

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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3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 12 December 2021

As the people were filled with expectations, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptized you in water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming." *Luke 3:15-16a*

First Reading + Zephaniah 3:3.14 – 18a
Second Reading + Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel + Luke 3:10-18

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 13

NO MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 14

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Holy Souls in Purgatory – D/G Tardif

Wednesday, December 15

8:00am+Lucia/Bolek BOZEK, Pers Ins. – M Bogucki

Thursday, December 16

8:00am+Fr. GLASS, Pers Int – J/C Orr

Friday, December 17

12:10pm+Hele/Frank MORNEAU, 60th Ann – M Lynch

Saturday, December 18

9:00am+Marjorie LEGAULT, RIP – Estate

4:00 – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS

5:00pm+Jean TURNER, RIP – A Szydluk

Sunday, December 19

9:00am+Mike FABRIZIO, RIP – A/A Prokopich

10:30am+Deacon Des CARROLL, RIP – Family

12:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church's enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith. - *St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597), Church Doctor, Feast Day December 21*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Gaudete Sunday — Rejoice in the Lord always.

Now when John [the Baptist] heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ [Messiah], he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you *he who is coming*, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me." — Matthew 11:4-6

Translating Jesus' words from Hebrew/Aramaic into Greek, Matthew literally writes "the poor are *evangelized*." We now associate the word 'evangelize' uniquely with the Christian proclamation, but it was a common Greek word that meant any joyful announcement. For example, when a child was born into a family, all the neighbors would be 'evangelized' — that is, given the good news.

So then, what was the 'good news' that was announced to the poor? It was the answer to that critical question, "Are you *he who is coming*?" Again, looking at the Greek, "he who is coming" (*ho erchomenos*) is specifically a title of the Messiah, which is used by the prophets of the Old Testament. Martha uses that title when Jesus comes to raise her brother Lazarus: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, *he who is coming* into the world."

This is the good news: the promise of the Old Covenant has now been fulfilled. The long wait for the coming of the Messiah is now over. He has finally come. The signs that Jesus points to ("tell John what you see and hear") fulfill the description of the Messiah given by Isaiah:

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons in the second century, writes in his book, *On the Apostolic Preaching*, how Jesus perfectly accomplishes what had been foretold:

He was announced by the prophets, saying, "How beautiful are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things." If, then, the prophets have prophesied that the Messiah was going to appear on earth, and also where on earth, and how, and in what manner, and the Lord took upon himself all these prophecies, then firm is our faith in him and true is the tradition of preaching, that is, the witness of the apostles, who preached to the whole world the Son of God, that we may receive peace with him, doing that which is pleasing to him.

The word Advent means 'coming'. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we recognize Christ not only as he who *has come* (past tense), but indeed he who *is coming* (present tense).

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice. The Lord is near.

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, December 31 at 8:00am

Spirituality of Stewardship:

A steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord.

This Gaudete Sunday St. Paul exhorts all of us to "rejoice always." One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives.

www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

Our parish goal this year is **\$57,300.00**. As we approach the end of our 2021 campaign, please reflect upon your ability to contribute to our parish campaign this year.



The pandemic has placed many of ShareLife agencies funded by ShareLife under great stress as they continue to support the needs of clients. The need is great.

Please deposit your envelope in the well on the table at the back of the church. You can also donate online at sharelife.org. There you can make a one-time or monthly gift by credit card and designate it to our parish's campaign. Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year. You can learn more about monthly giving at sharelife.org.

We are almost there! With your generosity our current balance to date is **\$56,950.40**

FRIDAY ROSARY ZOOM MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus St. Paul the Apostle Council #9352 invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting led by Gonzalo de Romana. Prayer intentions are welcome. Names noted if requested.

Please email: kofC9352@gmail.com

"Friday Knight's Rosary"

8:00 PM Eastern Time Every Friday

Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://tinyurl.com/9mcj86ap>

The Knights of Columbus also have their 2022 Religious Calendars available for a suggested donation of \$5 each.

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A donation of securities is one of the easiest and smartest ways to donate in Canada. When you donate securities to the Archdiocese of Toronto, you put stock in knowing that you are creating the greatest impact on the church and those we serve. Consider making a gift of securities to your parish or any one of our archdiocesan charities. With a gift of securities, you can receive an immediate donation receipt for the fair market value of the security. In addition, there is no capital gains tax applied to any benefit received from the sale of these securities. Listed securities include, stocks, bonds and mutual funds. To donate listed securities, you can obtain our form, the letter of direction, by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/GiftofSecurities>.



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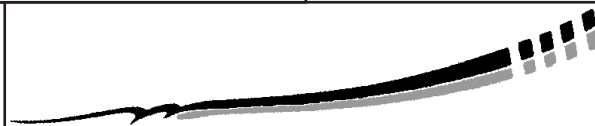
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