

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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Youth Minister: Dave McKendrick

Text/call – 647-237-1348 (BEST)

Email: Allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

or leave a message at Ext.24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



4th Sunday of Easter ~ 30th April, 2023 (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

The one who enters by the gate is the Shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:2-4

First Reading + Acts 2:14a, 36b-41
Second Reading + 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel + John 10:1-10

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 1

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, May 2

(Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP)

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Virgilio MACKENZIE, Kazimierz MADYA,
Sheila HANDS, Maria DOL, Shawn BARRETT
HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY, Charles O'REILLY,
Deceased members of O'SULLIVAN family,

Wednesday, May 3

8:00 am+Thelma Eakins, RIP-D & H Wright

Thursday, May 4

8:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory-T. O'Reilly

Mass at Kingsmere Retirement

10:30am+Deceased members of O'Reilly Family-T. O'Reilly

Friday, May 5

(Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

Followed by Adoration until Sat 8:00am Mass)

12:10pm+Rev Norberto Eyule-J/C Orr

Saturday, May 6

(Morning mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Angela & Giovanni STEA, RIP-T/N Novielli

5:00pm+For the People of the Parish

Sunday May 7

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

10:30am+Theodore IGNAS, RIP-A. Ignas

Hearing and Following His Voice

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." [John 10:1-3](#)

The people of Jesus' time would have easily understood this story. It was common practice for shepherds to talk to their sheep throughout the day so that the sheep became familiar with the shepherd's voice as he led them through various pastures for grazing. At night, several shepherds would bring their sheep together within secured gates for safety. In the morning, each shepherd would then call to his sheep and, because they knew their shepherd's voice, the sheep would follow their own shepherd and not the others.

The first question for each of us to ask ourselves today is this: Do I know the voice of the Shepherd? Have I become so familiar with His voice that I can clearly distinguish His voice from others? Try to imagine the image of several shepherds all calling their sheep at once. This is an image of the competing voices we encounter in our lives. But only one of those voices is the voice of God. Do you know His voice? Or do you become confused with the many other impulses, desires and attractions that vie for your attention?

Jesus continued his teaching by saying that He is not only the Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep, but He is also the gate. "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." What does our Lord mean when He calls Himself the gate?

As the Gate, He is the Word of God, revealed to us through the Scriptures. Fidelity to the Word of God is one of the surest ways to the life of grace. He is the Word of Truth as it is handed down and expounded upon by the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. Fidelity to the authentic teaching of the Magisterium, especially when the Holy Father speaks in union with the bishops, will help us navigate the many errors of our age. Jesus is made present to us through the Sacraments, which are the door to His grace and the entryway to the food for our spiritual lives. Furthermore, any time our Lord comes to us, through holy preaching, the witness and teaching of the saints, and the life of prayer within the Church, or in any other way, we enter the gate and are admitted into His verdant pastures.

Jesus is the gate, not only for the sheep but for each of the shepherds who lead the sheep in His name. These are the pastors of the Church who have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God's people. Today, if a shepherd of the Church fails to preach Jesus Christ, then that shepherd "comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Pastors of the Church must humbly listen carefully to these words so that they never fail to shepherd God's people by leading them through the Gate, Who is Christ Himself. They must all be faithful to the whole Tradition of our Church, handed on throughout the ages, and not deviate from the pure and holy deposit of faith. If they preach their own gospel, or are negligent or misleading in their preaching, then they are not true shepherds. God's true sheep will not recognize them. But if they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Christ the Good Shepherd, calling to us in a variety of ways. We must learn His true voice through faith and prayer. Once we recognize His voice, we will more easily discover Him ministering to us, inspiring us, and inviting us to the life of grace by encountering Him as the source and way to this new life.

Good Shepherd, You speak to me continuously, revealing to me Your presence and guidance in my life. May I become so familiar with Your sacred Voice that I will always recognize it. Lead me to Yourself, the glorious Gate to the life of grace, and transform me into a faithful and obedient sheep. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

Source: MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

Christ tells us that if we wish to join him, we shall travel the way he took. It is surely not right that the Son of God should go his way on the path of shame while the sons of men walk the way of worldly honor. - St. John of Avila (1500-1569), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day May 10



Weekly Collections for
April 23, 2023
(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 2727.65
Other-St.Paul's(Share Life,FHC etc)	\$ 4226.55
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 1064.80
Other- Imm Con (SVDP etc)	\$ 220.00
Total-	-----
	\$8239.00



ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

Thus far we have raised **\$9349/-** toward our goal of **\$61,000/-**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!



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

- May 8- Jesus' Resurrection
- May 11-March for Life Ottawa
- May 13-LT Retreat/XLT WtN



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

- May 1- Guided by Christ
- May 15-Why the Eucharist is important



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

8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. in Father Bennett Hall

NO 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 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

Loretta @705-458-9504 – **(After 6PM).**

Email- gismondi.home@gmail.com

Muffin Sunday

"The Knights of Columbus welcome all parishioners to drop into the Fr. Bennett Hall after the 10:30 a.m. mass on **May 7th** for some fresh "**baked in-house**" muffins, coffee, tea and drinks. Come out and meet your fellow parishioners. Donations accepted with thanks." This is the last Muffin Sunday before Fall.

Requesting all parishioners

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NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2023-2025 TERM

6 Elected Positions open for nominations

Please return your nomination forms with names and phone numbers (print clearly) by Sunday May 14th. You can nominate more than one person (16 yrs. and over) and you can also let your own name stand.

All nominees will be contacted to be sure they will allow their name to stand.

Thank you for your time and participation.

The Nomination Committee Council.

(Forms available on table in Narthex)

**ST PAUL THE APOSTLE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
2023 – 2025 TERM**

The nominations committee that has been formed by the current Pastoral Council, is seeking members of our parish family to be elected to the next term of our Parish Pastoral Council, **2023 to 2025**.

The Pastoral Council is comprised of **six or more** members from representative groups (for example, Liturgy, Catholic Women’s League, Knights of Columbus, Youth, Finance, Schools and Immaculate Conception Church), plus **six** members to be elected from St. Paul’s and Immaculate Conception Churches. Clergy and the parish secretary are not eligible to be nominated.

The Pastoral Council generally meets once a month to prayerfully discern the needs of the parish community and to respond to those needs both within the parish boundaries and beyond to the larger community where appropriate and necessary.

- The Council functions as a consultative body that advises the Pastor and provides leadership the parish in temporal and spiritual affairs.
- The Council establishes priorities, which will provide direction to the parish in areas of liturgy, religious education, property, social outreach and the financial affairs of the parish.
- The Council will encourage various organizations in the parish to communicate and work together in a manner that brings people of the parish together as a whole.

Parishioners, 16 years of age and older, may be nominated to the Pastoral Council. To nominate someone, please complete the form at the bottom of the bulletin insert, or contact one of the members of the nominating committee:

Additional forms can be found at the back of the church. The completed form may be placed in the collection basket or delivered to the parish office by **May 15, 2023**. All nominees will be contacted personally.

I wish to nominate (print name)

_____ **Phone** _____
as a member at large on our Pastoral Council

OR

I wish to stand for election as a member at large on our Pastoral Council

Name (Print) _____ **Phone** _____

Date _____ **Signature** _____

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