

St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



"To grow as disciples, living and sharing the love of Christ." - 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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 15 October 2023

“The Wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet. Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.” Matt 22:8b-10

First Reading + Isaiah 25:6-10a
Second Reading + Philippians 4:12-14,19:20
Gospel + Matthew 22:1-14

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 16

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, October 17

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15 pm -Confessions

(Multiple Intentions Mass- Per.Int.)

7:00pm+Baby Norah Halbert, Maria & Mike Berberick,

Vivian Arthur-Okor

Wednesday, October 18

8:00am+Sister Sheila O’Sullivan, Per.Int.–T.O’Reilly

Thursday, October 19

8:00am+Connie Orr, Per.Int.-P/C Morrison

Friday, October 20

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

(Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP)

12:10pm+Michael COLE, Jim VANDERVOORT,

Saturday, October 21

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Donald SULKER, RIP – Tom Mohan 3477 Assembly

5:00pm+Sheila HANDS, RIP – P/C Morrison

Sunday, October 22

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Rev.Christopher Bennett, RIP – K of C JJ Murphy
 Assembly, Barrie

Reality vs. Appearance

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.” Matthew 22:1-3

Do you refuse to come? Jesus spoke this parable to the chief priests and elders of the people because, even though they gave the impression to others that they were true followers of the will of God, they were, in fact, among those who refused to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. The chief priests and elders of the people were masters at portraying themselves as something they were not. They knew how to look good in the eyes of the people, how to avoid public criticism, and how to appear as holy men. But they were none of the above. Inside they were hypocrites, liars and murderers.

In this parable, three invitations are sent forth. The first two are given to the invited guests. Though these “invited guests” refer especially to the people of Israel who were raised in the faith handed down from Moses and the prophets, we should also see in it those who have been raised within the Christian faith today. After the first invitation, those invited refused to come. After the second invitation, some who were invited reacted with indifference, while others reacted with hostility. These responses are common today.

When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life.

When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus’ invitation? To answer that question properly, we must “read” the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect of purging all selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult. They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen.

The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast “into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth” because he doesn’t have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God.

Reflect, today, upon how charitable you are toward others, for that will determine whether you are fit to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity always seeks to lavish the greatest good upon others. It seeks to do everything necessary to help others grow in love of God. True charity never leads a person to gaze upon themselves. It is always outwardly focused and selfless in its choices. As you reflect upon your charity, or lack thereof, be open to the purifying invitation from Jesus and do not react in hostility. Welcome His invitation to change and allow your wholehearted worship of Him to transform you into a gift of love for others.

Lord of perfect charity, You have invited all people to share in the glorious banquet of Heaven. The only requirement is that we allow all sin and selfishness to be purged from our lives so that we are covered with the garment of charity. I accept Your invitation this day, dear Lord, and commit myself to the purifying fires of Your perfect love. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source:MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

Conform yourself as closely as possible to His humility and gentleness in dealing with your neighbor. . . Love those who humble and contradict you, for they are more useful to your perfection than those who flatter you. - St. Margaret Mary Alcoque (1647-1690), Religious, Mystic, Feast Day October 17

**Weekly Collections for
Oct 8, 2023**

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (Both parishes)	\$ 4183.75
Other collection (Both parishes)	\$ 3096.25
Total -	\$7280.00

Oktoberfest

Cabbage Roll Dinner

Oktoberfest Sausage, Home-made Cabbage Rolls
And Dessert

Saturday, October 21 – 6:30pm

In support of our parish Youth Ministry

Tickets available after weekend masses or the office

Adults: \$30.00, Child (under 13)-\$20.00,
Preschool Free

Maximum 150 tickets will be sold

Only 20 tickets will be sold at door that night.

Come let us serve

Can you help support our youth ministry?

Many ways you can help.

1. Come enjoy a great meal.
2. Invite family and friends to a great evening.
3. Volunteer - 3 different ways.
 - On Friday Oct. 20 - 2-6pm - help make cabbage rolls in the church kitchen
 - On Saturday Oct. 21- 2-730pm - help cook and prepare our meal
 - 800-1030pm - help with dishes and clean-up in the kitchen.

Thanks for being part of our community.

Your help is appreciated.

Contact Dave -text/cell 647-237-1348

Email: dmckendrick@archtoronto.org



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

Oct 14/15- Overnight Retreat Holy Spirit Barrie

Oct 19-Gr 8-9 drop-in 330-5pm

Oct 21-Oktoberfest Dinner



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

Oct 16- Tsunami

Oct 19-Gr 8-9 drop-in 330-5pm

Oct 21-Oktoberfest Dinner



Charity Bazaar

Saturday, November 4, 2023

10:00 am to 1:30 pm.

(St Paul's Church, Fr. Bennett Hall)

Assorted gift baskets
Home baked goods, candies and preserves
Handcrafted sewing, knitting and crochet items
Scarves and jewelry
Penny table – great fun!
Tea room luncheon
Silent Auction items
Raffle draw with monetary prizes of **\$500, \$300, \$200**
(Lottery Lic # M831232)

Donations needed – items for theme baskets, penny table, jewelry and scarves, new toys and games. Your generous donations and support are deeply appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteer support for the bazaar. Signup sheets will be posted soon in the narthex. If you have any questions, you may call Marion at 705-435-1091.



Children's Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that we are having our Children's Christmas Party on **Dec 10th** after the 10:30 am Mass, start time approximately **11:30 am**. We ask that you sign up your child/ children as soon as possible with a deadline sign up date of **Nov 18th**. Please see the announcement/ cover letter and sign-up sheet in the narthex or ask any Brother Knight and he can put in touch with a committee member.

Ofcourse Santa has promised to stop by and spend some time with us. There will be drinks, sandwiches and desserts for all. All are invited.

Thank you from:
Knights of Columbus Council 9352 Alliston, ON.

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 *pre-authorized giving*.

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