

# 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



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**  
**Third Scrutiny**

*When he said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."*  
 John: 11:43-44

**First Reading + Ezekiel 37:12-14**  
**Second Reading + Romans 8:8-11**  
**Gospel + John 11:1-45**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, March 27**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, Mar 28**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**\*\*6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS\*\***

**7:00pm- Multiple Intention Mass-RIP**

Mathilde CAISSIE, Rev. Ivica KECERIN,

Rev. Mario BELLINASASO

**Wednesday, March 29**

8:00am+Andrew Wuebbolt, PIO – J/C Orr

**Thursday, March 30**

8:00am+Pedro BONILLA, RIP-E. Bonilla

**Friday, March 31**

**Multiple Intention Mass- RIP**

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

12:10pm+Diane TAVARES, Baby ASH, John & Eileen

FARRUGIA, Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday, April 1**

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

9:00am+Thelma EAKINS, RIP-D & H Wright

5:00pm+Sandra LANNING, RIP – J & G Lanning

**Sunday, April 2**

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

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Total freedom from Sin**

***The Fifth Sunday of Lent***

"Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." [John 11:43-44](#)  
 The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. This is similar to the fact that leprosy, physical ailments and the like are also symbols of sin. For that reason, Jesus' initial reactions reveal how we should respond to serious sin in our lives. When Jesus faced the death of Lazarus, "he became perturbed and deeply troubled," "Jesus wept," He became "perturbed again" and He "cried out in a loud voice." Though Jesus was God, He freely chose to assume human nature and to experience human emotions and passions to teach us how we should react. In this case, He chose to become perturbed, deeply troubled, to weep and to cry out to show us how we should react to grave sin. Grave sin kills the spirit. As a result, we must be deeply affected if we commit or witness a grave sin.

One lesson we can take from this passage is that when you or a loved one falls into grave sin, it must not be ignored. Final impenitence is a sin by which a person fails to have appropriate remorse for sin and reacts to it in a dismissive and casual manner. This cannot be our reaction. Begin by considering the great value of taking sin seriously, reacting to it with passion and emotion, and crying out to God for forgiveness.

When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound "hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth." Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. First, no person is capable of confessing their sins by their own effort. It must be that they are moved by grace and the command of our Lord to come forth to show themselves in their bound state to God. Lazarus' obedience to Jesus' command symbolizes the Christian's response to God when called to repentance. When our Lord says, "Untie him and let him go," this symbolizes the unmerited effect of the Sacrament of Confession and the power it has to release a person not only from their sins but also from the ongoing effects of those sins.

Our Church teaches that sin has a double consequence. First, it keeps us from eternal salvation. This effect is remedied through Confession and forgiveness. However, there is a second effect called "temporal punishment" (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471-1473). This "punishment" is not from God, but from sin. It means that when we sin, even in a less serious way, we become attached to that sin and that the ongoing temptation to return to it is strengthened. Thus, ongoing conversion also means we hear our Lord say, "Untie him and let him go." This is especially accomplished by ongoing conversion and growth in virtue.

Reflect, today, upon the rich symbolism found in the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As you do, listen for the passionate voice of Jesus who calls to you, "Come out!" What sin is Jesus calling you to be free from? Identify that sin and repent of it with the same passion that our Lord exhibits. From there, consider any ongoing temptation you struggle with and any attachment you still have toward a particular sin. Jesus desires that you be completely unbound and set free. Be open to that grace and do all you can to accept it.

*My merciful and passionate Lord, You command me, in love, to come forth from all sin. And when I respond, You command that the effects of my past sins be removed. Please free me, dear Lord, from all that binds me so that I will be set firmly on the glorious road of virtue that leads to eternal joy. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source:MyCatholicLife

**Saint of the Week:**

If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. – St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), Bishop of Seville, *Feast Day April 4*



**Weekly Collections for**  
**March 19, 2023**  
**(This does not include PAG collection)**

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 2565.70
Other-St.Paul's(Confirmation,SVDP etc)	\$ 2637.95
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 986.35
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc)	\$ 595.00
<b>Total-</b>	<b>\$6785.00</b>



Grades 9 - 12. 645 - 9pm Mondays.  
Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

April 3 Pursuit of Money  
April 6/7 Holy Thursday/Good Friday Retreat  
April 22 Pierogi Dinner Fundraiser  
Supports 2 Summer Camps



Grades 6 - 8. 645 - 830pm Mondays.  
Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

March 27 Fun Night Social  
April 6/7 Holy Thursday/Good Friday Retreat  
April 22 Pierogi Dinner Fundraiser  
Supports 5 days at Edge Camp

**Custodian-** We are looking for a Custodian to clean both the Churches and the rectory. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Father Norberto. This is a paid part-time position.



Cardinal Collins says that "as part of our mandate to foster a safe and caring community, since 2001 the Archdiocese has had a policy of screening its volunteers to ensure the protection and safety of the most vulnerable."

We are seeking someone to assist our Volunteer Coordinator - Carla Beckett. Having access to a computer and Excel is necessary. The Excel sheet is already set up and just needs input as it arises. Meeting and interviewing volunteers is another aspect of the position and can be arranged in your own time. One does not have to be retired or have a lot of time to take on this job. On an average, it takes about one hour a month.

If you are interested, please contact Carla Beckett at [beckettcarla@gmail.com](mailto:beckettcarla@gmail.com). Training will be provided.

We are seeking new choir members to sing at the 10:30am mass. If you have the gift of music and would like to sing for the Lord, please reach out to Father Norberto.

We are in need of counters to assist with our weekly collect counting. This role entails working **ONLY once a month on Sundays**. Training will be provided. You may reach out to the Parish Office.

We are also 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](mailto:rooneye34@gmail.com)  
For **Lay Readers**, please contact **Mike Crowley @ 705-220-1309** or [mikecrow@rogers.com](mailto:mikecrow@rogers.com).

**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

**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](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live) and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: [www.slmedia.org](http://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



**This weekend is ShareLife Sunday**

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of **Cardinal Collins**: "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." Our parish goal this year is **\$61,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate)



**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** - begins Good Friday, **April 7<sup>th</sup>** and is completed **on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Our Lord told St. Faustina...*"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."* Novena Leaflets are available under the Divine Mercy Image in St. Paul's Church.





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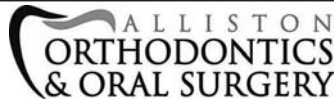
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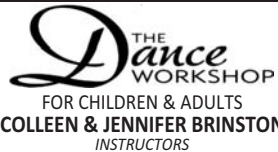
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