

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 11 December 2022

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Matt 11:10-11

First Reading + Isaiah 35:1-6a, -10

Second Reading + James 5:7-10

Gospel + Matthew 11:2-11

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 12

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, December 13

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+Richard O'REILLY, RIP – T O'Reilly

Wednesday, December 14

8:00am+John & Connie Orr – J/C Orr

Thursday, December 15

8:00am+Deceased Members of Mastilarz family – M. Bogucki

Friday, December 16

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Rita CRUMP – Crump Family

Saturday, December 17

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory –A Parishioner

5:00pm+Rev. Norberto Eyule, Per. Int. – T/J Reinguette

Sunday, December 18

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Gerald Megraw, RIP – J. Megraw

Change and Newness in Christ

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” [Matthew 11:2-3](#)

Why did Saint John the Baptist send his disciples to Jesus to ask this question? Recall that John had previously stated about Jesus, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” ([John 1:29](#)). So if John knew that Jesus was the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,” then why would he send his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the one who is to come?

The Church Fathers explore many reasons, but most arrive at the conclusion that John did this not because he didn't know Who Jesus was, but for the sake of his disciples, so that they would come to follow our Lord once John was killed by Herod. So this was a way of trying to point his disciples to Jesus and to encourage them to embrace this new change in their life of faith.

Jesus understood the reason John sent his disciples to Him. As a result, Jesus gave these disciples what they needed so as to come to believe themselves. He points them to the works that He has done as the Christ so that they would be able to interpret these works on their own and, thus, come to the newness of faith. Jesus points out that the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Who could argue with such miraculous signs from Heaven? But Jesus goes even further and states something very subtle. He says, “And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.” This line appears to be one way that Jesus gently reproached these disciples for what appears to be their own personal struggle with this change of spiritual leaders. Jesus identified a certain “offense” that they were dealing with. They were “offended” by the fact that Jesus was indeed increasing while John was decreasing.

In many ways, this is a common experience any time there is a change in our spiritual lives. When something is new, we often struggle with various aspects of the change and newness. But the Christian life is all about change, transformation and newness of life. And this is good. We must seek to change, be transformed, build better and new relationships, learn new ways of loving and reaching out, and become very comfortable with any and every new experience that our Lord places in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you have struggled with changes in your spiritual life. Oftentimes, those things we struggle with are actually glorious opportunities to live our Christian faith and charity on a new level. Seek out the changes God is calling you to embrace in your life and know that even if they are difficult, they are the surest pathway to a life of greater holiness for you.

Dear Lord, I know You call me to embrace the newness of life and the changes that I must endure so as to follow You more faithfully. Help me to be open to all that You call me to so that I will continually become a new creation in Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week: Never was a whimpering bit of humanity so powerful that, while lying on His bed of straw, He could command the very stars to direct whom He wished to visit Him. Never a child so wise or so rich as this little Infant who was full of grace and incarnate truth. - *St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day December 21*

**Weekly Collections for
November 20, 2022**

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 2782.75
Other-St.Paul's(Confirmation,SVDP etc)	\$ 1756.40
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 1461.15
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc)	\$ 165.00
Donation to St.Paul Cemetery	\$ 5000.00

Total-	\$11165.00

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.

Our CWL has a new council for **2023 and 2024**. They are:
President – **Martha Whelton**, Secretary – **Krista Tomini**,
Treasurer – **Loretta Gismondi**, Faith Committee Chair –
Marie Charbonneau, Service Committee Chair – **Dawn Westcott**,
and Social Justice Committee Chair – **Carla Beckett**. The installation ceremony will be held at the **7 pm Mass on Tuesday, December 13th**.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

There will be a second collection at all masses this weekend, 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.**

Note of Thanks: -

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the **St. Paul's Parish Choir** for providing the carols at this year's lighting of the Christmas tree and visit from Santa event, that took place December 2nd. They braved freezing temperatures and provided the atmosphere for a successful evening. In the choir were: Bill and Donna Lynch, Andrea Borsos, Patrick Hull, Christine Parulski, Marie Charbonneau, Gord McInnes, Brian Allen, Sharon Robinson and Rick Milne. Thank you

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before the 2022 tax receipts are issued, we need to update our Parish List. Please add your name and address on the envelop for the coming year so that the tax receipt can be issued.

The offertory boxes from **#400 onwards** will arrive before the year end, hence they are not placed in the Narthex yet- sorry for the inconvenience.



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