

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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 18 September 2016

“No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Luck 16:13

First Reading + Amos 8:4-7
Second Reading + 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel + Luke 16:1-13

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 19
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, September 20
5:30pm+Marian Cenacle
6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS
7:00pm+Angela VANDERSTELT, Spec. Int. – M Whelton

Wednesday, September 21
8:00am+Ed WALSH, RIP – J/A Pendergast

Thursday, September 22
8:00am+Margaret GUCHARDI, RIP – C/R Young
10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

Friday, September 23
12:10pm+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

Saturday, September 24
(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
9:00am+Teresa O’LEARY, healing – M Brett
5:00pm+Robert SZIDLİK, RIP – A Szidlik

Sunday, September 25
9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30am+Francis LYNCH, RIP – M Lynch

Saint of the Week

Let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

- *Saint Peter Chrysologus (406 - 450), Doctor of the Church*

Last Week’s Collection:

Sunday Offertory - \$ 4,895.10
St. Vincent de Paul - \$ 1184.80
Relief – Italian Earthquake - \$ 1,542.50

Thank you for your continued support!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Walking in the light

In his famous poem, *Dover Beach*, Matthew Arnold in 1867 imagined the “sea of faith” receding from the continent of Europe just as the ocean tide recedes from the shore. It is a sad, but accurate image, as we see Europe now almost completely secular and Canada trailing not far behind. We are indeed now in what Cardinal Newman also foresaw as an “age of irreligion.”

Virgil, the great Latin poet, said “*Felix, qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas* — Happy the man who knows the causes of things.” Both Arnold and Newman, writing at the same time but from very different viewpoints, could see what was happening before their eyes and predict what was likely to come, but they could offer no insight into the causes. Certainly, the “enlightenment” philosophies of Descartes, Kant, Hegel etc. offered a new way of looking at the world that exalted “pure reason” and shunted God aside. But these philosophers are a symptom rather than a cause. Although the fundamental flaws of their systems are now universally acknowledged, modern philosophy has simply moved on to systems of even greater incoherence.

As in the laws of physics, order naturally resolves into chaos, i.e., things fall apart. In the same way we humans naturally incline to follow the broad and easy downward path, though it leads to destruction. When we read the story of the people of Israel in the Old Testament, we see that God’s chosen people often fell to worshipping the false gods of the Canaanites. It is only when disaster struck that they began to listen to the words of the prophets and to turn their hearts back to the one true God.

We know that true religion, as opposed to merely religious sentiment, presents a serious challenge. It is the narrow gate and the uphill climb. It does not pander to our lower natures but calls us to live according to our higher nature as children of God and disciples of Christ. Pope Benedict expressed this in his advice to young people: “You were not made for mediocrity, You were created for greatness.” So why do so many choose mediocrity?

Fr. Basil Maturin, a contemporary of Arnold and Newman, wrote: “To know God is to know yourself. To have no knowledge of God is to walk in darkness, to have no standard by which to gauge and measure yourself. Those who shut God out of their lives are able to live in stupid if not happy ignorance of what failures their lives are.” These are harsh sounding words but they contain a deep truth.

We have a purpose in life, which is “to know and serve God here on earth, and after, to see and enjoy Him forever in Heaven.” Not to fulfill that purpose is indeed to make a failure of our lives. St. Augustine expresses the same truth in different words: “This is all that evil is: a soul that will not enter into the covenant this its God.” We are all invited into a special relationship with God. Why would anyone refuse that invitation?

EDGE KICK - OFF!!

Catholic Youth Ministry for Grades 6 – 8

Friday, September 23rd

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 Dinner

Save the Date!!

Saturday, October 15 – 6:30pm

In support of our parish Youth Ministry

Welcome ALL Ladies of the Parish!!!



CWL ANNUAL FALL DINNER
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables & Fruit Crisp

Theme: Sainthood – Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Entertainment and service pin awards

\$25/person

(NO tickets @ the door, presales only at masses)

Dead-line to buy tickets is Sept. 18, 2016

No Tickets at the Door – Open to all Ladies of the parish.

Fr. Bennett Hall

Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
For information call Dawn Westcott 705-435-9914



A PARISH MISSION

Theme: The Year of Mercy

Year of Conversion and Hope for the Family with Fr. Edgardo "Bing" Arellano.

Saturday, October 8 & Sunday October 9, 2016

At St. Paul the Apostle Church

Contact: 416.427.1085 to pre-register or

For Information: 705.440.7996

Bring your own lunch on Saturday – See poster for details

Registration forms are available in the foyer for those who wish to have their homes Enthroned to the Two Hearts.

Calendar of Events

Sep 20 – Cemetery Board Mtg. at 7:30pm

Sep 21 – 3rd scheduled Baptism Class at 7:30pm

Sep 21 – CWL Fall Dinner at 6:00pm

Sep 22 – Blood Donor Clinic 2:30-7:30pm

Sep 23 – 1st Edge Night at 7:00pm

Sep 28 – 1st class for Confirmation at 7:00pm

Sep 28 – Baptism Rehearsal Class at 7:30pm

Oct 1 – 1st Lifteen Night at 6:00pm



National Life Chain Sunday is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on **Sunday, October 2nd 2016 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm.** St. Paul the Apostle Church will be participating in our Alliston Life Chain at the intersection of Victoria and Church Streets.



We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who have entered in to the Roman Catholic Community through the holy sacrament of BAPTISM: Julia Maria ELLERY; Grace Maria MARTONE; Alexander Joseph McLAUGHLIN and Sebastian Pitoscia.



Friendly Visitors Group:

- Are you a new Mom?
- Are you just back home from hospital after surgery?
- Are you a shut-in?

If you would like a member of the Catholic Women's League to pay you a visit, please give us a call. For information, call Beatriz Baumfeld at 705.435.9111

How Do I Become Catholic?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic have them contact Fr. Glass at father.glass@gmail.com



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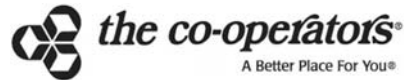
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