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 LiturgiesTuesday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul'sWednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at SFriday: 12:10 noon at Immaculate ConceSaturday: 9:00a.m. at Immaculate ConceExposition of the Blessed Sacrament BFriday of each month at Immaculate Conce1:00pm Friday until 8:00am Saturday.Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00	eption eption Exposition on the First ception Church from
YOUTH MINISTRY: Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) See parish website Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) See parish website	Baptism: Parents/Guardians should be registered parishioners and attend Baptism preparation class along with godparents. (Registration package available from church office).	
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:	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.	
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	<u>Schools:</u> Holy Family Elementary School St. Paul's Elementary School St. Cecilia Catholic School	705-435-3989 705-435-7211 705-530-9597

Pastoral Ministries:

must attend a mandatory Marriage Preparation Course.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas High School

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 P.O. Box 789, 190 King St. S.,

Alliston, ON L9R 1V9 <u>OFFICE HRS:</u> Tues-Fri 9-4:00 p.m. Office: 705-435-6325 Fax: 705-435-6859

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 5th November 2023

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' chair; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach." Matt 23:1-2

First Reading + Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 Second Reading + 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 Gospel + Matthew 23: 1-12

MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 6 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, November 7 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR 7:00pm+Deceased members of Catholic Women's League-Wednesday, November 8 8:00am+William & Anne Marie Bennett, RIP-Estate of Bennett Family **Thursday, November 9** 8:00am+Stefan COLALILLO, RIP – M. Maghory Friday, November 10 (Mass at Immaculate Conception) (Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP) 12:10pm+Emma BRYDSON, Steve & Mary Dumanski Saturday, November 11 (Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+John Hagan, Per. Int – J. Hagan 5:00pm+Kazimierz MADYDA, RIP – TM Wojnicki Sunday, November 12 9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Ernest ARSENAULT, RIP-Tom Mohan Assembly 3477

Saint of the Week:

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. - *Pope St. Leo the Great, (390-461), Pope, Patron of a holy death, Feast Day November 11*

Exalted Through Humility

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example." <u>Matthew 23:1–3</u>

Sometimes people's words inspire us, but more often it is the witness they give with their actions that inspires. Additionally, when someone's words do not match up with their actions, they are seen as hypocrites. Jesus is very hard on the scribes and the Pharisees for this reason. "For they preach but they do not practice." They spoke about the Law of God, taught it in a detailed way, but they did not truly practice God's Law as it was intended to be practiced. Jesus goes on to give a list of the ways that these religious leaders failed to live the laws of God. They failed in their charity and encouragement of others, they did everything for public praise and for show, and they sought out honors and meaningless titles. As a result, they cared little for others and cared much about themselves.

At the heart of Jesus' criticism of the scribes and Pharisees was their tendency to exalt themselves in the eyes of others. Jesus corrects this tendency by saying that "the greatest among you must be your servant," and that "whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Therefore, if you wish to be truly great and if you wish to be exalted by God, you must serve with the deepest humility.

Humility begins by seeing yourself in the light of truth. How does God see you? The humble soul seeks to discover this insight by using the eyes of Christ to look at their own soul. It would be truly humbling if we could see ourselves in the full light of the truth. But too often we take on a false image of ourselves and look at our lives through a lens of self-righteousness. We tend to quickly defend our actions, justifying the sins we commit and failing to acknowledge our weaknesses.

What would you see if you looked at yourself with humility? One glaring thing you will see is your sin. Our lives are filled with sin. Sometimes they are serious sins, and at other times less serious, but our lives are undoubtedly filled with sins and imperfections. If we are blind to those sins, then we lack the necessary humility we need to see ourselves in the light of truth.

The virtue of humility will also take us a step further than seeing our sins clearly. It will also help us to see our need for God's grace in order to change, to love, and to serve God and others. We cannot love by our own efforts. It is impossible. The love of charity is only possible when it is God who lives in us and acts through us. God and God alone is able to work true charity through our actions. Knowing and believing this humble truth is the only way to open the door to that grace.

Reflect today upon the humility that you need in order to truly love. When you love others with the pure love of God, you will discover within yourself a need to serve. You will see others as objects of your love. You will discover a burning desire to help them, forgive them, be gentle and merciful to them, and to do all you can to help them discover the truth of their own lives so they will, in turn, humbly turn to God. The scribes and Pharisees failed miserably at this mission, and that is one of the reasons that Jesus used them as an example. Do not follow their lead. Seek to take the opposite approach. Seek humility. Seek the truth. If you do, God will use you in powerful ways and will exalt you on high.

Most humble Lord, You are exalted above all because You were humble beyond all. You knew the truth of Who You are and embraced that truth with all Your might. Please give me Your eyes to see myself as You see me, so that in Your humble gaze, I will see my sin, repent wholeheartedly, and turn to You as the source of all my love. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife Collections for - Oct 29,2023(This does not include PAG collection)Sunday offering\$ 4219.20Other collection\$ 5622.80

Total -

\$9842.00

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Learn:

How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection

How to create your own legacy

About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

<u>3 WAYS TO REGISTER:</u>

1. scan this QR code:

2. follow this QR link: <u>https://QRCO.de/nov18</u>
3. send an email to: <u>Development@ArchToronto.org</u> and write "webinar Nov 18" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message .



The final Knight of Columbus muffin Sunday for 2023 will be held on Nov 19 in Fr. Bennett Hall following the 10:30 AM mass. Come and meet and greet your fellow parishioners as you enjoy two varieties of fresh baked muffins, tea, coffee and juice.

A small donation to defray cost and assist in parish activities is gratefully accepted. Your tremendous patronage is greatly appreciated. We will return in Jan 2024.



<u>Children's Christmas Party</u>

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

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Lottery

Tickets can now be purchased online at <u>https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=9352</u> or from any member of our local council. The current grand prize to be drawn on December 31st is well over \$8,000 and growing daily and there is just over1 week left until the next early bird drawn for \$500. Reminder, of the tickets sold locally 25% is returned to be donated locally. Get your tickets today and help support our charitable works.



<u>All Souls Envelopes</u>.....

During the Month of November, we will pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed at all parish masses.

All Souls Envelopes are at the back of the Church and in the Narthex. Place your envelope in the collection basket or the basket at the front of the altar. All donations will go directly to Cemetery Board for the upkeep of our parish cemeteries.

ALL SOULS REMEMBERANCE:

We celebrate our eternal union with loved ones who live in Christ. We remember the following families in our prayers:

All Holy men and woman: Aborted babies, Agnew Family, Alicpala, Barr , Baylen, Beno, Berberick, Binns Family, Bogucki Family, Bosek Family, Buchanan, Bumstead, Carroll, Ceresino Family, Chiovitti, Cole, Deceased Parishioners, Deceased Clergy and Teachers, Durrant, Fitzgerald, Foote, Gabrianna. Gaburian, Gallant, Girardeaees, Giuens, Gomes, Griffith, Hahns, Hall, Hardt, Helena, Hill, Hoffart, Hudgin, John, Joyce, Kardys, Kazimierz, Keogh, Koppel, Kuzmicz, Lanigan, Laperriere, LeBlanco, Lemay, Livingstone, Mackenzie, Macneill, Mallette ,Marshall, Mastelarz, Morgan, Murray, Nafash, Neilson, Neidviegh, O'Connor, O'Gorman, Ortman, Pander, Payne, Pederson, Rait, Ralphs, Rev. Bagsik, Rev Bennett, Rev. Gomes, Rodrigues, Ruetz, Sellers, Sinka, Slater, Souls in Purgatory, Squires, Stanway, Stiegwardt, Those killed in Israel/Hamas war victims, Tom, Vachon, Vale, Vandervoort, Vargas, Walbourne, Wasysoy, Waszkiewicz, Wladyslawa, Ziajwa.

THE LORD HUNGERS FOR YOU! ADORERS NEEDED

We are in need of adorers to fill in for our First Friday and First Saturday Adoration when someone cannot make their scheduled hour. Adoration begins after the 12:10 Mass on First Friday and ends before the First Saturday 9:00 am Mass. We need adorers for all hours, day, afternoon, evening, night and morning, whatever time of day that you feel comfortable in helping out would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help and would love to spend an hour with the Lord, (who longs to see you), please contact **Debra Tardif at 705-440-7996**.

Called to serve

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word for both Immaculate Conception and St Paul's Church for our weekend masses. Please contact Father Norberto if you are able to assist and devout your time and talents towards the work of the Lord.

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 pre-authorized giving*.

