

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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6th Sunday of Easter ~ 14 May 2023

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. "The one who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." John 14:20-21

First Reading + Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 Second Reading + 1 Peter 3:15-18
 Gospel + John 14:15-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 15

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, May 16

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

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

Wednesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 18

8:00am+Larry MURRAY, RIP – P. Murray

Friday, May 19

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

12:10pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, RIP)

John RYAN, Ron McKIBBON, Rolf WEICK,

Saturday, May 20

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Sheila HANDS, RIP – F. Horan

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, May 21

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

10:30am+Maureen RANGLES, RIP-J/M Neilson

Obedience, Truth and Freedom

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." [John 14:15-17](#)

Imagine a spouse or a friend saying to you, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Such a statement might cause you to react with surprise. Ordinarily, we do not see obedience to another as a sign that we love them. However, what if a parent were to say to a child, "If you love me, you will be obedient." That statement is easier to accept because of the unique role of a parent to their children. In regard to our love of God, obedience to His divine will is the greatest act of love we can offer. This is because God's will is perfect. It's exactly what we need in life. It's what we were made for. And it is the one and only way to achieve the human fulfillment that we seek. Only God can say such a thing to us because only God is God.

Jesus followed up His call to obedience by saying that obedience to Him will result in Jesus and His Father bestowing the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth upon you. The Holy Spirit will remain "with you, and will be in you." This is such a profound statement from our Lord. In fact, so much of what He says within this sermon given at the Last Supper is profound beyond comprehension.

One clear thing this tells us is that obedience to God leads to a discovery of the Truth. And as Jesus says elsewhere, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" ([John 8:31-32](#)). Obedience leads to Truth. Truth leads to freedom.

This begs the question: Do you want to be free? Clearly you do. We cannot not want to be free. Meaning, we are obliged to want freedom, just as we are obliged to want happiness. Why? Because the desire for freedom and happiness is written upon our very nature. It is a desire that we cannot escape. It's how we are wired. However, it is quite possible to become confused about the way we achieve these desires. For many, obedience is not always understood as the pathway to that desired freedom and happiness.

Consider, again, a child. Imagine a parent telling that child not to eat a certain wild berry that grows behind their house because the parent knows the berry is poisonous and will cause the child to become sick. If the child disobeys and eats the berry anyway, he will learn the important lesson that he should have been obedient. Or if the child were to get in a fight with his brother and was angry and crying, the parent may tell him to say he's sorry and reconcile with his brother. If the child refuses, he will remain angry and crying. But if he obeys, then he and his brother will once again be able to have fun together.

On a grand scale, this is what God does for us. He is the perfect Father Who always knows what is best for us. For that reason, we must not only conform to His will, we must desire it, seek it out and desire to be obedient to the greatest degree. This is the path to Truth. It is the path to freedom. It is the path to the happiness we desire.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of obedience to the will of God and your understanding of the importance of that obedience. Do you realize that God's will is perfect? Perhaps you do intellectually, but how about practically? When you read through the Scriptures and hear Jesus' commands of love, do you seek to follow them without hesitation? For example, do you forgive those who seem undeserving? Can you say, with our Lord from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do?" Reflect upon anything this past year that was difficult for you to embrace from God. Ponder it, pray over it and seek to obey whatever He has revealed to you. Doing so will be the first step toward the fulfillment of your deepest desires in life.

Most glorious Jesus, Your will is perfect in every way. Obedience to Your will leads to the fulfillment of my life and my every desire. Please bestow the Spirit of Truth upon me so that I will always know Your will and embrace it with all my might. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source:MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength. - *St. Philip Neri (1515-1595), Priest, Founder of a secular order of Priests, Feast Day May 26*



Weekly Collections for
May 7, 2023
(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 3061.80
Other-St.Paul's(Share Life, P/Upgrade etc)	\$7326.25
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 1918.95
Other- Imm Con (ShareLife, P/Upgrade etc)	\$ 1190.00
Total-	\$13497.00

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at Tel:416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org,
www.vocationstoronto.ca

A HUGE *thank you* goes to Father Norberto for his constant support to our Ministry and guiding us spiritually, Anu for her assistance with the organisation and contact with the parents, the Ministers of Communion, ministers of the word, ushers and altar servers. The First Communion Masses would not have been possible without your help. AS a thank you, a Mass will be offered for your intentions on **June 1, 2023 at 8:00am**.

Thank you once again – from the **First Communion Sacrament** preparation team.

THANK YOU !!!!

We have had a successful **Annual Garage Sale** in the Father Bennett Hall. We are very grateful to our many volunteers who helped with this endeavor and the parishioners that donated and purchased items. Many hands working together made the work load lighter.

From CWL...

Message from Father Norberto

New Glory and Praise Hymnals

We have purchased new Hymnals for both our Churches. The cost of these Hymnals is almost \$12000/- and we are looking for donations to defray this cost. You can make a donation towards this purchase and mark it as '**Hymnal Purchase**'. You may also purchase a 'sticker' in memory of your loved one or in Gratitude. This sticker will be placed inside the hymnal. The cost of each sticker is \$40.00. All the donations are **tax deductible**. Please call or email the office if you would like to purchase the stickers.

I thank you in advance and appreciate your effort in assisting with recovering this major expense.

God Bless you always.

Fr. Norberto

Thank you, Father Norberto and St Paul the Apostle parishioners for your compassion and support extended to our uncle, Father Christopher Bennett, over his years as a Pastor of St Paul's and in his retirement. God Bless you.

With gratitude

Father Bennett's Family



Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers and all the mother figures. Have a blessed day.

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.

(Extra Forms available on table in Narthex)

This weekend is the last weekend to submit your nomination forms.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on June 12th at 7:00 pm in Choir Room.



Share your love on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!"

Thus far we have raised \$11537.40 toward our goal of \$61000/-. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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