

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. at St Paul the Apostle

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 should be registered parishioners and attend Baptism preparation class along with godparents. (Registration package available from church office).

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. Cecilia Catholic School	705-530-9597
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

St. Paul the Apostle

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Second Sunday of Advent ~4 December 2022

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the Prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,’” *Matthew 3:1a, 2-3b*

First Reading + Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading + Romans 15:4-9
Gospel + Matthew 3:1-12

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, December 5

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, December 6

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+Charles O'Reilly, RIP – T. O'Reilly

Wednesday, December 7

8:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory – S. Hands

Thursday, December 8

8:00am+Our Lady's Intentions-G/D Tardif.

10:30am+Holy Family School Advent Mass-

Florence Dale, Per.Int- S.Hands

Friday, December 9

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Paul & Madeleine LAPERRIERE, RIP-G.Cole

Saturday, December 10

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Nancy Elizabeth Berberick, RIP – M.Bogucki

5:00pm+Darlene Valtri, RIP-H.Wright

Sunday, December 11

9:00am+Michael & Maria Berberick, Per.Int-S.Hayes

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Public Repentance

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” [Matthew 3:7–8](#)

This was both a very intense and yet very holy encounter. It was intense in that Saint John the Baptist, who had become quite popular and respected and was considered a great prophet, spoke harshly toward the Pharisees and Sadducees. “You brood of vipers!” he says. This was not the way the Pharisees and Sadducees were normally spoken to.

John speaks this way because it was the truth. These religious leaders were not leading anyone closer to God. One only needs to ponder all that Jesus would eventually say to the Pharisees and Sadducees to understand what kind of people these religious leaders had become.

So this passage is certainly intense. But it is also very holy. It is holy because this “brood of vipers” needed to be chastised. They needed to be condemned and challenged. They needed to be humbled. And there is nothing more humbling than sincerely repenting of one’s sins in a public way.

Notice that John does not dismiss the leaders outright. Rather, he requires of them “evidence” of their repentance. Why? Because of the spiritual damage these men did to the people of Israel on account of their pride, self-righteousness, hypocrisy, love of public honors, condemnation of others, etc. They had so distorted the faith that the good of their souls required public repentance. It required that everyone see sincere good fruits flowing from their lives as a sign that they had changed. Though this is a tall order for the Pharisees and Sadducees, it’s the way to holiness for them.

The same is true for us. If you have allowed yourself to fall into some of the same traps as the Pharisees and Sadducees, then you, too, will greatly benefit from clear and humble public change. If you have struggled with self-righteousness, a critical tongue, a “holier than thou” attitude or a judgmental attitude toward others, then you might have great need for a humble and public repentance.

Reflect, today, upon the Pharisees and Sadducees. Try to understand their sin and the reason John called them a “brood of vipers.” If you see any of their pride and self-righteousness within your own soul, then listen to this exhortation from John the Baptist as if it were spoken to you directly. “Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” Do this, and God will free you through the gift of true humility.

My humble Lord, You call all people to repentance with great humility and sincerity. Please help me to see my sin and to never shy away from facing it, so that You can free me from that filth and set me more firmly on the path to holiness. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source:MyCatholicLife

And let them remember that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that God and man may talk together: for “we speak to Him when we pray: we hear Him when we read the divine saying.” -*Saint Ambrose (340-397), Bishop, Patron of Police officers, Feast Day Decemeber 7*

**Weekly Collections for
November 20, 2022**

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 4240.60
Other-St.Paul's(Confirmation,SVDP etc)	\$ 3875.10
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 744.30
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc)	\$ 340.00

Total- \$9200.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

There will be a second collection at all masses on the weekend of December 10 & 11, 2022, dedicated to the efforts of St. Paul's Society of **St. Vincent de Paul** to bring joy to the less fortunate at Christmas. This year we will be distributing **\$15,000.00** in gift cards for Walmart, Giant Tiger and Fresco. Please continue to use the monthly **green envelope** in your box of church envelopes to receive a receipt from the church. If you do not have the church envelopes, please place your donation in a regular envelope with your name and address.

We would also like to invite people interested in assisting the works of St. Vincent de Paul. Please contact our President, Paul Healy on **(705) 435-4951** for more information. Throughout the year, we do attempt to visit those in need in pairs, a man and a woman, but we do require more help so it is not a burden for a few. ****We also desperately need an individual to carry on the work of our treasurer who has unfortunately decided she has to resign because of illness. Please consider getting involved in this worthy ministry.**

CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & SOCIAL

ALL LADIES WELCOME!! PLEASE JOIN US!!

Thursday- Dec. 8, 2022 - Fr. Bennett Hall

6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner, Christmas Carols, good fellowship

Please bring 1 non-perishable food item

Reservations needed, please contact Darlene Figueroa darfigs@gmail.com or 705-435-1364.

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Our youth will once again be collecting **'Clean Winter Clothing in Good Condition'** for **ADULTS ONLY (mainly men's clothing please)** to distribute to the homeless & shelters.

Adult clothing, especially - socks, coats, shoes, boots, mitts, hats, pants, sweaters, blankets, sleeping bags, belts, new underwear and hygiene products, food gift cards such as Tim Horton's or McDonalds.

(Please no summer wear and no children's clothing, light weight material pants or men's suits, these are not practical on the street in winter).

Our Life Teen (high School teens) will be sorting, bagging, and then delivering these items to homeless in Barrie on December 30th.



Youth- Grades 9 - 12

Friday, December 30th

ROAD TRIP!

(Bring sandwiches and drinks to hand out as well)

Street Patrol, Food & Clothing Handouts in Barrie

To sign up-email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com or text Dave-647-237-1348

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)

NO CONFESSIONS ON DEC 24th and 31st

Christmas Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

Sat December 24th - 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Sun, December 25th - 10:30a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

Sun, December 25th - 9:00a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)

Sat, December 31st - 5:00 p.m.

Sun, January 1st - 10:30 a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

Sun, January 1st - 9:00 a.m.

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