

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

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2nd Sunday of Easter ~ 16, April 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday

“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” John 20:27b – 29

First Reading + Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading + 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel + John 20:19-31

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 17

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, April 18

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Multiple Intention Mass, RIP)

Deceased Members of O'REILLY Family, Sheila HANDS, Carolyn BRYSON, Dorothy McCALLION,

Ruby MALBOEUF, Edith TARDIF, Shawn BARRETT Richard O'REILLY,

Wednesday, April 19

8:00am+Father Asch, Per. Int-J/C Orr

Thursday, April 20

8:00am+Jjohn & Connie Orr, Per. Int- Fr. N. Eyule

Friday, April 21

12:10 pm+ (Multiple Intention Mass RIP)

Maria DOL, Evelyn C. NOLAN, Shirley VANDERVOORT, Margaret FOOTE, Stephanie & Jan BOZEK, MASTILARZ Family, KUZMICZ Family, FULSA Family, BONIFAC Family, Dorothy McCALLION

Saturday, April 22

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Teresa FABRIZIO, RIP-A/A Prokopich

5:00pm+ Rita Broome, RIP – B/D Jebb

Sunday, April 23

9:00am+ Nicholas KRZYWONOS, RIP-D.Geronimo

10:30am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

A Whole Ocean of Graces (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Saint Faustina reports in her *Diary* what Jesus told her about Divine Mercy Sunday:

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow” (*Diary* #699).

That day is today! It is the Feast of Divine Mercy! Today's feast is among the newer feasts in our Church. Though Jesus' desire that this feast be celebrated on the eighth day of Easter was spoken to Sister Maria Faustina Kowolska back in 1931, it was not solemnly instituted until the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and inaugurated the Feast of Divine Mercy as a universal feast within the Church. Because this Feast is so recent within the Church, we can be certain that we still have much to learn about the message of this Solemnity as well as the numerous messages about God's mercy revealed in Saint Faustina's *Diary*.

Among the many messages contained within her *Diary*, Jesus revealed to us that this Sunday, the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter, is a day like none other. Though grace and mercy are continuously poured out from Heaven upon us, Jesus is very clear that today is unique. Today, “a whole ocean of graces” is poured forth upon souls who approach the font of His mercy. Sit with that image for a time. “A whole ocean of graces.” What does that mean?

Symbolically speaking, a whole ocean is meant to depict the infinite. Try to imagine what it would be like to have the entire ocean poured upon you—it's beyond comprehension! Thus, God is saying that the infinity of grace is given today. The question for us all to ponder is this: How receptive am I to those infinite graces?

By analogy, imagine that your life was like a thimble, and an ocean of water was poured upon you. As a thimble, you could not contain all that was given. Therefore, we must realize that God wants to stretch our capacity to receive His mercy more abundantly by widening our capacity for mercy. What if your soul were like a large pond? Still, the waters of the ocean could not be contained within that pond. What is it that is capable of receiving an entire ocean of mercy? Only an ocean can contain an ocean. For that reason, God desires to first prepare our souls to receive an infinity of mercy by transforming us into vessels of infinite capacity.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, in her spiritual classic, “Interior Castles,” teaches us that the soul is, indeed, capable of infinite capacity for the simple fact that God dwells within. The soul is like an interior castle with many interlinked dwelling places through which we must pass so as to arrive at the central chamber. She teaches that the goal of the spiritual life is to travel through these various dwelling places to the center of our souls where the infinite God dwells so that we can be present to Him there. Therefore, we must understand that our souls are indeed capable of receiving the infinite waters of mercy, because God created us with this ability when He chose to live within us. The key to being able to fully receive this fullness of mercy is to seek out the infinite God, dwelling within. How is this done?

The heart of the path laid out in the *Diary* of Saint Faustina is as follows: Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion so as to obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. However, as many of the great spiritual writers explain, such as Saint Teresa of Ávila, there are many levels we must pass on our spiritual journey so as to be able to encounter God in His fullness. This, of course, includes encountering God's mercy given to us in Holy Communion and Confession. Those who receive these Sacraments while dwelling only in the first dwelling places, for example, will never benefit from them to the extent that those who dwell in the seventh and central mansion where the King dwells in fullness. Thus, mercy is given in its fullness but unless we make the transforming journey to God through conversion and purification of our souls, we will never be able to receive the ocean of graces God bestows.

Reflect, today, upon this ocean being poured forth upon you. How much of this mercy are you able to receive right now in your life? As you humbly admit your limited openness to God's grace, know that God patiently waits for you, dwelling in His fullness deep within you, waiting for you to make the journey to Him. Commit yourself to this journey by prayer, fasting, penance, the reading of Scripture, the celebration of the Sacraments and spiritual reading. There is an ocean of the fullness of life waiting for you. Dive in and allow His mercy to deepen your capacity to receive Him most fully.

My Lord, You are The Divine Mercy, the source of all grace and the Bestower of this grace in superabundance. I thank You for the infinity of Your generosity and pray that my soul will be more fully disposed to receive You. Please stretch the capacity of my soul through my ongoing journey of purification and conversion so that I will receive all that You wish to bestow. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: MyCatholicLife



Weekly Collections for
April 9, 2023
(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 3528.20
Other-St.Paul's(Easter, Good Friday etc)	\$ 5964.80
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 964.00
Other- Imm Con (SVPD, ShareLife etc)	\$ 760.00
Total-	\$11217.00



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

April 22- Pierogi Dinner Fundraiser
 Supports 2 Summer Camps
 April 24- Fun Social Night
 May 8- Jesus' Resurrection



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

April 17 - Hope and Worry
 April 22- Pierogi Dinner Fundraiser
 Supports 5 days at Edge Camp
 May 1- Guided by Christ

St. Paul's Cemetery & Immaculate Conception Cemetery Clean-up
Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 a.m.
 (Rain date May 6th)



Bring rakes & gloves; Refreshments provided
 Qualifies for community hours

Notice to Lot Owners — St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery

As part of our spring clean-up, we will be removing all metal or iron crosses, glassware, ceramics and lawn ornaments (*Bylaw 10.15*). These items can pose a safety risk to our maintenance staff and equipment and detract from the decor of our cemetery. If you would like to save these items, please collect them before April 27th. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our cemetery clean and safe.



Your ShareLife gift changes lives

Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need. Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$7700/-towards our goal of \$61,000/-. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Saturday, April 22 @
6:15pm
Pierogi Dinner

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Proceeds to support Life Teen camp & Edge Camp



SAVE the DATE- May 6th

Just a REMINDER to our parishioners doing their "Spring Cleaning"

Our "ANNUAL GARAGE SALE" is to be held on
SATURDAY, MAY 6
8 A.M. until 2 P.M. In the Fr. Bennett Hall
CLOTHING OR BIG FURNITURE

*Please hold on to those treasures that are in "good, working condition" until May 1st when we can start receiving them in the parish hall. For **FREE** pick-up, please contact on numbers below before May 1st to set appointment*

Drop off times at the Church - May 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for sorting, cleaning and pick up .
 Please see bulletin board for sign-up sheets.

Please contact:

Dawn @705-435-9914

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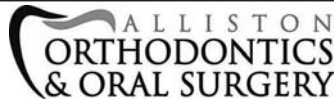
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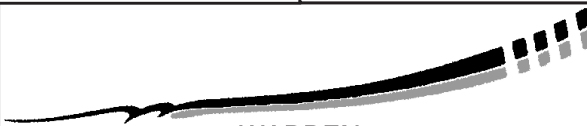


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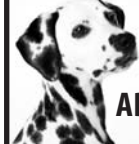
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