

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

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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ 22 October 2023

“Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” Matt 22:19-21

First Reading + Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Second Reading + 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5ab
Gospel + Matthew 22: 15-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 23

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, October 24

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm-Confessions

7:00pm+Robert Alvin, Per. Int

Wednesday, October 25

8:00am+Carolyn MURRAY, RIP – P. Murray

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+ Don SULKER, RIP-J/L Blacklaws

Saturday, October 28

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+For the People of the Parish

5:00pm+Tim FERRARI, RIP – G. Gillis & J. Beattie

Sunday, October 29

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Stan & June TOMPOROWSKI, RIP – From Family

Saint of the Week:

Lord, by the words of consecration the substance of the bread and wine is converted into the substance of your Body and Blood. All powerful Lord, say over me the word which will change me into You. - Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), Patron of Technical Educators, Feast Day October 24

Resolving Conflict

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” [Matthew 22:15-17](#)

It has been said that “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” In other words, two people who are enemies with each other will often join together if they see an opportunity to jointly attack an even greater enemy. This is what was happening in today’s Gospel. Jesus was considered the greatest enemy of the Pharisees and the Herodians, and both of these groups joined together in a plot to trap Jesus even though they greatly disliked each other.

The Pharisees were very nationalistic and were strict observers of the Law of Moses. It was their view that the people should not have to pay taxes to the Romans, and many of the people agreed. The Herodians supported the Romans and, therefore, were supporters of Herod, the Jewish ruler appointed by the Roman Emperor. One of Herod’s responsibilities was to obtain taxes from the Jews for use by the Roman government. Those who opposed the paying of taxes to the Romans could even be put to death.

This joint questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get Him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod’s soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against Him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. Of course, Jesus’ answer was perfect. Without violating the Law of God, He also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard Him “were amazed, and leaving him they went away.”

The lesson learned from this passage is an especially important lesson to apply to family life. It is very common for conflicts to arise from time to time among those who are close to each other. When that happens, we can often take the approach of trying to trap the other person and trip them up with our deceptive reasoning. When this happens between two people, the conversation often turns into a shouting match with each party seeking only to find fault with the other. The solution to such situations is simple. Every conflict must be resolved by the truth. Jesus did this perfectly. He did not attack when He was attacked. He did not defend Himself irrationally. He did not shy away from the confrontation. He did not manipulate the truth to His own advantage. Instead, He spoke openly and honestly the full truth and refused to engage his opponents in their trickery.

Consider this question. What if you were in Jesus’ position and the Pharisees came to you, asking you this question? What would you be tempted to answer? Most likely, you would try to answer them in such a way that appeased them. You might whisper, “We shouldn’t pay the taxes but don’t tell that to the Herodians.” And if the Herodians were to ask you that question, you might be tempted to give a different answer that appeased them.

Oftentimes, when we feel as though another person is trying to trap us, condemn us, or challenge us, we become more concerned about our defense than with the honest truth. We can become afraid to say anything that will give them reason to attack us. We will be tempted to twist our answers rather than speak forthrightly with sincerity and honesty. This will never resolve a conflict. The only way to resolve anything is with the truth.

Reflect, today, upon how you work to resolve conflict when it arises. Are you more like the Pharisees and Herodians whose only goal was to trick, trap and win? Do you see the other as an enemy in those moments? Or do you strive to be like Jesus who didn’t shy away from the conversation, answering honestly and directly? Of course, the truth was easy for Jesus since He was without any fault. In our lives, the truth may require that we admit our sin and apologize when confronted. However, if the truth, the full truth and nothing but the truth is our goal, then our conversations will imitate Jesus and, most often, a peaceful resolution will ensue.

My truthful Lord, Your wisdom is perfect and Your words are truth. Please give me the gifts of wisdom and all truth, especially when conflicts arise. In those moments, please keep me from reacting in an angry and defensive way so that I can always be an instrument of the unity You desire. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: MyCatholicLife

Weekly Collections for

Oct 15, 2023

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (Both parishes) \$ 4063.65
Other collection (Both parishes) \$ 1958.35

Total - \$6022.00



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!
2nd Draw Table
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 in the narthex.

If you have any questions, you may call Marion at 705-434-1091.



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 19th**. Please see the announcement/ insert letter and sign-up sheet in the narthex or ask any Brother Knight and he can put in touch with a committee member.

Of course, 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

World Mission Sunday

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God.

Thank you for your support of this important work.

†† All Souls Day Masses

November 2nd @ 8:00am & 7:00pm

At

St. Paul's Church

For the faithful departed of our families and the Parish.

All Souls Envelopes

can be picked up at the back of the Church & in the foyer.
All donations will go directly to our Cemetery Board for the upkeep of our parish cemeteries.

**St. Paul's & Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Clean-up**

Sat. November 4th

9:00AM – Beginning at St. Paul's Cemetery

Bring rakes & Leaf Blowers

Refreshments Provided

Qualifies for community hours

Notice to Lot Owners

As part of our fall clean-up, we will be removing all metal or iron crosses, glassware, ceramics and lawn ornaments. These items can pose a safety risk to our maintenance staff and equipment and detract from the decor of our cemetery. If you would like to save these items, please collect them before Nov. 4th. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep our cemeteries clean and safe.



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

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

Oct 21-Oktoberfest Dinner

Oct 23- Family Plan



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

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

Oct 21-Oktoberfest Dinner

Oct 30-Saints Social

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

A gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) is still one of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto. When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others.

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/> to download the *How to Gift Securities Info Sheet* and the *Letter of Direction*. To ensure you will receive a 2023 tax receipt, kindly submit a completed Letter of Direction to us no later than on **December 21, 2023**, either via email to development@archtoronto.org or by fax at 416-934-3412. For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.

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