

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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2nd Sunday of Lent ~ 5 March 2023

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” *Matthew 17:4-5*

First Reading + Genesis 12:1-4

Second Reading + 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel + Matthew 17:1-9

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, March 6

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 7

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+Rev. Norberto Eyule Per.Int. – J/C Orr

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

8:00am+Janet Debra SIUNG-S. Abbott

Friday, March 10

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10+Multiple Intention Mass- RIP

Bill BERBERICK, Gilles TREMBLAY-LAPERRRIERE

Joseph BOGUCCI, Peter BROWN, Michael COLE, Raul TARANCO,

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

****7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS @ St. Paul's**

Saturday, March 11

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rev. Ralph PAONASSA, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+Stefan & Maria KOZA, RIP – K. Koza

Sunday, March 12

9:00am+Maria GERONIMO, RIP-D. Geronimo

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

Justice means being just, and giving each his own —giving God the things that are God's, and the world, what belongs to the world. - *Saint John of God (1495-1550), Order of Hospitallers, Feast Day March 8*

Continuing the Mission

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. [Matthew 17:1-3](#)

This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime.

Moses' encounter with God on the mountain provided the foundation of the Law for the people of Israel. This Law guided them for centuries and ultimately came to fulfillment in Jesus, Who transformed the Law and elevated it to a new level by grace and mercy. Elijah's encounter with God on the mountain gave him direction to anoint kings to lead the people and to anoint Elisha as the prophet to succeed him. Elijah and Elisha continually preached to the people, calling them back to fidelity to the covenant God had made with them.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will.

Reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfill the mission of God started long ago, until it comes to completion when He returns at the end of time.

My Transfigured Lord, You spoke Your divine will to the great leaders of old on a high mountain. You also entrusted Your mission to the disciples on a holy mountain. Please give me the grace and determination I also need to journey with You up the mountain of prayer so that I will be entrusted with the mission You give to me. Jesus, I trust in You. Source: MyCatholicLife

MARCH 5, 2023



Weekly Collections for
February 26, 2023
(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 3050.20
Other-St.Paul's(Confirmation,SVDP etc)	\$ 1289.30
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 597.50
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc)	\$ 205.00

Total- -----
\$5142.00

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross

Friday's at 7:00p.m.

February 24th – April 7th



Confessions

Weekly on Tuesdays 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.

And Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2023

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Our Parish of St. Paul

&

Immaculate Conception

is looking for Lay Readers and Ushers for our weekend masses.

If anyone is interested in **Ushering**, please contact

Ed Rooney @ 416-579-0859 or

rooneye34@gmail.com

For **Lay Readers**, please contact **Mike Crowley @ 705-220-1309** or mikecrow@rogers.com.

There is a meeting on **Tuesday, March 7th** soon after Mass to update current ushers and introduce any new applicants.

Hope you can attend! *Thank you for the gift of your time.*

Annual Mass of St. Patrick Friday, Mar 17 – 10 a.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond St., Toronto.

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

Lenten Day of Retreat Sat, Mar 18 – 9 to 3 p.m. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. Retreat will be facilitated by the Queen of Apostles Team. COST: \$45.00 includes lunch. **Please contact directly:** Jean-PHONE # 905-278-5229 or EMAIL: office@qoa.ca



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)

(To defray the costs, a free will donation is highly appreciated) **Wear GREEN!**

Legacy Gifts to Any Part of the Archdiocese

(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**

COLDEST NIGHT of the YEAR

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the CWL team - "Coldest Night of the Year". The team managed to raise **\$5,700**. This will go a long way to help keep our local shelter feeding and housing those in need."

Thank you!!

Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account. There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for You: • The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish. • Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away. • Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish: • Regular, dependable contributions to the parish. • Reduction of cash on hand. • Reduction of paperwork.


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