

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



4th Sunday of Easter ~ 17 April 2016

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." — Jn 10:27-28a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

First Reading + Acts 13:14, 43-52
Second Reading + Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel + John 10:27-30

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 18

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, April 19

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – M Whelton

Wednesday, April 20

8:00am+Ed WALSH, RIP – R/M Rumble

Thursday, April 21

8:00am+Mary WHITE, RIP – G/M Leest

10:30am+Mass at the Good Samaritan

Friday, April 22

12:10pm+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – H Cyr

Saturday, April 23

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+CWL Mass – (Our Lady of Good Counsel)

5:00pm+Marian PLETS, RIP – B/M Skelton

Sunday, April 24

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – J/R Vandervoort

Saint of the Week

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness; for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

-Saint Anselm of Canterbury (1033 -1109), abbot, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day April 21

Saints & Feast Days

April 17 + Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

April 18 + Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin

April 21 + Saint Anselm

April 23 + Saint George & April 23 + Saint Adalbert

April 24 + Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Living in troubled times

A few years back, Pierre Berton wrote a book entitled *1967: The Last Good Year*. I was nine years old at the time. Living in Montreal, my family had a season pass to Expo '67. My older brothers were wearing out Beatles singles. My dad bought a red and white Volkswagen mini-bus. It was a time of prosperity after the austerity of the post-war years — a time of boundless optimism.

That optimism carried over into the Catholic Church. The Second Vatican Council had just recently wrapped up, and things were changing rapidly. Latin was gone, and English was in. The organ was out and guitars were in. Yes, we did actually sing *Kumbaya* during the Saturday evening "Folk Mass." Church attendance numbers were at their peak. The Church was growing. New Churches and schools could not be built fast enough. Looking out over the congregation you would see mostly young people.

And then the party was over.

Although numbers had been at a record-breaking high, it was widely acknowledged that the faith was a mile wide but only an inch deep. Church attendance was more about middle-class expectations than deeply held religious beliefs.

Looking back, my family still went to Church but not as regularly. More often, we would pack up the VW bus and head to the cottage for the weekend. The times had changed. Church was no longer an important part of the fabric of life. Almost overnight, the Church had become irrelevant.

In an age where everything was "new and improved," the Church seemed outdated. If you read what was being written at the time by popular Catholic writers like Thomas Merton you realize that it was a time of great uncertainty and self-doubt. It seemed that Western culture had entered a new age and nobody was really sure how the Church fit in.

The *aggiornamento* of the Second Vatican Council was intended not only to update the externals of the Church, but to adapt the Church to the needs of the modern post-war era and to deepen the faith of Catholics. The cultural changes of the 60s and 70s, however, were too radical and too powerful. Faith was not high on anyone's list.

But the Church is like a lighthouse set on a promontory, "an ever-fixed mark that looks on tempests and is never shaken." The Church may be battered, but she stands. It may not be apparent at the moment, but the Church is in the process of reform and recovery. We have learned that the only way to adapt to the culture is not to become more like the culture, but to become more ourselves.

As the world becomes more irreligious, more pagan, we must become more Christian, more Catholic. Recovery can only come about through fidelity: fidelity to Christ, fidelity to the Gospel, fidelity to the Church.

Yes, we are still living in troubled times. But let us live good lives, and the times are good. We ourselves are the times. Whatever we are like that is what the times are like.

APRIL 17, 2016



“The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. **Regardless of their religious beliefs or personal background, ShareLife agencies meet people where they are, treating them with the dignity and respect we all deserve.**” —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday – April 17, 2016
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Parish Goal \$50,000 ~ Balance to-date \$16,561.75

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

- The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) has launched a postcard campaign to Members of Parliament under the theme: **I support Caring Not Killing.**
- The postcard campaign urges members of parliament to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide for people with dementia and minors, people with psychiatric conditions and to protect the conscience rights of medical professionals.
- EPC is distributing postcards that you can send to Prime Minister Trudeau, Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, Health Minister Jane Philipott, or your [Member of Parliament](#) (MP).
- It is free to mail the postcards to federal politicians.
- It is better to send letters to your member of parliament. See **“ITS TIME TO TALK”** Letter from Cardinal Collins - Facts About Pending Legislation on Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide in Canada for helpful facts and a sample letter issued by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

St. Paul’s Cemetery & Immaculate Conception Cemetery Clean-up Saturday, April 23th

9:00AM – We begin at St. Paul’s Cemetery and then up to Immaculate Conception Cemetery.
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SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, June 2, 2016

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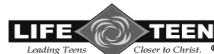
Next Edge & Life Teen Event is The Pierogi Dinner. Hope to see you all there!



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8
'Rise Up'

Friday, May 6 2016
Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Or Text Dave 647-237-1348



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12
'Dangerous'

Saturday, May 14, 2016



Due to the inclement weather we have been experiencing, we are asking Parishioners to please stay out of our cemeteries for your own safety. There is much damage due to the ice storm and the grounds are very wet and unstable. We will be cleaning up the cemeteries later in the month when they are more accessible. We thank you for your Co-operation in this matter.
St. Paul’s Cemetery Board



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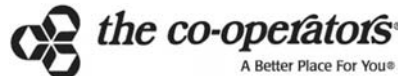
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