

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:

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| 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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Living Water for a Thirsty Soul



3rd Sunday of Lent ~ 12 March 2022

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink.’ You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” *John 4:7-10*

First Reading + Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel + John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” *John 4:5-7*

Today, throughout the world, Catholic liturgies will celebrate the first of three Scrutinies of those adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The word “scrutiny” comes from the Latin word *scrutari* which means an inquiry, close examination or search of something. It originally referred to rummaging through rubbish so as to find something of value. In a sense, this is what God does with all of us. When we first turn to Him, He sorts through the disorder of our fallen human nature and our sins so as to point to the goodness and beauty of the child He created. As for the liturgical rite that will be celebrated in churches throughout the world today, the *Right of Christian Initiation of Adults* describes it as follows: “The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good” (#141). The Gospel story we read today depicts this action beautifully. It is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. This story is filled with symbolism, much of which the casual reader could easily miss.

To begin, it is important to prayerfully imagine the scene. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob’s Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So, the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink. She was a Samaritan. Jews generally considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, Jews would not drink from their vessels. But Jesus broke this unholy custom and looked at her as a daughter of God with innate dignity and value as He engaged her in conversation.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, “Give me a drink.” Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn’t dwell upon her past; He knew all about it. He could read her soul. All He wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

As we celebrate the Scrutinies this Sunday, reflect upon this woman at the well. First, she is a symbol of every person coming to faith in Christ and preparing for the Living Water of Baptism this Easter. But she is also a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Hear Him say to you that He thirsts for you and longs to be satiated by the sacred act of the ongoing bestowal of His Divine Mercy, poured forth through the Living Water superabundantly given to you at your baptism.

My thirsting Lord, You see me, peer deeply into my soul, see all the filth of sin and disorder and love me anyway. As You spoke to this woman at the well, so You also speak to me, asking me to satiate Your thirst by being open to Your mercy. I do open myself to You, dear Lord, and pray that Your Living Water will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: *MyCatholicLife*

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, March 13
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 14
(Mass at Good Samaritan)

10:30am+Nita Rozario, RIP-Antao Family
 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS
 7:00pm+ (Multiple Intention Mass, RIP)
 John Paul CECCATO, Diane MASON
 Kazimierz MADYDA, Sheila HANDS

Wednesday, March 15
 8:00am+Shawn BARRETT, RIP-T. O’Reilly
(Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home)
 10:30am+Richard O’REILLY, RIP-T. O’Reilly

Thursday, March 16
 8:00am+ Jim & Rita Vandervoort, Pers. Int.

Friday, March 17
(Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
 12:10 pm+ Multiple Intention Mass, Per.Int)
 For World Peace,

Anne Marie Wuebbolt, Jackie Lemay
7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS @ St. Paul’s
Saturday, March 18

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
 9:00am+René Roy, RIP –J/R Farrugia
 5:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – E Durkan

Sunday March 19- St. Joseph
 9:00am+Nicholas KRZYWONOS, RIP – D. Geronimo
 10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to Him to the end of my life for my God. - *Saint Patrick (385-461), Bishop Feast Day March 17*

MARCH 12, 2023



Weekly Collections for
March 5, 2023
(This does not include PAG collection)

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| Sunday offering (St Paul's) | \$ 4794.00 |
| Other-St.Paul's(Confirmation,SVDP etc) | \$ 1085.00 |
| Sun. offering (Imm. Concep) | \$ 1348.00 |
| Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc) | \$ 180.00 |

Total- **\$7407.00**

Third Sunday of Lent-March 12, 2023

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. "Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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.



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)

(All proceeds will go towards Squires and Life Teen programs. A free will donation is highly appreciated)

Wear GREEN!!

Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop
Francis (Frank) Leo

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on **Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.** Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an **invitation-only** event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the **Northern Region on Monday, April 17, 2023 – St Mary's Parish, Barrie at 7:00pm.** A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 519 or email to development@archtoronto.org.

Lent & Easter Schedule

During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church

CONFESSIONS - Tuesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – April 6

No Morning Mass

7:30 p.m. + Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

Good Friday – April 7

No Noon Mass

3:00 p.m.+ Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:00 pm + Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 8

No Morning Mass

12:00 noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Vigil + 8:30 pm – April 8

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Easter Sunday – April 9

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church
10:30 a.m.+ St. Paul's Church



Knights of Columbus 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". Fill in the contact information and refer to Council 9352.

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 6:15p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
And Saturdays 4:00p.m.-4:45 p.m.

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