

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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 17 September 2023

‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. “So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” Matt. 18:33-35

First Reading + Sirach 27:30, 28:7

Second Reading + Romans 14:7-9

Gospel + Matthew 18:21-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 18

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday September 19

(5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Ginette Cole, Per. Int- G. Cole

Wednesday, September 20

8:00am+ Ginette Cole, Per.Int.-G. Cole

Thursday, September 21

8:00am+Rev. Alan Glass, Per.Int.-P/C Morrison

Friday, September 22

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

(Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP)

12:10pm+Jim VANDERVOORT, Leoncio CORILICO

Saturday, September 23

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

9:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory-P/C Morrison

5:00pm+Sheila HANDS, RIP – S/M Charbonneau

Sunday, September 24

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Tom RYAN, RIP-S. Hayes

The Torment of Unforgiveness

“You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

Matthew 18:32–35

Love, kindness, gentleness, mercy...these and many like qualities are easy to think about. They inspire us to be holy by growing in virtue. But sometimes we need more. Sometimes pondering the beauty of the virtues and fruits of the Spirit do not suffice to help us embrace a life of holiness. This is one of the reasons for our parable today.

The *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius of Loyola present us with a structure by which a spiritual director may lead a retreatant through a thirty day private retreat. Ignatius outlines thirty days worth of meditations. Interestingly, Ignatius does not begin by inviting a person to ponder the beautiful virtues to which they are called. Instead, for the first week, he has the retreatant ponder the horror of sin and the devastating effects that sin has upon a soul. By doing this, the person’s eyes are more fully opened to their own sin so that, in the subsequent three weeks, they will be more properly disposed to reflect upon the inspiring life of Christ and His many virtues.

In a sense, our Gospel today is an ideal Gospel to ponder during that first week of an Ignatian retreat. And for that reason, it is an ideal Gospel to ponder anytime we want to get our spiritual lives in order. It is very easy to become complacent in our Christian walk. It is easy to become lukewarm in our prayer and even in our moral life. If that is you to any degree, then this Gospel is worth your careful and thorough attention.

The sin that Jesus addresses in this passage is the sin of unforgiveness. It clearly depicts the wrath of God that will be inflicted upon those who refuse to forgive others. The “wicked servant” to whom this is addressed was a man who was forgiven a “huge amount” by God. This is all of us. Every one of us has been forgiven by God an amount that cost Jesus His very life. The consequence of our sins was the death of the Son of God. Each of us deserves the penalty of death. But death has now been transformed into the very means of new life through the forgiveness of sins. And if we want to receive the forgiveness of sins and the new life that awaits us, we must fully share in God’s forgiveness. Not only must we receive His forgiveness, we must also forgive those who have sinned against us. Completely. Totally. Without reserve.

In this parable, the wicked servant failed to forgive his servant’s small debt. In fact, every sin committed against us, no matter how grave in the eyes of God, is a small debt compared to the debt we owe God. For that reason, we must never hesitate to forgive. Never. If this is difficult, and if reflecting upon God’s mercy, kindness, compassion and love do not compel you to completely forgive everyone to the fullest extent, then spend time with this parable. “You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” These are words directed at us when we fail to forgive completely from the depths of our hearts. They are merciful words from Jesus to help us wake up to what we need to do.

In a commentary on this passage from St. Thomas Aquinas, the “torturers” spoken of, to whom we will be handed over if we do not forgive, are the demons. They will torment us when we lack forgiveness toward others. The torture, for now, will come in the form of obsessing over our wounds, dwelling upon thoughts of revenge, holding grudges, and lacking interior peace. This is the work of the demons, and they will torment us this way until we forgive.

Reflect, today, upon the absolute requirement of the Christian life to forgive. Mercy can seem unfair. From the perspective of strict justice, it is. But from the perspective of freedom and the virtues of Heaven, mercy makes perfect sense. Do not hesitate to forgive, for if you can do so from the bottom of your heart, God will lavish upon you the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Most merciful Lord, You have forgiven me a huge debt. The cost of my sin was Your death on the Cross. Please fill my heart with such gratitude for this gift that I, in turn, offer the same depth of mercy to others. May I never waver in this depth of mercy so that I am freed from the torments that come from unforgiveness. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source:MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week: The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder... What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection. – *St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968), Priest, Stigmatic, Feast Day September 23.*

**Weekly Collections for
Sept 10, 2023**

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$2869.15
Other-St.Paul's(Share Life, P/Upgrade etc)	\$1584.20
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 861.65
Other- Imm Con (ShareLife, P/Upgrade etc)	\$ 325.00
Total -	\$5640.00

CWL Fall Dinner

Fr. Bennett Hall - Thurs. Sept. 21, 2023

Doors open 5:30 p.m. – Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner includes- Parmesan Herb Crusted Chicken Breast, Penne Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Green Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee

Presentation of Service Pin Award, Entertainment & Fellowship

Tickets on sale at weekend masses.

\$35 per person

Deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 18.

ALL LADIES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND

For additional information contact -Martha Whelton -
705-435-0991.

Muffin Sunday- Sept 24, 2023

Muffin Sundays are returning to Father Bennett Hall after 10:30 am mass on Sept 24th. This will provide a chance for newcomers to our parish to make new friends and old friends to catch up after summer activities. We will have muffins, tea, coffee and juice. Donations gratefully accepted to defray cost and assist in parish activities.

Don't rush home after mass, rush to the hall!

Confirmation Parent Only Meeting for 2024

Sept. 28th - 6:45pm-8:30pm

Sign-up at this meeting for Wednesday or Thursday sessions.

Schedules available on the youth bulletin board

and by email from Dave at dMcKendrick@archtoronto.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A)

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Catholic faith and possibly becoming a Catholic, please call Father Norberto at the parish office. This program is open to unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (R.C.I.C)

All children ages 6 years and up who are wish to be baptized will be required to attend R.C.I.C. classes with their parents in September. The information meeting for these classes will be on **Sat, Sept 23, 2023 at 3:45pm at St. Paul's Church**. For more information please **TEXT ONLY** Claudette Morrison on **705-220-9451**.

Sing with Glory and Praise

Everyone is welcome to join as we sing hymns from the new hymnal. Beginning **Monday October 2nd at 7pm**, at St. Paul the Apostle Church.

This is not a choir practice, but rather an opportunity to sing together and become familiar with new hymns from our new hymnal.

Sing along or listen along - everyone is welcome as we discover new favourite hymns together.

Every Monday at 7:00pm in October & November at St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo Fri, Sep 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. – St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Excerpts from the letter from His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop

*"In prayerful consideration, I encourage and invite all the faithful of our archdiocese – clergy, consecrated and laity, and all communities of faith to join the entire Archdiocesan family in a **NOVENA to Saint Michael the Archangel** in preparation for the liturgical celebration. We will begin this **Novena on Wed, Sept 20, 2023 until Thursday Sept 28.***

Please keep in mind and heart the Mass for the Conferral of the pallium in your prayer intentions as well, that this event may prove to be strong, spiritual and joyful ecclesial encounter with the Lord, all united as members of his Body".

****We will pray the Novena at each Mass at St Paul's and Immaculate Conception starting Sept 20th.**

An additional Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Sept 25th at 7:00 pm at St Paul's.

Parish Picture Directory

We are about to start photography for a new parish photo directory!

This new directory will be a great way to get to know each other and strengthen our community! There's always someone you don't know or forget their name! Or someone new! It is a great way to welcome new parishioners into our parish!

This album is like a high school year book and will include our activities and groups history and more!

Its a significant record of our parish at this time! So be a part of our parish HISTORY!

Photographers will be here in the parish from **October 2-7th and October 16th**. To reserve your spot, please see the ushers in the narthex at weekend Masses.

EVERYONE gets a free directory from IPC photo, the company making this project available to our parish free of charge.

The sitting is also free!

Should you wish, portraits will be made available to you to purchase as well - a great Christmas gift indeed!

Save the date

Oktoberfest Dinner Oct. 21st

Tickets on sale starting Sept. 30th at all masses and through the office.

Thank-you for your support.

Choir Members wanted

We are in need of choir members for our 10:30 am Mass. Choir practice is at 10:00am before Mass. If you enjoy singing join us. Every time you sing you are praising God.

If you are interested, show up at 10:00am in the Choir room or contact Christine Parulski at 705-435-8103.

Organist Wanted

We are also looking for an organist for the 10:30 am Mass as Doris moves on to pursue her education. Please contact Father Norberto at the Parish office. Thank you for the gift of your time.

Thank you Doris and may God bless you in your future endeavours.

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