

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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First Sunday of Lent ~ March 6, 2022

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Luke 4:1-3

First Reading + Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading + Romans 10:8-13

Gospel + Luke 4:1-13

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, March 7

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 8

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

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

Wednesday, March 9

8:00am+Paul & Claudette Morrison, PIO-M. Bogucki

Thursday, March 10

8:00am+Lucas & Elizabeth Cescon & Fly,PIO– M.Bogucki

Friday, March 11

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Monica TIGHE, RIP – S. Tighe

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS - (At St Paul's)

Saturday, March 12

(Sat morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP –Crump Family

****4:00 pm -4:45 pm – CONFESSIONS****

5:00pm+John Paul Ceccato, RIP – Rob Ceccato

Sunday, March 13

(9:00 am mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Ida Glass and Fr. Alan Glass, PIO-M. Bogucki

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00noon+Eugene ELIA, RIP-Cathy Elia

From the desk of Father Norberto Eyule:-

This week, we begin the Season of Lent. It is our 40-day long preparation and pilgrimage towards our celebration of Easter. During this holy season of Lent, we are all invited to enter and to have a **"desert experience"** with Jesus.

"Desert experience," it is usually thought of as a tough time in which we endure discomfort and trials. Sometimes, it refers to our sacrifices and suffering for God, or something that we would like to give up. **Desert experience** is also about our spiritual drought and dryness; it is about our longing and thirst for God.

We all know that the past year has been a year like no other. We have all been tried and tested. All of us had been tested in every way. If you recall, last year, we were not even able to liturgically celebrate Lent because of the lockdown. Yet, if we think of it, we probably had a real Lenten experience, in the true sense of the word. Probably, we had the **"true desert experience"** where we realized our need and hunger for God. During the past year, we all probably cried out to God for help to save us and renew our life.

Thus, this year's celebration of Lent gives us the true meaning of Lent. **"Lent"** literally means **springtime**, a season which coincides with springtime and the rebirth of nature and new life, which we see all around us. It is a season of hope and a promise of new life. We need hope now more than ever, to help us face the challenges of these days. During this the forty days of Lent, the Church encourages us to grow spiritually and experience, a reawakening of our relationship with God. All of us are encouraged to reflect on how we can grow closer to God - through prayer, sacrifices and acts of service.

During the season of Lent, we are sometimes tempted to focus on the negative – on all we have had to give up – but that is not our aim. In our observance of Lent, it is also important to remember, that it is not simply about giving up one or two things, but about being filled up with Jesus, through alms giving and doing good to our brothers and sisters.

Although we continue to find ourselves living with a pandemic and war in Ukraine, there is no shortage of opportunities for almsgiving. I encourage you to be aware of your neighbors needs in a special way this Lent, to reach out to those who are isolated and in need of companionship, offering help and support, a kind word, or a good deed. As the war in Ukraine continues, we have an opportunity to help by contributing to those who are displaced by this atrocity. By doing these things, we can become signs of a new springtime, as Christ has promised and signs of new hope as we come to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

Today, as we begin our Holy Season of Lent, let us start with a proper penitential mindset. Let us come to the Lord today with a humble heart, acknowledge our sinfulness and ask pardon for our failures and shortcomings. Let us abandon the ways of our old self and put on a new self. Clothed in Christ.

Have a blessed Lenten celebration

Temptation is Real, and Painful

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. [Luke 4:1-2a](#)

What a painful experience for Jesus. If you really think about this, it can be difficult to understand...at least at first. Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Creator of the Universe, the great I AM, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, is in the desert, suffering for forty days while He is tempted by the devil and living among the wild beasts. Why in the world would He do this and why would God the Father allow it to happen? And what's more, it says that it was actually the Holy Spirit who drove Jesus into the desert to experience this painful 40 days!

So what's it all about? It's about love for us all. It's about God loving us so much that He was willing to endure every form of hardship and human suffering that enters into our lives. It's about God being able to look us square in the face and say, "Yes, I do understand what you're going through...I really do." This is love. It's a love so deep that God Himself was willing to experience our weaknesses and pain so that He would be able to meet us there, console us in the midst of whatever we are going through, and gently lift us out of it to the new life He has in store for us. Again, this is Love!

Temptation in life is real. It's the result of our fallen human nature. It comes from our weakness but also from the evil one. Temptation can be a heavy burden and cause heavy emotional and psychological pain. And when the temptation is given in to, it causes an even deeper spiritual pain. Jesus never gave in to the temptations in the desert, nor did He give in to temptations at any other time in His life. But He endured them and suffered them.

This tells us that He can be our strength and inspiration in the midst of whatever we are tempted with each and every day. Some days we may feel the loneliness and isolation of one who is driven into the desert of our sins. We may feel as though the wild beasts of our disordered passions are getting the best of us. We may feel as though the evil one is having his way with us. Well, Jesus felt this way, also. And He freely allowed Himself to experience this in His humanity. It was the will of the Father and the working of the Holy Spirit that drove Him to this experience.

For these reasons, it is Jesus Himself who is able to meet you in this desert within. He is there, waiting for you, looking for you, calling to you. He is there in the midst of anything and everything you may be going through. And it is He, the One who defeated this desert temptation, who will gently guide you out. He went to the desert to meet you and to bring you back. And just as the angels ministered to Jesus in this desert, so also does He send those angels to minister to you.

So whether your "desert" is only a slight agitation in life right now, or if it's a struggle against complete despair, Jesus wants to meet you and bring you out. He conquered the desert once and for all, and He is able to conquer any desert in your life, also.

Lord, I acknowledge Your perfect love for me. I believe that You love me enough to endure all suffering, to understand all suffering, and to bring me out of my own interior dryness and pain. May I let you be driven into the desert of my own soul; and there, as I encounter You, may I allow You to lead me to the cool and refreshing waters. Jesus, I trust in You

Effective March 1, 2022 – All capacity limits, including physical distancing requirements are removed from churches and parish halls. However, masks must still be worn inside the Church. **Beginning March 11th**, we will resume regular masses at Immaculate Conception Church. Friday 12:10 mass and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am masses will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church.

The STATIONS of the CROSS

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm up to Good Friday, April 15th at St. Paul's Church.



High School Teens - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 9pm		Grades 6 to 8 - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 8:00pm	
Mar 7	Forever Young	Mar 14	Movie Night
Mar 14	Movie Night	Mar 21	Doctor Strange
Mar 28	In Their Shoes		

Confirmation information

Initial Registration / information meeting for
PARENTS ONLY.

Grade 8 ONLY - Wed, Mar 23, 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.
Grade 9 ONLY - Thurs, Mar 24, 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.

For more information, please email Dave McKendrick at: -

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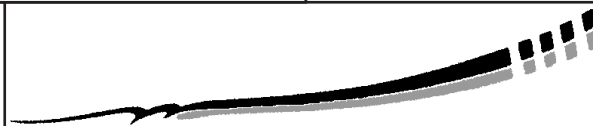


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