

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

Weekday Liturgies at St Paul's Church Only

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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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2nd Sunday of Advent ~ 5 December 2021

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ Luke 3:4

First Reading + Baruch 5:1-9
Second Reading + Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel + Luke 3:1-6

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 6
 NO MASS SCHEDULED
 Tuesday, December 7
 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR
 **6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS
 7:00pm+Ron, Pers. Int. – Parishioner
 Wednesday, December 8 Feast Day
 8:00am+Shirley Ann, Pers. Int. – Parishioner
 7:00pm+Mass of Thanksgiving – J Hagan
 Thursday, December 9
 8:00am+Paul/Madeleine LAFERRIERE, RIP – G Cole
 Friday, December 10
 12:10pm+Darlene VALTRI, RIP – H Wright
 Saturday, December 11
 9:00am+Our Lady’s Intentions – G/D Tardif
 4:00 – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS
 5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 Sunday, December 12
 9:00am+Tom WALSH, RIP – L/L Blacklaws
 10:30am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – J Megraw
 12:00pm+Steve/Mary DUMANKSI – Estate

Saint of the Week:

Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy; mercy as shown chiefly towards the poor, that thou mayest treat them as sharers in common with thee in the produce of nature, which brings forth the fruits of the earth for use to all.

- *Saint Ambrose (340-397), Bishop, Patron of Police Officers, Feast Day December 7*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Alma Redemptoris Mater – Loving Mother of our Redeemer
 And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. — Revelation 12:1

This coming Wednesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In virtue of her role as the mother of Jesus, Mary had the unique grace of being conceived without Original Sin. As the prayer of the Mass says:

For you [Father] preserved the most Blessed Virgin Mary from all stain of Original Sin, so that in her, endowed with the rich fullness of your grace, you might prepare a worthy Mother for your Son and signify the beginning of the Church, his beautiful bride, without spot or wrinkle. She, the most pure Virgin, was to bring forth a Son, the innocent Lamb who would wipe away our offences; you placed her above all others to be for your people an advocate of grace and a model of holiness.

There was nothing ‘ordinary’ about Mary. There have been many great saints through the ages but Mary exceeds all of them in holiness. She possessed to a superlative degree the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Jesus was an ‘only child,’ but I imagine that Mary’s maternal heart embraced all the children in the neighborhood — they would have been irresistibly attracted to her. Her home must have been bustling with people coming to spend a little time with her, though perhaps they could not express what so strongly drew them.

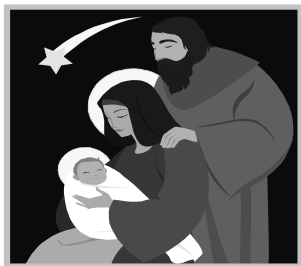
Catholics are accused of being more devoted to Mary than to Jesus. I wish that there was more substance to the accusation, because the truth is that we are not devoted to Mary to the degree that she deserves. In any case, devotion given to Mary is not taken away from her Son. It is not as if we have a limited amount of devotion that must sparingly be parceled out. My regard for St. Augustine, for example, does not diminish my love for St. Teresa of Avila. Devotion is a deep well, fed by the Holy Spirit, and the more we draw from it, the more is supplied; it can never be depleted.

As Catholics we express our devotion to the Blessed Virgin in beautiful hymns and prayers but most of all by praying the *Rosary*. Pope John Paul II said, “The Rosary is my favorite prayer. It is marvelous in its simplicity and in its depth. It puts us in living communion with Jesus through his Mother’s heart.”

Throughout the year we have feast days which celebrate the Blessed Virgin and the indispensable role she played in God’s plan of redemption. This coming Wednesday we again honor the unique grace she was given to prepare her for that role — being conceived without sin, with the fullness of grace, to be the loving Mother of our Savior.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Confessions:

Every Tuesday: 6:00 – 6:45p.m. (before 7:00p.m. Mass)
Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45p.m. (before 5:00p.m. Mass)
There will be NO confessions on December 24th or January 1st.

ALL MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. PAUL'S ONLY

Christmas Mass Times:

Fri. December 24th: at 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 12:00am
Sat. December 25th: 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

Fri. December 31: at 5:00 p.m.
Sat. January 1 at 9:00am & 10:30am

Sunday Mass Times

Sat. December 25th NO 5:00pm MASS.
Sun. December 26th Mass Times
9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm
Sat. January 1st NO 5:00pm MASS
Sun. January 2 Mass Times
9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm

Weekday Mass Times

There will be weekday masses celebrated on
Friday, December 24 at 8:00am
Friday, January 31 at 8:00am

Help us help others - Edge and Life Teen Program

St. Paul the Apostle Edge and Life Teen youth ministry programs are collecting the following items to distribute to local charities until December 13th:

New and gently used, clean items ONLY as listed:

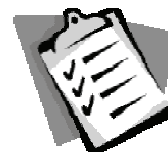
Hats, mitts, gloves, winter socks and winter scarves.

Items can be brought to the church on our Edge or Life Teen Program Nights or picked up in Alliston by calling 647-237-1348. Help us help those in need.

(Please note we are not equipped this year to take any other clothing items other than listed above, thank you.)

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before we issue the 2021 tax receipts, we need to update our Parish List. 90% of envelope users do not record their name on the envelope. I cannot issue a tax receipt if I don't know who the donor is. If you have changed addresses during the year, please put your name and address on the envelope for the coming New Year.



Lions Club Christmas Hampers:

Unwrapped toys for children up to 12yrs old and food items can be dropped off at the Church in the large red bin. Monetary donations are most welcome to purchase gift certificates for older children. The hampers will be delivered by the Lions Club to the families in Alliston and surrounding area. Donation deadline is December 12, 2021
Mail your donations to Alliston Lion's Club, POB 127, Alliston, ON L9R 1V9



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<https://bit.ly/GiftofSecurities>.

CWL 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are quickly approaching the dead-line of Dec. 31, 2021 for our membership campaign. Our memberships should be collected and remitted to the CWL National office on Jan. 1, 2022. Please enclose the fee of \$25 in the CWL envelope in your church offertory box or the pre-printed envelopes on the table in foyer. It can be dropped in the collection basket at weekend masses, the CWL mail box or the church office. Submitting your fee on time will prevent interruption of your League magazine as well as your years of service.

*****ALSO, there are a few of the CWL Cookbooks still available for \$15 each. Great idea for a Christmas gift. These recipes are collected from our own members. These can be purchased up at the parish office.



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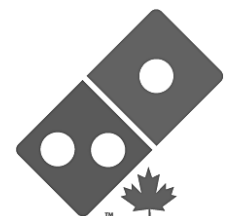
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