

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) Alternating Mondays - 7:00 p.m.

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) Alternating Saturdays - 6-9:00 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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3rd Sunday of Lent ~ 15 March 2020

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink.’ You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” *John 4:7-10*

First Reading + Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel + John 4:5-42

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, March 16

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 17

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Gordon STEWART, RIP – A Stewart

Wednesday, March 18

8:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory – M Bogucki

Thursday, March 19 – St. Joseph

8:00am+Gord/Debbie TARDIF 7 Family – Pers. Int.

10:30am+Mass at the Good Samaritan Home

7:00pm+George WHELTON, RIP – M Whelton

Friday, March 20

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Kent TAYLOR, RIP – T/D Coffin

****7:15pm+STATIONS of the CROSS @ St. Paul's**

Saturday, March 21

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rev. Dominic Yun Knan Kong, RIP – Archdiocese

5:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – E Durkan

Sunday March 22

9:00am+Audrey GIBSON, RIP – B/A Gibson Family

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to Him to the end of my life for my God. - *Saint Patrick (385-461), Bishop Feast Day March 17*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Creator of all things.

One definition of ‘boring’ is ‘answering a question that nobody is asking.’ I find that most people find talk about God boring. Yet what question can be more important than “What is the meaning and purpose of my life?” Can we be satisfied with an aimless and ultimately pointless existence? The ancient Greek philosopher Epicurus taught that death is the annihilation of both body and soul. In that case, the only reasonable aim in this life is to minimize one’s suffering and to maximize one’s pleasure. We all know people who live this way. To the extent that they succeed in their aim, they seem happy. As for death, it is inevitable, so why worry about it? As Epicurus famously said, “If I am, death is not; if death is, I am not.” Epicurus’ philosophy is neatly expressed in the words of the atheist bus ad: “There’s probably no god. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life.”

But what if God probably does exist? Actually, if you believe that everything has a cause — as every rational person does — then the probability of God (capital ‘G’) *not* existing is zero. Every thing does in fact have a cause. The scientist, more than anyone else, accepts the truth of this statement because science is ‘the knowledge of the causes of things.’ The ‘new atheist’ of course counters with the question, “If every thing has a cause, then what caused God?” The simple and obvious answer to this question is, “God is not a ‘thing.’” God is not even a ‘being.’ Technically, it is even wrong to say that God ‘exists.’ God is source of all existence. God is the source of all being. God is ‘real’ because he is the source of all reality. There most definitely is a God. He created this universe of ‘things’ and he also created you.

According to the Book of Wisdom (one of the books of the Old Testament that deserves to be much better known): “For all men who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature; and they were unable from the good things that are seen to know the one who exists, nor did they recognize the craftsman while paying heed to his works; but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air, or the circle of the stars, or turbulent water, or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world. If through delight in the beauty of these things men assumed them to be gods, let them know how much better than these is their Lord, for the author of beauty created them. And if men were amazed at their power and working, let them perceive from them how much more powerful is he who formed them. For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.”

God is real, and that fact has real implications. It means that life matters; *every* life matters, and how we live our lives matter. God *does* exist; deal with it.

**Feast of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of Canada**

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, March 19th at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

Parish Goal: \$57,300 Balance to Date: \$ 635.00
March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.

Preventative Measures in Place (COVID-19)

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, **Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures:**

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or "Peace be with you" to your neighbour is appropriate.
- For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time.
- Parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.

Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.

Seeking.....

Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator

Cardinal Collins says that "as part of our mandate to foster a safe and caring community, since 2001 the Archdiocese has had a policy of screening its volunteers to ensure the protection and safety of the most vulnerable."

We are seeking someone to take over as coordinator of this important and necessary position. Having access to a computer and Excel is necessary. The Excel sheet is already set up and just needs input as it arises. Meeting and interviewing volunteers is another aspect of the position and can be arranged in your own time.

One does not have to be retired or have a lot of time to take on this job. On average, it takes about one hour a month.

If you are interested, please contact Carla Beckett at beckettcarla@gmail.com. Training will be provided.

Lent & Easter Schedule

During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at **7:15 p.m.** at St. Paul's Church

CONFESSIONS - Tuesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – April 9

No Morning Mass

7:30 p.m. + Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

Good Friday – April 10

No Noon Mass

3:00 p.m.+ Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:15 pm + Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 11

No Morning Mass

12:00 noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Vigil + 8:30 pm – April 11

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Easter Sunday – April 12

***8:00 a.m. (new) + Immaculate Conception

**9:00 a.m. (new) St. Paul's Church

10:30 a.m.+ St. Paul's Church



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