

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1- Starting November 2018, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated outside of the Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00pm.
- 2- Join us every Thursday for a 10 week multi-parish small-group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, Consoling the Heart of Jesus.
Start Date: October 11th, 2018 Duration: 7:00pm - 8:30pm Venue: St. Paul Hall Please contact the following to sign up; Aaron Bessong: 780 880 4440
Maria E Hernandez: 780 880 8496
- 3- CWL is having a Bazaar on October 27th from 10:00-3:00. Table rent price is \$ 50.00 . If any parishioners are interested in renting a table to sell items they can call Joanne @ 780-743-8419.
- 4- **Couples for Christ** is inviting everyone to a CLP – Christian Life Program which is on going here at the St. Paul Parish @ 1:30 pm every Sunday.
- 5- For the **Church Altar Flowers**: We are requesting your generous hearts to bring fresh flowers for the Altar.
- 6- We have a welcome party for our new Pastor Fr. Francis Kai Phan today, October 7, 2018 at the Hall after the 11:00 AM Mass. This is potluck, so we invite every generous Parishioner to bring your favorite dish.

St. Paul Parish
12 Hours Adoration
On Fridays
From 9:00am to 9:00pm



Adorers pls see sign up sheet for time slot

Contact Syriac & Celin—780-370-2883

All are welcome to attend!!



Marriage Preparation Weekend

October 26-27, 2018

Contact :

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Tel: 780-743 3980

Visit their link at: [https://](https://www.stjohnthebaptistparish.ca/sacraments/marriage-prep/)

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October 7, 2018 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Monday-Thursday

Rosary & Mass 8:40 am

Friday Adoration after Mass at 7:00pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

RCIA- Every Wednesday at 7pm at St. Paul's Church

Parish Staff

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BAPTISM

Baptism preparation on every third Tuesday of the month. Next one will be held on **October 16th** at 7 pm at **St. Paul Church**. and The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on weekend masses **Saturday 7pm, Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am..until end of October only.**



COLLECTIONS

(Weekly—September 30, 2018)

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| Loose Collection : | 1,609.25 |
| Envelopes: | 2,704.00 |
| PAP | 2,506.00 |
| Needs of the Church | 1,010.80 |

Total collections \$ 7,830.05



THANK YOU!

Q. What is a Deacon?

Deacons are ordained servants of the Church. They are mature men who have been called by Christ, to serve Him and the Church. They do this through participating in a threefold ministry of the liturgy, the word and charity. “Jesus himself was the first deacon, the servant who modelled the essential link between worship and service which is the foundation of the diaconate.” (#1 *National Directory for the Ministry, Formation and Life of Permanent Deacons in Canada, 2017, p. 16*)

Permanent or Transitional

Deacons are either “*permanent*” or “*transitional*”. When the permanent diaconate was revived during Vatican II, the distinction was made between *permanent* deacons, those who are called to the diaconal ministry and not becoming priests and *transitional* deacons, those who are in the process of entering the priesthood. Permanent deacons can be either single or married men.

Single Men or Married Men

Single men may begin formation at 25 years of age, however, they must take a vow of celibacy. Married men should be at least 35 years of age, be living a mature spiritual life and have been married for several years. He must have the consent of his wife and children. Their family should be leading a Christian life and enjoy a good reputation. A married deacon may not remarry even if widowed.

Inquiry Phase

An “inquirer” goes through a period of discernment prior to starting the formal formation period. In the same fashion as priest, deacons are called to serve, through conversation with Christ (prayer) and by recommendation from their parish priest and community. The local pastor presents him for consideration to the bishop by means of a letter. Upon acceptance by the Bishop the inquirer completes the application process.

Aspirant / Propaedeutic Phase

This first year is designed to confirm the discernment process and ensure that the aspirant is prepared and capable of the ministry.

Aspirants begin four years of pastoral, spiritual, human and theological development.

Pastoral formation - the aspirant is involved in liturgical service, he participates in social justice and charitable ministries and pastoral internships.

Spiritual formation - the aspirant (and his wife – if applicable) meet regularly with an approved spiritual director, grows in his love of the Eucharist and the Word of God, participates in the daily prayer of the Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours.

Human formation – the aspirant enhances interpersonal skills and attributes so that he can be “a bridge and not an obstacle for others in their meeting with Jesus Christ the Redeemer of man”. He does this by setting personal goals and participating in various parish ministries.

Intellectual formation – approved online courses are taken at Newman Theological College.

At the end of the Aspirant Phase (typically 1 year) the future permanent deacon petitions for acceptance to Candidacy.

Candidate Phase

Formation continues as described in the Aspirant Phase. At the completion of year 2 the Candidate may petition for and celebrate the Rite of Installation to the Ministry of Lector and the Ministry of Acolyte at the end of year 3. Upon completion of the 4 years of formation, the men are ordained as deacons. The degrees of Holy Orders are Episcopate (Bishops), Presbyterate (Priests), and Diaconate (Deacons). Deacons are an extension of the Bishop’s ministry, and as such, are closely linked to the Bishop of their Diocese. However, they are normally placed under the guidance of the local parish priest who supervises their ministry. Once ordained, deacons are subject to many of the same “rules and regulations” as priests. Deacons must pray the Divine Office daily, but typically only Morning and Evening Prayer. Deacons are ordained for life.

Vestments

Deacons wear the dalmatic (where as a priest wears the chasuble) during Mass. Outside of Mass you may see a deacon wearing an alb and stole (the stole is worn across the chest) and a roman collar.

Threefold Ministry of the Deacon

The threefold ministry of the deacon is word, sacrament, and charity.

Word – the Deacon proclaims the Gospel, preaches and reads the Prayer of the Faithful.

Sacrament - The deacon can witness marriages, perform baptisms and burials.

Charity – The deacon participates in ministering to the sick, disadvantaged and outcast. The core of the diaconal ministry is service: to Christ and to the parish.

As a cleric of the Church, yet also a single or married man with a job and if married a family, the deacon speaks with one voice for both the Church and the world.

Deacons are not paid by the Church, so they often conduct their training while supporting a family and holding a job. Once ordained they may be employed by the parish or diocese but typically continue to hold a job and minister in the church and community as volunteers.

Diocese of St. Paul Formation Team

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Father Andrew Schoenberger

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Marriage - October 7, 2018.

by: ***Deacon Raymond Chan***

Saint Pope John Paul II wrote his **Theology of the Body** based on this Sunday’s Gospel reading (Mark 10:2-16) (though he refers to Matthew’s version) and the first reading (Genesis 2:18-24). The great Pope explains that from the beginning of creation, male and female are made with a longing to recognize God and ourselves in each other. These readings are a deep affirmation of marriage, but not only marriage. They affirm that at every stage of our lives we long to belong, to find ourselves in giving and receiving gifts to one another. No matter how broken we or our circumstances seem, we are created to give and receive life in relationships. Maybe we are living unreconciled with someone; or we are grieving; or we feel as though we have failed at relationships generally, we are all created to make courageous decisions to love as God loves. Though the circumstances might have changed or even fallen apart, our call to love, to recognize the flesh and bones of our neighbours never changes. Make peace, build love, reach out for reconciliation – make our life a gift, and gratefully receive the gifts of others. This is what our life is for!

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading from Mark (10:2-16), Jesus is asked whether divorce was permissible. In the time of Jesus, although divorce was permitted (see Deut 24: 1-4), the proper grounds for divorce were debated. Jesus bypasses this debate, and speaks of what marriage is in the plan of the Creator – right from the very beginning. Citing first reading from Genesis (2:18-24), Jesus quotes, **‘the two become one’**. Marriage is a sharing in the work of the Creator. Though the account of Jesus welcoming the ‘little children’ is a separate incident, it follows on well from the discussion of marriage, reminding us of the children who are so often forgotten in the discussion of marriage relationships today. Marriage breakdown is a very complex pastoral problem. But the great ideal Jesus puts before us must never be forgotten. He makes the startling assertion that true marriage is more than an arrangement entered into by two human persons; it involves God – **‘What God has united, man must not divide’**.

For the married, remember the vows we made at our marriage? ***I, _____, take you, _____, to be my (husband/wife). I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.*** But in reality, there are tons of challenges and obstacles in the days of our life. In today’s world, many marriages are in crisis, and the break-up of families leaves many young people seriously deprived in their formative years. Without the guidance of Christ we would be at a loss to find the truth that should guide us. The Church’s liturgy is our great teacher. The Word of God points the way forward on the great issues of our existence. Yes, we are ordinary people and never perfect, and as married couple, we do fight, complain, be jealous, The marriage path is not easy. With the Lord, we can choose one that has morals and integrity, be honest and follow our heart to do the right things. With God leading the way, we can overcome weaknesses. His grace opens our eyes to see and ears to hear the Good News and to understand the inner meaning of traditions. The bread of life gives us nutrition to love and be loved, to forgive and be forgiven, to provide security to each other and to journey together. Miracles will happen, babies will come and the home will be the happiest place on earth. Amen.

Pope Francis once said on Valentine’s Day: **“Once you say ‘I do’, you can’t cross your arms and wait. Because marriage is work.... and a life long commitment.** Marriage is also a daily job. We could even say it’s like craftsmanship. In a way it’s like being a goldsmith, because a husband makes his wife more of a woman, and she in turn should make her husband a better man. Growing together in their humanity, as man and woman. A good marriage isn’t just a marriage that lasts. It’s also about quality. “Forever” is not only a question of duration! A marriage is not successful just because it endures; **quality is important.** To stay together and to know how to love one another forever is the challenge for Christian couples. **Living together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey.”**

In his Amoris Laetitia The Joy of Love, Pope Francis also said: “Marriage is a friendship marked by passion, but a passion always directed to an ever more stable and intense union. Marriage was not instituted solely for the procreation of children but also that mutual love might be properly expressed, that it should grow and mature. This unique friendship between a man and a woman acquires an all-encompassing character only within the conjugal union. This union is also exclusive, faithful and open to new life. It shares everything in constant mutual respect. “Such a love, bringing together the human and the divine, leads the partners to a free and mutual self-giving, experienced in tenderness and action, and permeating their entire lives”. **Love, patience, understanding and prayer. Ask Jesus not just “Give us this day our daily bread”, but also “GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY LOVE” to multiply our love for each other as married couple.**