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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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27 February 2022

"Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye, 'when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?" *Luke* 6:41-42

First Reading + Sirach 27:4-7 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Gospel + Luke 6:39-45



Monday, February 28 NO MASS SECHEDULED **Tuesday, March 1** 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR **6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS** 7:00+Bill HANDS, RIP-Sheila Hands Wednesday, March 2 - ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00am+Rev.Paul CASULLO, RIP 7:00pm+Giles & Audrey Rodriguez, PIO-Antao Family Thursday, March 3 8:00am+Gina MOORE, RIP – R/D Pellegrini Friday, March 4 12:10pm+Phyllis TIGHE, RIP – S. Tighe Followed by Adoration @ Immaculate Conception Church until Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. 7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS Saturday, March 5 9:00am+Noreen MARTIN, RIP - M. WHELTON **4:00 pm-4:45pm+CONFESSIONS** 5:00pm+Eugene DEVEREAUX, RIP – Devereaux Family Sunday, March 6 9:00am+Tom WALSH, RIP-W & C Mundy 10:30am+Angela GIOVANNI STEA, RIP-T. Novielli 12:00noon+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

From the desk of Father Norberto Eyule

Heraclitus, one of the greatest ancient philosophers, said: *"Nothing in this life is permanent except change itself because change is constantly changing".* This is the reality of nature and this is also the reality of our lives. All things change and our lives change. Things come into existence but sometimes, in an instant, they fade away. Same with people, they come and go. Nothing is ever exactly the same in each moment. Thus, whether we like it or not, because of some unavoidable circumstances, we make changes in our lives. Some changes are expected and planned, and others are unexpected and unplanned. Some are good and maybe, others are bad.

By experience, I know that some of us are open to change but the majority of us have a very strong resistance to change because we are just set in our ways. We are so used to old ways and we do not want to change it. Sometimes, we are also afraid to change because we never know what each change will bring.

However, every change always leads us to something new. Every time we make a change, we learn new things; we gain a new perspective and we build new opportunities. We discover new insights about life and we learn new life lessons. We meet new people and build new relationship.

Every change is an opportunity to grow. Each time we make a change, we are turning the page on one chapter of our life and starting a new one.

Our parish church is turning a new chapter. But before we flip the page, we would like to express our profound gratitude to Fr. Alan Glass for his wholehearted and faithful service to the Parish of St. Paul the Apostle and for his selfless dedication to the spiritual well-being of our parishioners.

As we turn the next page, I would like to encourage all our parishioners to put aside all our expectations. I understand that most of parishioners have personal expectation as new changes take effect. That is normal and that is natural. But sometimes, let us remember, that our personal expectation could block the grace of God from flowing within the community and this would not be helpful. Instead, if we allow the grace of God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to flow within our community, hopefully, the Spirit will bring us new promptings and positive change. We pray that the Spirit will bring fresh inspiration in our lives and as a community of faith. Ultimately bringing us closer to God.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." <u>Luke 6:43</u>

Conversely, it should be said that a good tree does bear good fruit. This must be our goal. By saying that "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit," Jesus is teaching us the supernatural effect of living a holy life. When we live a life grounded in Christ, the effect will be that good fruit is born from our lives. This is an important spiritual principle to understand.

Hopefully, we all want to live good lives. We all want to make a difference in our world and in the lives of others for the good. But the fundamental question to ask is how do we do this? The answer is that it's not so much a matter of choosing the good actions we do; rather, on a more basic and fundamental level, we must choose to live a life grounded in Christ, thus becoming a "good tree."

If you want to bear good fruit and make a holy and positive difference in the world, then you need to do one primary thing. Work at becoming holy. To use the image that Jesus gives, see yourself as a tree that is planted in the ground. See your roots stretching far and wide. See yourself being nourished and basked in the Sun. And see yourself growing and flourishing.

This is the life of grace and the effect is that good fruit automatically comes forth. The life of grace is accomplished by focusing upon your own health and spiritual well-being. You become this "good tree" by doing the basics well. First, pray, pray well and pray hard. Let your life be centered in prayer. Second, learn your faith. Listen to the Gospels, learn all that God has revealed through the Church, read the teachings of the saints, and learn from other holy people. Third, live a good sacramental life. Go to Mass, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, understand the grace of your Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Ordination, etc. Know that the Sacraments nourish you in powerful ways and embrace that nourishment with your whole heart.

Reflect, today, upon the important mission you have been given to go forth and to bear an abundance of good fruit in our world. This mission can be accomplished only as a result of a life of holiness. This holiness is only accomplished when your roots are firmly grounded in the life of grace. Embrace this life of grace through the many means that God has set before you, and know that the commitment you make to holiness will bring health not only to your own soul, but also to the souls of those whom God will touch through you.

Lord, I love You and I give my life to You. I pray that I may be planted in the fertile soil of Your abundant love and mercy. Help me to be nourished by the life of grace You have lavished upon me and, as I grow in holiness, bring forth an abundance of good fruit in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source:MyCatholic Life

Ash Wednesday Mass

March 2 at St. Paul's 8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m. *

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00p.m from March 4th – April 15th

† Please note that on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Catholics are obliged to observe fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. One way to fast would be to have one larger meal and two light meals.

On Fridays especially during Lent, Catholics are also obliged to do something penitential. They can fast from meat or Pray the **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.** here at the church, or do charitable works or alms giving such as Sharelife.

Effective **Tuesday**, **March 1**, **2022** we will be in a position to offer 100% seating capacity with no physical distancing restrictions. However, masks will still be required to be worn inside the Church. More details and opening of Immaculate Conception Church to follow.

FRIDAY ROSARY ZOOM MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus St. Paul the Apostle Council #9352 invites you to a scheduled Rosary Zoom meeting every Friday. Please visit the website for further details and how to join.

https://www.knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca/

<u>Come and See - Day Retreat – Saturday, March</u> <u>19 (9:00am – 3:30pm) at St. Augustine's</u> <u>Seminary</u>:

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at:-

www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations via email:

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