

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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Email: Allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

or leave a message at Ext.24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 29 January 2023

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”*

Matthew 5:7-8

First Reading + Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel + Matthew 5:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 30

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 31

(Multiple Intention Mass – Per. Int.)

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Larry Keogh, Ian Fisher, King Charles III

Wednesday, February 1

8:00am+Souls in Purgatory- T. O’Reilly

Thursday, February 2

8:00am+ Rev. Dominic Borg, Per. Int. – J/C Orr

(Mass at Kingsmere Community)

10:30am+Josephine Doner, RIP- J/R Vandervoort

Friday, February 3

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

(Multiple Intention Mass – RIP)

12:10pm+Mary MURPHY, Ron McKIBBON,

Jack DIAMOND, Diane TAVARES, Br. Harold THORN,

Flavia PROVIDENCE, Harry CHAPMAN, Diane MASON

& Helen NICHOLSON

Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Saturday, February 4

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Ian Fisher, Pers. Int. – S. Hands

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, February 5

9:00am+ Stefan & Maria KOZA-K.Koza

10:30am+Helen Scanlon, RIP – J/M Scanlon

The Journey to Perfection

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” [Matthew 5:1–3](#)

The Sermon on the Mount begins with today’s reading in Chapter Five of Matthew’s Gospel and continues through Chapter Seven. This beautiful sermon presents us with many familiar teachings of Jesus, such as the Beatitudes, the Lord’s Prayer and the Golden Rule. Jesus begins His sermon by going up a mountain and sitting down. The mountain is believed to be just north of the Sea of Galilee, just a few miles from Capernaum where Jesus often stayed during His public ministry. Today’s Gospel presents us with the glorious and very high calling of the Beatitudes. This teaching on the Beatitudes sets the stage for the many other lessons Jesus taught.

The Beatitudes are certainly a teaching about morality, but the lessons are not the same as many of the moral teachings that the people were familiar with. Up until that time, morality was primarily seen as a list of forbidden practices. “Thou shall not...” was the general tone. However, the Beatitudes take morality to a much higher level. In this new teaching, Jesus did not start with that which was forbidden or that which was a violation of God’s Law. Instead, He explained that reaching for these ideals brought forth the greatest fulfillment in life. Morality was not only a list of regulations one needed to avoid. At the heart, morality was now presented by our Lord as a glorious journey to perfection. The result of this journey was the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

When you consider the moral life, how do you look at it? Do you see it more as a list of things you can’t do? Or do you see it as a journey up the mountain of true holiness and fulfillment? The Christian life certainly forbids us to engage in many forms of sin and violations of God’s Law. But unless we understand that the highest form of morality is given to fulfill us on the deepest level, then it will be easy to become discouraged by our calling.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus calling you to follow Him up the mountain of the Beatitudes. As you do, begin by considering this journey first from a physical point of view. It would have been much easier for His first hearers of this sermon to simply stay in Capernaum and recline at table, listening to Jesus speak. But the physical journey up the mountain gives insight into the high calling of the moral life. It requires effort and determination. From there, try to imagine yourself listening to Jesus preach. Remind yourself that the Christian life is one of perfection in every way. This is our calling. But the fruit of perfection is the fulfillment in which God wants us to share. The easy life of sin leaves us dry and interiorly dead, but the hard journey to perfection leads us to the deepest fulfillment we could ever attain. Commit yourself to the journey and do not hesitate on the way, and you, too, will be rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord of perfection, You call me to journey with You up the high mountain of holiness. May I always see this journey as one that is glorious and fulfilling. I choose the life of perfection to which I am called and pray that I will always be open to the deepest moral truths You wish me to live. Jesus, I trust in You!
Source: MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

I would like an abundance of peace. I would like full vessels of charity. I would like rich treasures of mercy. I would like cheerfulness to preside over all.

- St. Brigid of Kildare (451-523), Feast Day February 1

**Weekly Collections for
January 22, 2023**

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 2773.20
Other-St.Paul's(Confirmation,SVDP etc)	\$ 2722.25
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 734.55
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc)	\$ 10.00

Total-	\$6240.00

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Jan 29, 2023

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

COLDEST NIGHT of the YEAR- Feb. 25th

The coldest night of the year is a winterrific family-friendly walk of 5 km to raise money for S.H.I.F.T., our local shelter, which serves people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness in our community.

Members of the C.W.L. have once again entered a team into the walk. Last year we raised \$5,180 and we hope to equal that again this year!

Would you like to join the team in walking? There is no cost to sign up. Call or email Martha Whelton (the Team Captain) at 705-435-0991 or email:

me.whelton@sympatico.ca.

Prefer to make a donation? A tax receipt for donations of \$20 can be printed off the web-site.

Donations may also be made online- google- Coldest Night of the Year 2023, click on donate, and enter the team's name - St. Paul's CWL.



High School Teens - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 9pm		Grades 6 to 8 - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 8:00pm	
Jan 30	Seeing the Kingdom/Jesus Ministry	Feb 1	Edge Meeting- optional for crew (teens)
Feb 4	Valentines Dinner/Dance - St. Marys Barrie WTN	Feb 6	Edge- Wonderfully Made/Body Image
Feb 8	L/T Meeting	Feb 10/11	Core Team Retreat

Valentine's Dinner and Dance Feb 11th

at St Paul The Apostle in Fr Bennett Hall.
Buffet, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, 50/50 draw and DJ.
Tickets are \$50 each or \$100 a couple.

A cash bar will be available.

Tickets on sale after weekend masses or let any Knights of Columbus member know you are interested.

Tickets are on sale now after every weekend mass and also at the Parish Office during regular working hours.

If you or your business would like to donate to the Silent Auction or Prizes, please contact **Ed Rooney** at rooneye34@gmail.com or call **416-579-0859**.

Hope to see you there!

**Marriage Sunday 2023 - Celebration of Marriage
Mass with Bishop Vincent Nguyen**

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen – **February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.** As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples. For questions, please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriagefaq or contact formation@archtoronto.org

Legacy Gifts to Any Part of the Archdiocese

From: Peter Okonski, Manager, Planned Giving & Personal Gifts

If you have included your parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your Will or estate plan, please let us know.

Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to say a special thank you. All Legacy Society members are invited to the Annual Legacy Society Lunch & Mass by the Archdiocese of Toronto. They also receive:

- A hand-crafted cross blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins.
- A personal letter from Cardinal Collins and a certificate acknowledging your intention.
- Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events.

Let your legacy be a testament of your faith! All Legacy Society members have the option of remaining anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at development@archtoronto.org or 416 934 3400 ext. 519

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