

# 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**

### **Saturday:**

5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

### **Sunday:**

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

## **Weekday Liturgies**

**Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

**Wednesday & Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul's

**Friday:** 12:10 noon at Immaculate Conception

**Saturday:** 9:00a.m. at Immaculate Conception

**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 at St. Paul's

## **YOUTH MINISTRY:**

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) See parish website

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) See parish website

## **Reconciliation(Confessions): at St. Paul's**

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](http://stpaultheapostleal.archtoronto.org)**

## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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**OFFICE HRS: Tues-Fri 9-4:00 p.m.**

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## **Immaculate Conception**

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**Youth Minister:** Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

or email Dave: [allistonlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:allistonlifeteen@gmail.com)

Text Dave @ 647 -237-1348



20 March 2022 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" — Lk 13:2-3

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**First Reading + Exodus 3:1-8a**  
**Second Reading + 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12**  
**Gospel + Lk 13:1-9**

## Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday, March 21**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, March 22**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+John Masterlarz, PIO-Boguski

**Wednesday, March 23**

8:00am+Shelley Keays, PIO- S. Hands

**Thursday, March 24**

8:00am+Louise LOWNDES, RIP-J/R Farrugia

**Friday, March 25**

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+ For Our Lady's Intentions-G/D Tardif

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS (at St. Paul's)

**Saturday, March 26**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+ John & Brenda Bozek & family, PIO – Boguski

**\*\*4:00pm – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

5:00pm+Vito MONASTERO, RIP – I. Monastero

**Sunday, March 27**

(9:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+G.Allan ROCHARD, RIP-Knights of Columbus

12:00 noon+Rev.Vito MARZILIANO, RIP

## Exhausting the "Soil" of Mercy

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down." [Luke 13:8-9](#)

Every gardener knows that good fruit is, in part, dependent upon the presence of good soil. But other factors are also important in the production of good fruit. The plant must be free of disease, receive water and sun, be planted in a warm environment, be properly pruned, and have enough space to grow. When all factors are present, good fruit is guaranteed.

So it is with our lives. The soil in which we are to be planted is the mercy of God. And this soil is the richest soil attainable for the production of the virtues in our lives. God also produces the sun, the rain, and the warmth that is needed for our growth. But, analogously speaking, we must allow ourselves to be pruned. We must also allow the soil to be fertilized and cultivated in a variety of ways. Though Jesus is the Gardener of our lives, it's also fair to say that we are the gardeners in the sense that we must cooperate with our Lord, relying upon the supernatural resources of the Creator to ensure the healthy growth of our spiritual lives so that the good fruit of virtue may be born in our lives.

This passage above is the conclusion to the Parable of the Fig Tree. Just prior to this passage, the owner of the vineyard, God the Father, ordered that the barren fig tree be cut down so that it will no longer exhaust the soil. But our merciful Lord, sent on mission from the Father to till the soil of our lives, seeks to offer one more chance and the Father obliges out of love. This life is that "year" by which our Lord works fervently to cultivate the soil around us. We must cooperate through daily prayer, fidelity to His commands, acts of loving sacrifice and surrender to His providence. In the end, if we allow our Lord to do all He desires, our lives will bear good fruit.

But on the flip side, make no mistake about the fact that, if our lives do not bear good fruit, we will be "cut down." Bearing good fruit is not an option, it's a must. It's a clear indication of our spiritual health and it will become the measure of our eternal reward or eternal death. Do not be intimidated by such sharp language coming from our Lord. He spoke it in love so that we will know the serious duty we have to bear good fruit in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon the outward signs of your inward spiritual health. Do you see the virtues sprouting forth from your life? Are you aware of the work God desires to do in your soul so as to cultivate it and fertilize it with grace and mercy? Say "Yes" to Him this day and allow that grace to produce an abundance of good fruit.

*My virtuous Lord, I invite You into my soul to cultivate it and fertilize it with Your grace. Please prune my sins and help me to sink my roots deeply into the nourishment of Your mercy. I am sorry for the ways that I have failed to bear fruit in my life. I now entrust myself to You so that Your care will remedy all my ills and weaknesses. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source:MyCatholiclife

MARCH 20, 2022



High School Teens - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 9pm		Grades 6 to 8 - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 8:00pm	
Mar 28	In Their Shoes	Mar 21	Doctor Strange
Apr 11	Look Mom- no Hands	Apr 4	Captain Marvel
Apr 14/15	Holy Thursday/Good Friday	Apr 14/15	Holy Thursday/Good Friday

### 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: -**

[allistonlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:allistonlifeteen@gmail.com).

Please put "**Confirmation**" and "**your grade**" in the subject line.

### Stewardship of Treasure

***"Stewardship is not about the need of your parish, but your need to give."***

As we recognise the presence of God in our lives, we set out to live the spirituality of stewardship in terms of *time, talent and treasure. God has given each of us something to do that no one else on earth can do.*

With the Church back to 100% capacity, we are looking for more Choir members and Cantors. You may reach out to **Christine Parulski** on [fc.parulski@sympatico.com](mailto:fc.parulski@sympatico.com) or on her cell **705-435-8103**. We are also looking for an Organist. Please call the parish office on 705-435-6325, ext 21.

We sincerely appreciate your time and talents and pray that you would come out and share them with your parish.

**Altar Server Training-** Geoff Tan will be conducting **Altar Server** training on Saturday **March 26<sup>th</sup>** from **2:00- 3:00 pm** here at St. Paul's. All kids who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Church

### Blood Donation Clinic

*(By Appointment only)*

**Where: St. Paul's Church**

**When: March 31, 2022**

**From: 1:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Book your appointment on - [blood.ca](http://blood.ca)  
or call 1-888-2DONATE**

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Like other organizations across Canada, the latest COVID-19 wave is challenging Canadian Blood Services like never before. Recent illness and isolation requirements, coupled with several notable weather impacts, have affected donor attendance and the availability of staff. These developments have put added pressure on **Canada's Lifeline** to meet demand, and there has been a decline in donations nationally.

**Together, we are Canada's Lifeline.**

**Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>**, we are able to offer **multiple intention masses on Tuesdays and Fridays**. If you wish to book a mass, please contact the office.

### NEW to PARISH? Have you registered yet?

**New Address?** It is important to be registered to receive the sacraments & support your faith community. Please fill in the registration form below and place it in the collection basket or hand it into the office. Offertory Envelopes can be picked up in the church foyer.

**Welcome to St. Paul's Parish!**

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