

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



2nd Sunday of Advent ~ 10 December 2023

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ Luke 3:4

First Reading + Is.40.1-5,9-11
Second Reading + 2 Pt.3.8-14
Gospel + Mark1.1-8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 11

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 12

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

7:00pm+Jim VANDERVOORT, RIP – R. Vandervoort

Wednesday, December 13

8:00am+Claudette Morrison, Per.Int. – J/C Orr

Thursday, December 14

8:00am+William & Anne Marie BENNETT, RIP-Estate of Rev.C. Bennett

Friday, December 15

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

12:10pm+Jose & Sonia Matute, Per. Int.-C. Ilie

Saturday, December 16

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Alice WONG, RIP-P. Ceresino

5:00pm+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP-J. Megraw

Sunday, December 17

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Kazimierz MADYDA, RIP-Madyda family

From the desk of Father Norberto

Greetings of Peace!

As we gather in worship on this sacred second Sunday of Advent, we embark on a journey of reflection and anticipation, guided by the theme that echoes through this season—peace. Advent invites us to pause, to dwell in the promise of peace that the birth of Christ heralds, and to embody this peace in our lives.

In the tapestry of Advent, the color of peace is woven into the fabric of hope and expectation. As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, let its gentle glow be a reminder of the profound peace that is at the heart of this season. Peace is not just a fleeting moment of calm; it is a profound and lasting tranquility that Christ brings into our lives.

This season calls us to be instruments of peace, active participants in the construction of a world marked by harmony and justice. Our actions, both big and small, have the power to create ripples of peace that extend far beyond our immediate surroundings. Let our interactions be infused with kindness, understanding, and a commitment to reconciliation.

In the midst of our prayers for peace, let us turn our hearts to the troubled regions of the world, particularly the Middle East and other parts of the world, where conflicts persist, and peace often feels elusive. Today, let us lift our collective voices in prayer for the resolution of tensions, especially between Israel and Hamas, and between Ukraine and Russia. May the light of peace pierce through the darkness of discord and may the people in these areas experience the transformative touch of God's peace.

Being an instrument of peace requires more than words; it demands action. Reach out to those who may be estranged, be a source of comfort to the distressed, and advocate for justice in the face of oppression. In doing so, we mirror the ministry of Christ, who came not only to bring peace to our hearts but also to inspire us to be peacemakers in the world.

Our prayers for peace must be interwoven with a commitment to work towards justice and understanding. Let us be agents of change in our communities, fostering an environment where peace is not just an ideal but a lived reality. As we pray for peace, let us also be prepared to be instruments through which God's peace can flow into the world. In this season of Advent, let us embody the words of St. Francis of Assisi, who prayed to be an instrument of peace. "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

May our hearts be attuned to the melody of peace that resounds through the ages. May the Prince of Peace inspire us to be bearers of His light, dispelling darkness wherever it may linger. As we await the celebration of Christ's birth, let us embody the peace that surpasses understanding, knowing that through us, God's peace can become a tangible force in our broken yet hopeful world.

May the peace of Christ dwell richly in our hearts and radiate through our lives, bringing hope and healing to a world in need.

In His Peace,
Fr. Norbert Eyule
Pastor

Saint of the Week:

Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him. - *Saint John of the Cross (1542-1591), Patron of Contemplatives, Feast Day December 14*

Collections for – Dec 3, 2023

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering \$ 3974.05
Other collection \$ 2012.95

Total - \$5987.00

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 24th - 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Mon, December 25th - 10:30a.m.

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

Mon, December 25th - 9:00a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

(At St. Paul the Apostle Church)

Sun, December 31st - 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass Times

(At Immaculate Conception Church)

Mon, January 1st - 9:00 a.m.

(At St Paul the Apostle Church)

Sun, January 1st - 10:30 a.m.

****Please note ****

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

Envelope for 2024

The envelopes for the year 2024 are out. If you don't see your envelope in the narthex or at Immaculate Conception Church, please call the office.

If you have received yours, please check the information and call the office to update.

Thank you!



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

Dec 11-L/T-Sun, Sand and Santa
Dec 14-Gr 8 & 9 Drop- in 330-5pm



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

Dec 14-Gr 8 & 9 Drop -in 330-5pm
Dec18-Carolling Christmas Party

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 29th, donations accepted until Dec. 27. Help Pack at Church – Dec 28th -12-4 pm. *Thank-you for your generosity.*

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo – February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. **The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).** All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Lottery

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

The final draw will take place on **December 31st, 2023** and the Grand Prize is now over **\$12,500** and still growing. Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca>. In addition, tickets will be available after each Mass for the next 3 weekends for those who wish to purchase tickets in person by cash or credit.

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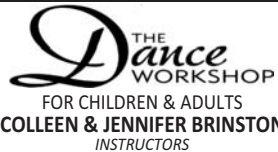
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