

# 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

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.

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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

## **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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## **Pastoral Team: Pastor:** Fr. Alan Glass

*father.glass@gmail.com*

**Deacon:** Desmond Carroll

**Youth Minister:** Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

or email Dave: *allistonlifeteen@gmail.com*

Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 28 September 2014

**“Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.”** — Mt. 21:31

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, September 29**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, September 30**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

**6:00pm+HOLY HOUR**

7:00pm+John RUSIECKI, RIP – A Baron

**Wednesday, October 1**

8:00am+Paul CARRIERE, RIP – J/S Nealon

**Thursday, October 2**

8:00am+Ken BROWN, RIP – M Brown

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

**Friday, October 3**

12:10pm+Geoff GASTON, RIP – B/D Jebb

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

**Saturday, October 4**

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Frances MORAN, RIP

5:00pm+Stanley & Grace GRAWON, 25<sup>th</sup> Ann – Family

**Sunday, October 5**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Steve DASILVA, RIP – J/B DaSilva

**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](mailto:father.glass@gmail.com)

**Second Session: Sept 28 following 10:30am Mass**

**Saint of the Week**

Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you. - St. Jerome (340 – 420), Feast Day September 30, Patron of Librarians

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

*And in the vision, I saw ...*

In the movie *Heaven is Real*, four year old Colton has an experience of visiting heaven. The movie doesn’t focus much on the experience itself, but more on how the family and the community deal with it. Is it a hoax? Is this something the boy imagined? Or did it really happen?

The situation is complicated because the father is an Evangelical minister. Of course, for us Catholics, it is hard to see what all the fuss is about. Visions happen all the time. Some are notable — like those of Catherine of Genoa or Julian of Norwich —but most are simply run-of-the-mill.

St. Brendan had a vision of heaven: “I was in this Church on this day seven years ago, when I was caught up to heaven and heard the singing of the angels. After listening to that music, the music of this world is to me no better than the scraping of fingernails on a blackboard.”

If you look in the Bible, there are many accounts of visions: Ezekiel in the valley of the dry bones or the entire Book of Revelation. Did the things experienced by Ezekiel or John in these visions really happen? We can say that the experience was real, but it was the experience of a vision.

It is hard to get excited about visions. Colton visited heaven? Wonderful! And Jesus had a horse? Excellent! It’s a nice vision, but you can’t say much more about it.

In the movie, however, the parents have a very difficult time coming to grips with it. Visions are just not the type of thing that happens to good Evangelical Protestants.

The turning point in the story comes when Colton casually mentions to his mother that he has a sister. Well, of course he has a sister. No, he means *another* sister, one he met in heaven and who kept hugging him. So his mother asks, what is her name. Colton says, she doesn’t have a name, you never gave her one.

This was a baby sister who died by miscarriage before she was born — but Colton had no way of knowing about it.

Where do babies go who die before birth? According to this little boy who visited there, they go to heaven. The souls of countless children — those who never saw the light of day either because of natural miscarriage or, more tragically, because their lives were cut short by abortion.

Theologically, I suppose it is not possible to be sad in heaven, for heaven is pure joy. Yet, we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus — a heart that even now sorrows on our account. And can a mother, even in heaven, not grieve when she sees her children in distress? Somehow, joy does not cancel out sadness. Can both joy and sadness exist together in the same heart, undiminished, even in heaven?

Of all the many things that Colton saw in heaven the one thing that sticks with me is this: meeting his unborn sister — nameless. And I can’t help thinking how sad it must be, even in heaven, not to have a name.

Next Sunday we will take part in Life Chain and remember all the nameless children. Be there with us.

**A Quick Journey Through The Bible  
Do You Want to Read the Bible,  
But Don't Know How to Begin?**



A *Quick Journey Through the Bible* makes reading the Bible not only easy, but exciting. You will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible—getting the “big picture” of salvation history.

**Next session, September 30th at 7:30p.m.**

*Walking to Eternity: Part II*  
*Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart*

Begins on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15am for 8 weeks. This study introduces 7 common struggles we have and how to engage our emotions through them. Just come to the first gathering or call Claudette for more info: 705.435.3234



**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 5th 2014 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 Street. See posters for more information.

**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 \$686.76 without any deductions as all services and supplies are donated. Thank you!



**First Holy Communion Family Gathering**

(Parents & children)

Holy Family School and other non-catholic Schools  
– Wednesday, October 1st @ 6 pm

**Confirmation Family Gathering**

(Parents & students)

Holy Family, St. Paul's and other non-catholic Schools  
–Thursday, October 2 @ 7 pm



**Life in the Spirit Seminar**

*St. Paul The Apostle Church*

**7 Sundays from Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – Nov 30<sup>th</sup>  
3:00-5:30pm**

19 years and older — and it's FREE.

Information call Claudette Morrison: 705-435-3234



Youth Ministry for  
Grades 6 -8

Edge Catholic middle school youth ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years. As middle school youth develop intellectually, they no longer accept faith simply because it is what their parents believe. They have real questions that need real answers. We all remember that middle school was awkward and difficult. That hasn't changed. However, societal shifts have made the middle school years more difficult than ever.

**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.

**Liteween Mass at 5p.m. ~ Edge 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Every Two Weeks on Saturday's**

**Next Edge Night Saturday October 11th**

**“Giving Thanks”**

**Calendar of Parish Events**

**Sep 28** – Life in Spirit Prayer Group 3-5:30p.m.

**Sep 30** – Journey Through the Bible 7:30p.m. (2)

**Oct 1** – HFS - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Family Gathering 6:00p.m.

**Oct 2** – Confirmation Gathering SPS & HFS at 7:00p.m.

**Oct 2** – K of C Exe. Mtg. at 7:30p.m.

**Oct 3** – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30p.m.

**Oct 5** – Life Chain 2-3p.m. at Victoria and Church Sts.

**Oct 8** – 1<sup>st</sup> of three scheduled Baptism classes 7:30p.m.

**Oct 8** - SPS – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Family Gathering 6:00p.m.



Please come and join us for our next prayer meeting on **Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 3-5:30pm** at the Parish Hall. There will be teachings on Advance Intercession, Overcoming the Flesh and Renewing the Mind (30 minutes each topic). We will end with snacks and fellowship.

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