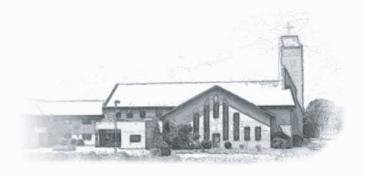
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St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches





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.

<u>Marriage:</u>

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 Aguinas 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.

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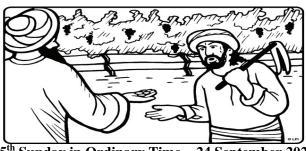
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 24 September 2023

"Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first, and the first be last." Matt 20:13c – 16

First Reading + Isaiah 55:6-9 Second Reading + Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Gospel + Matthew 20:1-16

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 25
**7:00pm-Most Rev.Francis Leo,Per.Int.
Followed by Novena to St Michael the Archangel
Tuesday, September 26

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15-6:45 pm-Confessions

(Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP)

7:00pm+Leoncio CORITICO, Mary DUMANSKI

Wednesday, September 27

8:00am+Michael Berberick, Per.Int.-M. Berberick

Thursday, September 28

8:00am+Jim VANDERVOORT, RIP – J/M E Bryant **Friday, September 29**

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church) (Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP)

12:10pm+Jim VANDERVOORT, Leoncio CORITICO

Saturday, September 30

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)
9:00am+Raymond CHARBONNEAU, RIP – S/M Charbonneau
5:00pm+Sheila HANDS, RIP – Suzanne Hayes

Sunday, October 1

9:00am+Thanksgiving for St. Theresa of Child Jesus-A Parishioner 10:30am+For the People of the Parish

Saint of the Week: The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for theologians to swim in without ever reaching the bottom. - St. Jerome (347-420), Theologian, Confessor, Feast Day September 30

Desiring the fullness of Graces for All

"When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage." Matthew 20:8–10

Is life always fair? It would seem not. We have all experienced situations in life when we felt as though we were cheated. Children are especially sensitive to this and will often complain to a parent when they feel as though they have been treated unjustly. From an earthly perspective, it is true that life is not always fair. But we ought not live by an earthly perspective. We are called to live according to the divine perspective. From that perspective, everything is fair in the end, and true justice is meted out to everyone.

When we consider the question of whether or not life is fair, we should always begin with the Son of God. Jesus was certainly not treated fairly. In fact, it is hard to conclude that anyone who has ever lived received a more unjust treatment than Jesus, at least from an earthly perspective. He was perfect in every way. He treated everyone throughout His life with perfect virtue. He never lied, cheated, stole, etc. Yet we all know what happened to Him. He was falsely accused, dishonestly judged, brutally abused, and murdered on a cross. From an earthly perspective, it is clear that this was not fair.

Jesus' life, along with ours, must not be evaluated from the perspective of earthly justice. It's not that treating others unjustly is permissible by the will of God. Each of us has a moral responsibility to act in justice as a minimum requirement. But we are also called to exceed earthly justice and live by the new standard of supernatural grace. From that perspective, Jesus' suffering and death was not tragic; it was glorious. His Cross was not an instrument of injustice, it was His throne upon which He established His new Kingdom. Once grace enters the picture, all apparent injustice is turned upside down and must be looked at from a different perspective.

The parable we read today presents to us the scenario in which God has chosen to bestow His grace and mercy in abundance to all who turn to Him. We can never earn the right to His mercy. Nothing we can do will ever give us the right to the gift of eternal salvation. Therefore, this parable especially challenges us to look at Heaven and the life of grace on earth from the perspective of "gift." All is a gift from God. Whether we convert at the end of our lives, after living sinful lives, or whether we have spent our whole lives serving the will of God, all is a gift in the end, all is grace.

Only when we comprehend God's goodness and infinite generosity will we be able to overcome our temptations toward jealousy and selfishness. Those who have dedicated their entire lives to the love of God, if it is a genuine love and service of God, will, as a result, take on the perspective of the mind and heart of God. Part of that perspective is the burning desire to generously bestow God's infinite grace and mercy upon everyone who turns to Him. Even the most hardened sinner who has been the source of much hurt in life is a candidate for the fullness of God's grace if they repent. This must be our desire. We must be like the landowner in this parable who rejoices when laborers show up in the last hour and then lavishes a full day's wages upon them. Not only is this fair from the divine perspective, it must become our personal desire as we labor through life.

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you desire to see those who have not yet given their lives to God to come to Him and receive the fullness of grace. Look at them within the context of this parable. Examine how you feel about those laborers who have not yet begun their service of God. Examine, also, your feelings toward those who seem undeserving of the fullness of God's grace. If you find that you have jealousy, or judge others from the perspective of earthly justice, work to eliminate that perspective so that your heart's deepest desire is to see God bestow the fullness of mercy upon everyone in this world when they turn to Him with a contrite heart.

Most merciful Lord, You are generous beyond comprehension. You bestow mercy upon those who turn to You from their sin and seek to serve Your holy will. May I be among those who labor in Your vineyard, and may I also be among those who desire to see everyone accept the invitation to receive the fullness of Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source:MyCatholiceLife



Weekly Collections for Sept 17,2023

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's) \$2869.35 Other-St.Paul's(Share Life, P/Upgrade etc) \$2609.20 Sun. offering (Imm. Concep) \$803.45 Other- Imm Con (ShareLife, P/Upgrade etc) \$370.00

Total - \$6652.00

Oktoberfest Cabbage Roll Dinner

Oktoberfest Sausage, Home-made Cabbage Rolls Black Forest Cake

Saturday, **October 21** – 6:30pm

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

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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.

<u>Confirmation Parent Information Meeting on Sept. 28th at 6:45pm</u>

For grade 7 and older students. Students do not need to attend this meeting.

Come prepared to sign-up for Wednesday or Thursday sessions. Session schedules are posted on the church Youth bulletin board and can also be emailed to you by emailing Dave

on 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.

Life Chain Sunday- Oct 1st

Proverbs 31:8 gives us courage in our convictions to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." Take part in Christ's great commission! Join us at **Victoria & Church Street** on **October 1**st from **2:00 -3:00 pm** to participate in Life Chain, an annual pro-life event demanding an end to the killing of the preborn in Canada. Be a voice for the voiceless! For more information - visit Campaign Life Coalition's website – www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain.

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.

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!

Photographer 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.

**The spots on Oct 2,3 and 16 are fully booked. **

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!

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 looking for an organist for 10:30 am Mass. Please contact Father Norberto at the Parish office.

Thank you for the gift of your time.

If you wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year; can you please write your full name along with your address and phone number on the offertory envelope for the next few weeks? This will help in streamlining the new system.

Thank you for your attention on this.

New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a *parish registration form*, available in the narthex. It is important to be registered to receive the sacraments & support your faith community. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes or preauthorized giving*.



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