

# 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](http://stpaultheapostleal.archtoronto.org)**

## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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Alliston, ON L9R 1V9

**OFFICE HRS: Tues-Fri 9-4:00 p.m.**

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## **Immaculate Conception**

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**Pastor:** Fr. Norberto Eyule, Ext. 22

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**Youth Minister:** Dave McKendrick, Ext. 24

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**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2023**

*Therefore, keep awake- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. "And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." Mark 13:35-36*

**First Reading + Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8**

**Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Gospel + Mark 13:33-37**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 4**

*( Additional Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)*

**\*\*8:00am-Solemnity of Immaculate Conception\*\***

**Tuesday, December 5**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*6:15pm Confessions\*

7:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass – RIP)

Michael KENNEDY, John O'DONNELL,

Vito MONSATERO, Martina KEOGH

**Wednesday, December 6**

8:00am+Emma BRYDON-J/C Orr

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood

**Thursday, December 7**

8:00am+Intentions of the Immaculate Conception- A Parishioner

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere

**Friday, December 8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception**

*(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)*

12 :10pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass- RIP)

Rev. Philip WILEY, Jean MATTHEWS

**Saturday, December 9**

*(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Rev. Norberto Eyule-J/C Orr

5:00pm+Paul & Madeline LAPERRIER, RIP – G. Cole

**Sunday, December 10**

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Jim VANDERVOORT, RIP-M. Kennedy

*December 4 - And let them remember that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that God and man may talk together; for "we speak to Him when we pray; we hear Him when we read the divine saying."*

*-Saint Ambrose (340-397), Bishop, Patron of Police Officers, Feast Day December 7*

**From the desk of Father Norberto**

Grace and peace to you as we embark on this sacred journey of Advent, a season that beckons us to be ready and stay alert for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the rhythm of our liturgical calendar, the first Sunday of Advent marks not just the beginning of a new season but an invitation to a profound spiritual posture—a posture of preparedness, vigilance, and hopeful expectation.

Advent is a season of preparedness—a time when we intentionally ready ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth while eagerly anticipating His promised return. In the gospel, Jesus instructs us, "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." This call to readiness is not one of fear but of joyful anticipation, inviting us to actively prepare our hearts for the arrival of our Savior.

Preparedness during Advent extends beyond the external trappings of the season. It's a call to examine the state of our hearts and minds. Are we intentionally creating space for Christ in our lives, or are we allowing the distractions of the world to drown out His voice? Advent beckons us to declutter our hearts, making room for the transformative power of Christ's love.

As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, let it's flame remind us that Christ, our Light, is drawing near. This small act is more than a ritual; it symbolizes the increasing brightness of our faith as we journey through this season of preparedness. The glow of the candle is a tangible representation of our readiness to receive the One who brings light to our lives.

Staying alert involves a spiritual attentiveness to the signs of God's presence. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of our lives, staying alert means being attuned to the whispers of the Holy Spirit. It's about recognizing the sacred moments in our daily routines and being open to the unexpected ways God works in our lives.

Advent encourages us to stay alert not just for the grand manifestations of God's presence but also for the subtle ways He speaks to our hearts. It's a season to pause, reflect, and actively engage with the divine in the midst of our ordinary lives. Staying alert means having our spiritual senses finely tuned to the nuances of God's guidance and responding with a heart ready to follow.

The Advent wreath becomes a visual reminder of our collective journey through this season. Each candle, representing hope, peace, joy, and love, marks our progression. Together, as a faith community, we are called to be ready and stay alert, supporting one another on this shared spiritual pilgrimage.

In the simplicity of the Advent season, let us not lose sight of its profound message. Our preparedness and alertness are not tasks to be checked off but attitudes to be cultivated. As we enter into this season, may our hearts be prepared to receive the gift of Christ's love, and may our spirits be alert to His ongoing work in our lives. May this Advent be a time of intentional reflection, a season where our readiness and alertness create a space for Christ to dwell in our midst. As we journey together through this Advent season, let us be a community that radiates the light of Christ, dispelling the darkness around us. May our collective preparedness and vigilance draw us closer to the heart of God and may the hope we share be a beacon of light in a world hungering for the transformative love of our Savior. Let us enter this Advent season with hearts ready to receive and minds alert to discern the movements of God.

Fr. Norbert Eyule

**Collections for – Nov 26, 2023**

***(This does not include PAG collection)***

Sunday offering	\$ 4101.15
Other collection	\$ 8655.47

<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$12756.62</b>
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**CWL St. Paul's Alliston Council**

Invites you to join us for our **Advent Retreat** in

**Fr. Bennett Hall**, St. Paul the Apostle Church

**Facilitator: Fr. Robert Foliot from the Martyrs' Shrine**

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Fellowship - 9:00 am

Retreat - 9:30 to 11:00 am

Make & Take - 11:00-11:30 am

Muffins, coffee, tea

Please RSVP to Marie Charbonneau, by email, text or phone:

email [mommacharbs@gmail.com](mailto:mommacharbs@gmail.com), Cell 705-819-0040

*Everyone is welcome!*

***'Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception  
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary'***

Novena begins on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

Additional Mass will be celebrated on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at

**Immaculate Conception Church at 8:00am**

**St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Collection**

St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent De Paul is holding a special collection on the weekend of **December 9 & 10, 2023**. The funds are used to support the less fortunate in our Community during Christmas time. Please use your green monthly St. Vincent De Paul envelope found in your envelope box OR use a regular envelope with your name and address, in order to receive an income tax receipt.

We are in need of volunteers to assist us all year in this Ministry. If you wish more information, please call Paul Healy at (705) 435-4951. We thank you for your continued support.

**Street Patrol- HOMELESS**

Our youth will once again be collecting

**'Clean Winter Clothing in Good Condition' for ADULTS ONLY (mostly men's clothing please)** to distribute to the homeless & shelters.

**Adult clothing, especially - winter boots and socks, winter coats, shoes, boots, mitts, hats, pants, sweaters, blankets, sleeping bags, personal hygiene items.**

**Food- Loaf of sandwiches, granola bars, fruit drink boxes, water bottles, gift cards- \$5-10**

*(Please no summer wear and no children's clothing, light weight material pants or men's suits, these are not practical on the street in winter).* See posters in Foyer for items needed

Our Life Teen (high School teens) will be sorting, bagging, and then delivering these items to homeless in Barrie on December 29<sup>th</sup>, donations accepted until Dec. 27. Help Pack at Church – Dec 28<sup>th</sup> -12-4 pm. *Thank-you for your generosity.*

**Do you love God? Do you love youth?**

Are you willing to help youth know they are loved unconditionally? That they matter.

Volunteer info is available on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Come out to one of our nights to see where you could help?

Let's talk. Dave - [dmckendrick@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmckendrick@archtoronto.org), 647-237-1348.

EDGE (grade 6-8) and Life Teen (high school)

**Dave Mc Kendrick**

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**PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



**Confessions:**

Every Tuesday: 6:00 – 6:45p.m. (before 7:00p.m. Mass)  
Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45p.m. (before 5:00p.m. Mass)

**Christmas Mass Times:**

*(At St. Paul the Apostle Church)*

**Sun, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

**Mon, December 25<sup>th</sup>** - 10:30a.m.

*(At Immaculate Conception Church)*

**Mon, December 25<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00a.m.

**New Year's Eve Mass Times:**

*(At St. Paul the Apostle Church)*

**Sun, December 31<sup>st</sup>** - 5:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day Mass Times**

*(At St. Paul the Apostle Church)*

**Mon, January 1<sup>st</sup>** - 10:30 a.m.

*(At Immaculate Conception Church)*

**Sun, January 1<sup>st</sup>** - 9:00 a.m.

**\*\*Please note \*\***

**Saturday Vigil Masses on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Masses on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> will be celebrated at usual times.**

**Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – your assistance is requested!**

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) to complete a brief survey by **December 15, 2023**, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

**Please see the post on the bulletin board for details.**





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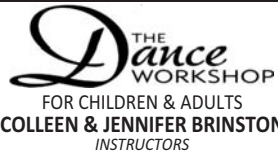
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