# 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 at St Paul's Church Only Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00a.m 10:30am - 12:00 noon	<u>Weekday Liturgies at St Paul's Church Only</u> Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Friday: 12:10 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Exposition on the First Friday of each month at Immaculate Conception Church from 1:00pm Friday until 8:00am Saturday. Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass
YOUTH MINISTRY:	

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) TBA Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) TBA

#### Reconciliation(Confessions):

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. 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.

## PARISH WEBSITE: stpaultheapostleal.archtoronto.org

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31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 31 October 2021

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' *Mark 12:29-30* 

### First Reading + Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Second Reading + Hebrews 7:23-28 Gospel + Mark 12:28-34



## Saint of the Week:

We must meditate before, during and after everything we do. The prophet says: "I will pray, and then I will understand." This is the way we can easily overcome the countless difficulties we have to face day after day, which, after all, are part of our work. In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others. *St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584), Patron Saint of Spiritual Leaders & Seminarians, Feast Day November 4* 

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

The survival of Christian civilization.

We will do what St. Augustine did the last time civilization fell, and devote ourselves to preserving what we believe is true, because we see these truths as necessary not only for our own salvation but for the preservation of any moral and social order. — Anne Roche Muggeridge

"If you want to spread an idea, write a book; if you want to form a community, publish a magazine." It was on that principle that Fr. R. J. Neuhaus started *First Things* magazine. His stated purpose was to reclaim the place of religion in the public square. He opposed the secular interpretation of the phrase 'separation of Church and State.' That separation was meant to stop the State from interfering in religion; it was never intended to exclude people of faith from participating in the public discussion of politics, society, and culture.

Today, we need to revise Neuhaus' advice: "If you want to form a community, publish a *website*." Just as the invention of the printing press revolutionized society by enabling the rapid diffusion of ideas, similarly we are observing 'in real time' how the internet is changing society. Consider the Covid lockdowns. Even five years ago it simply would not have been possible for people to work from home, to shop on-line, or do 'virtual learning.'

Technology has improved our lives, but like any tool, it can be used for good or for evil. The same technology that lets us to converse with friends around the world, has also made it possible for the Communist regime in China to create the all-pervasive 'surveillance state.' As we marvel at the scientific advances that gave us the Covid vaccines, we have also learned of the reckless (or wicked) gain-offunction research that made those vaccines necessary.

I have often quoted Winston Churchill's dire warning, spoken when Britain stood alone against Nazi Germany:

Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization. If we fail, then the whole world, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age, made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science.

Churchill understood that there is a constant battle between good and evil. He saw it in the sweep of history and in the tragic events of his own day. Churchill was not a 'religious' man; rather, he was "like a buttress, supporting the Church from the *outside*." However, he recognized that the Judeo-Christian moral order is the basis of civilization; to overturn this moral order is to enter a new Dark Age.

Pope Benedict asked rhetorically: "Why not accept that we have lost the battle and choose instead to dedicate our energies to initiatives that find support in a broader social consensus?" No. To do so would not only betray our Christian vocation but also our duty as citizens. *We are Christians*. When we participate in public affairs we ought to do so without apology *as Christians*.

# <u>All Saints Day Masses</u> November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

At St. Paul's Church

## **All Souls Day Masses**



November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m. and @ 7:00 p.m.

## At St. Paul's Church

For the faithful departed of our families and the Parish. All Souls Envelopes can be picked up at the back of the Church & in the foyer. Place your envelope in the basket at the front of the altar. We will remember the souls of our departed at every mass during the month of November. All donations will go directly to our Cemetery Board for the upkeep of our parish cemeteries.

## RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]

Designed to welcome new members into the Church To lead every Catholic parishioner to deeper belief and renewal of his or her Christian faith.

Are you curious about our faith? Do you want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact Fr. Glass at: father.glass@gmail.com

## S.H.I.F.T.

(Support & Hope for Individuals & Families Today) S.H.I.F.T. is the new name for our local Shelter. Same vital mission, just different name! It will be opening its doors again this winter in order to provide accommodation and meals beginning November 1. St. Paul the Apostle Church has pledged that they will provide a meal every Monday evening. Since dinner begins the meal should be delivered 5:00pm bv at 4:40pm. Nothing complicated is needed - suggested is a one pot dish; something like a casserole, a pot of chili, or a hearty soup. No need to worry about fancy touches; just

plain, simple but nourishing food. It should already be

cooked and preferably hot. <u>We need your help!</u> Please consider signing-up for one of the Mondays. Contact: **Martha Whelton** 705-435-0991 Or email: me.whelton@sympatico.ca

## Catholic Women's League Membership Drive 2022

We usually start our membership drive at our Fall dinner, but this year, the opportunity did not present itself.

Members, please use the pre-printed blue November CWL offertory envelopes, or the envelopes in the narthex of St. Paul's church. Please include all your current information on the front envelope.

Membership remains at \$25; cheques are preferred. Please drop in the collection basket, CWL meetings, or the CWL mail box in the church foyer before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

To the ladies of St. Paul's Parish.... We are constantly looking for new members to join our League because we believe in the power of working together toward common goals. **Come share your skills and talents with us....** All ladies are encouraged and welcome to join St. Paul's Catholic Women's League.

St. Paul's & Immaculate Conception Cemetery Clean-up Saturday, November 6th at 9 a.m. (Rain date Nov. 13)

If you would like to save items from plots, please collect them before October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Double your impact on ShareLife Sunday

SL ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is a special day for our parish, as we join together in support of those who are poor and marginalized. And we now have an opportunity to make an even greater difference with our donations. From now through November 15, our gifts to ShareLife will be matched by a generous donor up to a total of \$750,000.

Our parish's ShareLife goal this year is **\$57,300.00**. To date we have achieved **\$51,144.40**. Will you help us reach our goal?

"Thank you to each and every person who showed solidarity with those who suffer by making a sacrificial gift."

- Cardinal Thomas Collins

Today is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021. Please give generously.

