$1,001.60 and all services and supplies are donated. Donations for 2016/2017 have purchased a new chalice with paten and 2 ciboria. Thank you All!



Catholic Youth Ministry
For Grades 6 – 8

Friendship Group – Funeral Luncheons:

A Big Thanks to this group of ladies who volunteer to prepare funeral luncheons for our parish community. Over the years this group has donated to our parish debt considerable and capital upgrades and repairs as well as providing a service to our parish. Recently we received from the group a \$3,000.00 donation towards the north door canopy which is currently being manufactured. Thank you for all you do for our parish!

If you wish to help out with this great group of ladies, call Madeline Skelton 705.435.7232/Diane Coffin 705.435.3406

Calendar of Events

- Oct 1 – Life Chain 2 – 3pm
- Oct 2 – Confirmation Classes – Parents/Students 7pm
- Oct 3 – Video Session – Our Lady of Fatima @ 7:30pm
- Oct 4 – Core L/T Mtg. @ 7:30pm
- Oct 5 – K of C Executive mtg. 7:30pm
- Oct 5 – Life in Spirit Prayer group @ 7pm
- Oct 6 – Edge Night Kick Off – 7pm
- Oct 8 – Muffin Sunday following the 10:30am mass

Office closed at 3pm on October 6 and will re-open on Tuesday October 10 at 9am

*Immaculate Conception & St. Paul's
Cemetery Clean-up
Sat. October 28th*

9:00AM – Beginning at St. Paul's Cemetery
Bring rakes & Leaf Blowers
Refreshments Provided
Qualifies for community hours

Notice to Lot Owners

As part of our fall clean-up we will be removing all metal or iron crosses, glassware, ceramics and lawn ornaments. These items can pose a safety risk to our maintenance staff and equipment and detract from the decor of our cemetery. If you would like to save these items, please collect them before Oct. 28th. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep our cemeteries clean and safe.

KICK - OFF!!

**Friday, October 6th
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Social and Games Night!**

Why Youth Love Edge

- It's a fun, safe place to spend time with their Catholic friends.
- They get answers to their unanswered questions about their Catholic faith.
- They experience Jesus Christ in a profound, personal way.
- They feel like they are important to everyone else in the parish.

Why Parents Love Edge

- Edge gives middle schoolers a chance to build strong Catholic friendships before they enter high school.
- Their children are given Catholic role models on the Core Team who reinforce what is already being taught within the home. Parents often join the Edge Core Team too.

Edge understands the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth.

**Oktoberfest
Cabbage Roll Dinner**

Oktoberfest Sausage, Home-made Cabbage Rolls
Sauerkraut, Potato or Caesar Salad, Dinner Rolls,
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Saturday, October 21st – 6:30pm
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