

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

## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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or leave a message at Ext.24



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 26 February 2023**

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you Satan!” *Matthew 4:8-10a*

**First Reading + Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7**

**Second Reading + Romans 5:12-19**

**Gospel + Matthew 4:1-11**

**Mass  for the Intentions  Week**

**Monday, February 27**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, February 28**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm - (Multiple Intention Mass-PIO)

Christopher HYLAND, Per Int – S Hands

**Wednesday, March 1**

8:00am+John ORR, Pers Int – C Orr

**Thursday, March 2**

8:00am+Ron McKIBBON, RIP – T O'Reilly

**Friday, March 3**

*(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

12:10pm - (Multiple Intention Mass-RIP)

Souls in Purgatory +Helen Wright +Marie Zetler

+Leslie Caldwell +John Fisher

7:00pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday, March 4**

*(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Helen NICHOLSON, RIPO

5:00pm+Eugene DEVEREAUX, RIP- Devereaux Family

**Sunday, March 5**

9:00am+Diane MASON, RIP – P/C Vanderpost

10:20am+FOR the PEOPLE of the PARISH

**Saint of the Week:**

If there be a true way that leads to the everlasting kingdom, it is most certainly that of suffering, patiently endured. - *St. Colette (1381-1447), Patron of infertility, Feast Day March 6*

**Forty Days = Your Entire Life**  
**First Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. [Matthew 4:1-2](#)

“Forty” is a significant number. In Scripture, it is used more than 145 different times. For example, the rain during the Great Flood lasted forty days and forty nights. Each time Moses went up Mount Sinai, he remained there for forty days and nights. The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days before ascending into Heaven. And there are many other uses of “forty” throughout the Bible. Interestingly, forty is even significant within human nature, in that we develop within our mother’s womb for forty weeks before being born.

The “forty” that we commemorate today is the forty days and forty nights that our Lord spent in the desert being tempted by the devil while He fasted and prayed. Forty is used to symbolize a time of testing, purification, trial or probation. For that reason, it should also be seen as a symbol of your entire life here on earth. In Saint Matthew’s version of Jesus’ temptation in the desert, He specifically uses the wording “forty days *and* forty nights.” Saint Bede, in commenting upon this, points out that this period of time not only symbolizes our entire lives, but the “days” represent the many graces and blessings we receive, while the “nights” represent the crosses we endure.

As we begin our Lenten journey, it is important to once again apply the lessons of Jesus’ time in the desert to our entire lives. Let’s consider two lessons we can take from the passage quoted above. First, we see that Jesus was “led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” This teaches us that Jesus not only endured temptation, He confronted it. He was not afraid of the devil and did not fear his attacks. Instead, He willingly faced those temptations, being led by the Spirit, so as to not only overcome them in His life but also to enable us to confront, in our lives, every temptation by the power and initiative of the Holy Spirit. We must never be afraid to confront temptations directly and confidently when the Holy Spirit is in the lead.

A second important lesson is that Jesus voluntarily fasted during this time in the desert. This illustrates the importance of the virtue of temperance in life. If we see this period of forty as a symbol of our whole lives, then we will understand that temperance must always be part of our lives. When we experience the joys and blessings of life (the forty days), we must certainly celebrate them. But we must always do so with a certain self-denial, in that we must never allow the passing things of this world to become the primary satisfaction we seek. Saint John of the Cross teaches that we can even become overly attached to spiritual consolations. Conversely, when we experience the crosses of life (the forty nights), we must also practice a certain self-denial, in that we must not allow the difficulties we endure to discourage us or to distract us from seeking out and fulfilling the will of God. Fasting, meaning our acquisition of the virtue of temperance, must lead us always through the ups and downs of life, helping us to keep our eyes on the truths God has revealed to us and rejecting the lies of the devil.

Reflect, today, upon the importance of embracing the virtue of temperance with courage throughout life. Throughout life's many ups and downs, joys and sorrows, blessings and crosses, we must allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, confronting every circumstance with courage and self-control. Reflect upon any ways that you struggle with the crosses you endure or excessively cling to the consolations of life. Seek to embrace the road of virtue this Lent in imitation of Jesus' forty days and nights in the desert.

*My temperate and courageous Lord, You confronted all temptation with courage and strength. You fasted throughout the forty days and forty nights so as to teach us how to navigate the ups and downs of life. Please give me the virtues of temperance and courage, and bestow the Holy Spirit upon me so that I may follow You into the desert of my own life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER"

Host: St. Paul the Apostle, Alliston

Friday, March 3, 2023, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Program written by the WDP Committee of Taiwan **"I Have Heard About Your Faith."**

There will be a free-will donation during the service. Refreshments follow the service. Everyone is welcome.



### **K of C News.....**

The Knights of Columbus Council 9352 is proud to present a series of Faith Formation Videos. These 12-15 minute videos are a call to Catholic men to know and live their faith. The faith topics are posted on our parish website. Please consider joining your St Paul's Knights of Columbus, Council #9352. It is as easy as going onto "[kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)". Fill in the contact information and refer to Council 9352.

### **Our Parish St. Paul**

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**Immaculate Conception** are recruiting 4 additional Lay Readers and 4 additional Ushers.

If anyone is interested in

**Ushering** for either the Sat or Sunday masses, please contact Ed Rooney at 416-579-0859. We will be setting up a meeting prior to Easter to update current ushers and introduce any new applicants.

If you are interested in being a lay Reader, please contact Mike Crowley @ 705-220-1309.



† **The Stations of the Cross**  
**Join Us every Friday At 7:00pm during Lent**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup> we will pray the**  
**Stations of the Cross at St Paul's Church.**



**Squires and Life teen are hosting a**  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH**

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

Two seatings 10:00 am and 11:30 am

### C.W.L. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST WINNERS

The Catholic Women's League congratulates the winners of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest which was held on Mon. Feb. 13, 2023. First place winner Lucas Tiburaio from Holy Family School spoke on "Dance Genres" and will next speak at the C.W.L. Northern Region Level at 10:00 a.m. on Sat. Feb. 25, 2023 at the St. John Vianney Parish Hall.

Runner-up Peyton Matchett from St. Paul's School spoke on "Positivity".

Thank you to the judges, time keepers, parents, impromptu coaching assistant, and the ladies of the C.W.L. who provided the refreshments. All the participants are to be congratulated on their excellent presentations.

## Thank You!

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus for all those who attended and supported the Valentines Dinner and Dance. We were able to raise over \$1,000 which will go towards our charitable causes in the church and the community. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year.

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)



### Weekly Collections for

February 19, 2023

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 2959.90
Other-St.Paul's(Baptisms,SVDP, PCU etc)	\$ 1060.10
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 600.00
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, PCU etc)	\$ 15.00
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