

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.

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 Monday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 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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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Baptism of The Lord ~ 13 January 2019

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Luke 3:16 b c

First Reading + Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading + Titus: 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel + Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, January 14

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 15

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Conversion of J Trudeau – S Hands

Wednesday, January 16

8:00am+Nathan BEHL, RIP – J Behl

Thursday, January 17

8:00am+Paula McLARTY, RIP – L/A Pearce

10:30am+Mass at the Good Samaritan Home

Friday, January 18

12:10pm+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Family

Saturday, January 19

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Carol VANDERPOST, Pers. Int – R/J Wallace

5:00pm+Letitia McARDLE, RIP – E Durkan

Sunday, January 20

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Ana M. AGONCILLO, Pers. Int. – M Agoncillo

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Solidly established on the rock of Jesus Christ.

“The outlook on the future is by no means free of anxiety.” So wrote Pope Leo XIII at the start of the 20th century. We can say the same thing today. We cannot avoid having grave concerns, even *anxiety*, when we reflect on the many aspects of the current crisis in the Catholic Church.

Fr. R. J. Neuhaus said repeatedly: “The current crisis is about three things: fidelity, fidelity, and fidelity. The lack thereof is the cause and the recovery thereof is the remedy.” According to Pope John Paul II: “We do not need a new program. The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel. It is the same as ever. It has its center in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated.”

The fact is that neither you nor I can reform the Church. In the 16th century Martin Luther set out to reform the Church and ended up denouncing the Church as the anti-Christ. Around the same time, Teresa of Avila set out to live a hidden life of prayer and she was the spark that ignited an astonishing spiritual revival. This true reform of the Church was the work of the Holy Spirit as grace built upon nature. If we set out to reform *others*, we are headed for disaster. Reform has to start, and can only start, with ourselves.

Fr. Groeschel, in *The Reform of Renewal*, wrote:

The reform of the Church begins with *individuals* — but this personal reform is the fruit of divine grace and must be shared with the Church. Reform will come when our attempts are solidly established on the rock of Jesus Christ as He is presented to us by the Scriptures and the Tradition of the Church and her dogmas and theological teaching. One thing that is not being tried in any particularly enthusiastic way by people who call themselves Catholics is Catholicism!

There is some truth in the aphorism: “Be the change you want to see.” The way to make the Church holy is to be holy. Now, as much as ever, we need to take to heart the words of Pope John Paul II which he spoke at the beginning of his pontificate (more than forty years ago!):

Today, we cannot stop at a Christian faith that is superficial or mere sociology. It is necessary to arrive at the clear and certain conviction of the truth of one’s Christian faith, namely, in the first place, the historicity and divinity of Christ and the mission of the Church which he willed and founded. When one is really convinced that Jesus is the Word Incarnate and that he is still present in the Church, then one accepts his “word” completely, because it is a divine word which does not deceive, which does not contradict itself, and which gives us the true and only meaning of life and eternity. Jesus alone, in fact, has “words of eternal life.” He alone is the way, the truth and the life! Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment or a memory. Jesus is always alive and present with us. To seek, love and bear witness to Jesus! That is our commitment.

Saint of the Week:

There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from Him. He is in heaven, in hell, beyond the seas; dwelling in all things and enveloping all. Thus He embraces, and is embraced by, the universe, confined to no part of it but pervading all.

- *St. Hilary of Poitiers (310-367), Patron Saint Against Snake Bites, Feast Day January 13*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th

Mass at 12:10 noon

at Immaculate Conception

And Mass at 7:00 p.m.

at St. Paul's Church

Parish Solemnity

*The Conversion of Saint
Paul the Apostle*

Patron Saint of our Parish



CWL NEWS.....

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET
FOR 2019 ORDINANDIS**

A Spiritual Bouquet is an offering of Masses, Communions, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adorations, Sacrifices, Novenas and other forms of prayer offered by a person for an **intention**, this being for the **seminarians** who are studying at St. Augustine's Seminary who will become ordained priests and make their vows this spring. These offerings **are not paid offerings**, but personal prayers and devotions completed and offered up by an individual for the intentions of the seminarians. The Ordinandis have always expressed that receiving this Spiritual Bouquet **is one of the best gifts** they receive and they always look forward to receiving it knowing how much they are prayed for in this new journey of their life to serve the Lord. The sign-up sheet is provided in the foyer of the church on an easel. You do not have to sign your name, just the number of what you can commit yourself to follow through with.

2019 Offertory Envelopes and P.A.G

For those of you participating in the **Pre-Authorized Giving Plan...(P.A.G.)** you still need to pick up your regular offertory box of envelopes as you will need them for Special Collections such as Christmas, Easter, and special scheduled archdiocesan collections. Please drop your regular Sunday envelope in the collection basket with the letters **P.A.G. checked off on the front**. By doing this you show others you are still supporting your parish and it also takes away the discomfort of the basket passing by you without making a contribution. We thank you for your generous support over the year!

If you wish to increase your offering for 2019, please contact the office at: 705-435-6325 x21

FIRST CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be given on **January 16th at 6:00 p.m.** This night is for both Groups A and B.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Teaching sessions for children and parents continue on Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. for Group A and Friday, February 8 for Group B.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation for students and parents continues on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. for Group A and Thursday, January 24 for Group B.

(If you had not registered your child in October 2018 for the sacraments, you will have the opportunity to sign up in the fall of this year, for spring 2020 for First Communion and Confirmation).

Calendar of Events

Jan 14 – Edge Night 6 – 8:30pm

Jan 15 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30 pm

Jan 16 – First Confessions at 6:00 pm

Jan 16 – 2nd of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30 pm

Jan 16 – Confirmation Classes Cont'd Grp A – 7pm

Jan 17 – CWL General Mtg. at 7:00 pm

Jan 21 – Parish Council Mtg. at 7:30 pm

Jan 23 – 3rd of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30 pm

Jan 24 – Confirmation Classes Cont'd Grp B – 7pm

2019 Ordinandi Dinner

The Annual Ordinandi Dinner organized by the Serra Club will be held on **Tuesday, March 5th** at the Pearson Convention Centre, 2638 Steeles Avenue, East, Brampton.

-- Tickets are \$75 each for adults. The **dead-line to purchase is January 26th**. By attending the dinner you are encouraging our seminarians who will become ordained priests and helping support Serra House where men discern priestly vocations. Kindly contact Carla Beckett at: beckettcarla@gmail.com ****Don't forget to sign up on the Spiritual Bouquet on board in the foyer.**



EDGE

Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Monday, January 14 @7:00pm

SNOW TUBING

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