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 S Friday: 12:10 noon at Immaculate Conce Saturday: 9:00a.m. at Immaculate Conce Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament F Friday of each month at Immaculate Con 1:00pm Friday until 8:00am Saturday. Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 | eption eption Exposition on the First ception Church from |
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| 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: | <u>Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion</u> : 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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 14 January 2024

"John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed. "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. John 1:35-37

First Reading + 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Gospel + John 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 15 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, January 16** (Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP) 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR 6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+Gino GISMONDI, Rev. Regis BARWIG, Jaime DANIEL Wednesday, January 17 8:00am+Ron McKIBBON. RIP - T. O'Reilly **Thursday, January 18** 8:00am+Joanne POWERS-HEALY, RIP – P/F Healy Friday, January 19 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church) (Multiple Intentions – Per. Int) 12:10pm+Paul & Claudette Morrison, Nathan Tan, Bethany Bruce, Ethyn Arthur, Richie Galezowski, Tan Family Saturday, January 20 (Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Jim Vandervoort, RIP – M/A Crowly 5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Sunday, January 21 9:00am+Raymond Charbonneau, RIP – Figueroa Family 10:30am+Frank HALEY, RIP-Haley Family

Saint of the Week:

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. - *Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622,*

Patron of Adult Education, Feast Day January 24

Being a Witness of Christ

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40-42

Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple.

A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael (see John 1:43–51). Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets." Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the "Lamb of God."

Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others.

In God's divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God's grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all. The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God's words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God's mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God's grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God's infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say "Yes" to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God's grace.

Most glorious Lord, You are abundantly generous in Your grace and mercy and desire to bestow Your love on all people. Please use me for Your divine mission of evangelizing the world. I say "Yes" to You, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife

Collections for - January 7, 2024

| (This does not include PAG collection) | | |
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| Sunday offering | \$ 4936.05 | |
| Other collection | \$ 4316.95 | |
| Total - | \$9280.00 | |

Under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Norberto Eyule, there is a 14-day pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Croatia, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland from **June 9-22, 2024**.

For more information and registration, you may contact International Heritage Tours on toll free # 1-877-999-8868 or 416-444-6666. <u>www.ihtours.com</u>.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.



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

Jan 18-Gr 8 & 9 Drop- in 330-5pm Jan22-Sliding into the DMs



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

Jan 18-Gr 8 & 9 Drop -in 330-5pm Jan 29-Social Access



Time Sensitive. Deadline Jan. 10th to sign up.

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens journeying from **Toronto to Steubenville**, OHIO, for the Illuminate Conference **June 28-30th** to be illuminated in the light of Christ. All high school teens are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

Non-refundable deposit of **\$60/participant** (including leaders) by **Jan. 22**. Remainder due in **May**. **Total Cost \$440 Canadian** due in **May**. We will be doing fundraising to offset the cost. Learn more at:-

https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/, and

contact Dave McKendrick at <u>dmckendrick@archtoronto.org</u> or text/call 647-237-1348 if you are interested in attending. Franciscan conference promo video <u>https://youtu.be/pqKdkLvSmPA?si=MXSTH9_FdKZGvUpr</u>

Mrs. Ida Glass, mother of Father Alan Glass went to be with the Lord on January 7, 2024. Please keep Father Glass and the family in your prayers.

Muffin Sunday

Start the new year right by partaking of muffin Sunday in Fr. Bennett Hall following 1030 mass on Jan 14. Two varieties of muffins, and hot/cold beverages. Donations gratefully accepted to defray costs. Don't rush into the cold come and visit for awhile.

SAVE THE DATE- Saturday, Feb 10th.

2nd ANNUAL Knights of Columbus Valentines Dinner & Dance

Back by popular demand, a great night of feasting, dancing, door prizes.

DJ and Cash Bar. Tickets- (\$50/-per head or \$100/- per couple) will be on sale from Jan 13th after weekend masses or through the office during the week. You can call or text Ed Rooney at 416-579-0859 to reserve your tickets.

Get your tickets as soon as possible so you won't be disappointed!

<u>Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis</u> <u>Leo – February 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.</u> As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo

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

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 - <u>dmckendrick@archtoronto.org</u>. 647-237-1348. EDGE (grade 6-8) and Life Teen (high school) **Dave McKendrick** Youth Minister, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Alliston Fb - Alliston Lifeteen , Insta – davemckym,Text/Call - 647-237-

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Knights of Columbus Ontario 50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Barbara Power who was the Grand Prize Winner of \$17,540 on December 31, 2023. The Knights of Columbus thank all those who purchased tickets as we were able to raise approximately \$200 for local charities from the sale of the tickets. For a full list of the winners from the recent lottery please see the poster on the bulletin board or visit the lottery web page at https://www.kofcontario5050.com.

Stay tuned for details on our next 50/50 draw to take place shortly.

