

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

St. Paul the Apostle

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 11 February 2024
World Day of the Sick/World Marriage Day

A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. *Mark 1:40-41*

First Reading + Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 10:31- 11:1
Gospel + Mark 1:40-45

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 12

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 13

10:30am-Mass at Good Samaritan

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+John & Connie Orr, Per.Int.

Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am+Souls in Purgatory-O'Reilly

7:00pm+For the People of Parish, Per. Int.

Thursday, February 15

8:00am+John & Anu Antao, Per. Int.-Antao Family

Friday, February 16

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

12:10pm+ *(Multiple Intentions – RIP)*

Jonna ALICPALA, Joan VERHEY, Gino GISMONDI

Anna & Giuseppe NOVELLI, Aurel CLAUMENT,

Rev.James McKONICA

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 17

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – L. Beckstead

5:00pm+Donald BERTRAND, RIP – Bertrand Family

Sunday, February 18

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Jim VANDERVOORT, RIP – Knights of Columbus

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Parish Family,

As we embark on the sacred journey of Lent, a season of reflection and spiritual growth, I am reminded of the beautiful convergence of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day on this year's celebration. This unique alignment invites us to delve deeper into the profound connection between God's love and the pillars of Lent.

Valentine's Day, traditionally a celebration of earthly love, now converges with Ash Wednesday, a day marking the beginning of a period of penance, fasting, and prayer. It is a divine reminder that God's love is not only the foundation of our existence but also the driving force behind our Lenten observance.

During Lent, we are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—the three pillars that strengthen our spiritual foundation. Through prayer, we deepen our relationship with God, seeking His guidance and grace. Fasting challenges us to detach from worldly comforts, allowing us to hunger for spiritual nourishment. Almsgiving calls us to share our blessings with others, embodying God's love through acts of kindness and generosity.

As we wear the ashes on our foreheads this Ash Wednesday, let it be a visible sign of our commitment to journey with Christ through the desert of self-examination and repentance. In this wilderness, we encounter God's love in its purest form. It is a love that knows no bounds, a love that led Jesus to the cross for our redemption.

The ashes also remind us of our mortality—a humbling realization that draws us closer to God. In the midst of our earthly pursuits, we are called to turn our hearts to the eternal, recognizing the transient nature of our existence and the everlasting love that sustains us.

This Ash Wednesday, as we contemplate the cross and receive the ashes, let us embrace the love that knows sacrifice. God's love, manifested through Christ's sacrifice, invites us to sacrificial love in our daily lives. As we make sacrifices during Lent, let them be expressions of love—love for God, love for others, and love for ourselves as children of God.

The intersection of Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday serves as a poignant reminder that God's love encompasses all aspects of our lives. While Valentine's Day celebrates human love, Ash Wednesday redirects our focus to divine love that surpasses all understanding. It is a love that forgives our shortcomings, lifts us in times of despair, and invites us into a transformative journey.

In today's world, it is easy to overlook the depth of God's love. Lent provides us with a sacred pause, an intentional season to rekindle the flame of that love within our hearts. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we create space for God's love to flourish, transforming our lives and the lives of those around us.

As we navigate the dual celebration of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, let us weave together the threads of earthly and divine love. May our human expressions of love be rooted in the selfless love of Christ, who gave His life so that we may have eternal life.

During this season of Lent, let us not only give up certain indulgences but also surrender our hearts to God's transformative love. Let every prayer uttered, every act of fasting, and every gift given be a testament to our desire to draw closer to God, to be shaped by His love, and to reflect that love to a world in need.

Let us embrace the unique intersection of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day as a divine invitation to journey into the depths of God's love. May this Lenten season be a time of renewal, reconciliation, and profound encounters with the love that never fails.

Fr. Norberto Eyule

Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle/Immaculate Conception

Saint of the Week:

We must DIRECT all our thoughts, words and actions to His honor; and by prayer, counsel, and good example seek His glory solely, whether for ourselves or for others, so that through our means all may love and honor God. - *St. Catherine de Ricci (1522-1589), Prioress, Ecstasy Of Passion, Feast Day February 13*

Collections for – February 4, 2024

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering	\$ 4259.25
Other collection	\$ 2875.75
Total -	\$7135.00

Parish Lenten Mission

With

Chris Bray

(Catholic Speaker and Musician)

The poster features a black and white photo of Chris Bray playing guitar and singing into a microphone. The text 'Parish Mission' is written in a cursive font, and 'TRANSFORMED' is in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below this, it says 'ENGAGING MUSIC & DYNAMIC SPEAKING' and 'WITH CATHOLIC SPEAKER & MUSICIAN – CHRIS BRAY'. A quote from the Holy Spirit is included: 'ENCOUNTER CHRIST MORE DEEPLY. BE TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND EQUIPPED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THIS EUCHARISTIC FOCUSED PARISH MISSION.' At the bottom, a white box contains the event details: 'March 17-18-19', 'St Paul the Apostle Parish, Alliston', '190 King St S, Alliston, ON L9R 1C1', and '7pm- 9 pm'. The website 'WWW.CHRISBRAYMUSIC.COM' is at the very bottom.

Ash Wednesday

February 14th at St. Paul's
8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.



The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday at 7:00 p.m. at St Paul's
From February 16th – March 29th, 2024

Distribution of Ashes in Schools – February 14th

09:15-10:15am - St Cecelia
10:45-11:45 am - Holy Family School
12:15-1:15 pm - St Paul's School

Muffin Sunday

Please plan to spend part of your Family Day weekend with your parish family by attending the Knights of Columbus Muffin Sunday on **February 18th** after the 10:30 mass in the Fr. Bennett Hall. Banana and kid favourite chocolate chip will be the options. Donations to defray cost greatly appreciated.

COLDEST NIGHT of the YEAR- FEB. 24th

The coldest night of the year is a winterrific family-friendly walk of 5 km to raise money for S.H.I.F.T., our local shelter, which serves people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness in our community.

Members of the C.W.L. have once again entered a team into the walk.

Would you like to join the team in walking? There is no cost to sign up. Call or email Martha Whelton (the Team Captain) at 705-435-0991 or me.whelton@sympatico.ca.

Prefer to donate? A tax receipt for donations of \$20 OR more can be printed off the website.

Donations may also be made online by **googling**: Coldest Night of the Year 2024, click on **donate**, and enter the **team's name** (St. Paul's CWL). Then click on the **arrow after the team's name**, the names of Martha Whelton and Beatriz Baumfeld will be displayed. Click on **donate to team** and you can click on one or both of the names for your donation. A **printed tax receipt** is automatically available. Sometimes people write a short message to encourage the team.

Thank you very much for your donation to the CWL Team.



645-9pm Mondays.

Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

Feb 13- Shrove Tuesday Supper 4-7pm

Feb 15- Gr 8 & 9 Drop -in 330-5pm

Feb 19-No L/T – Family Day



Grades 6 - 8. Mondays

645 - 830pm

Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

Feb 12-Edge- Emergency Exits

Feb 13- Shrove Tuesday Supper 4-7pm

Feb 15 - Gr 8 & 9 Drop -in 330-5pm

Feb 19-No Edge- Family Day

The Cross of Christ, - March 10th @ 3:30pm

Holy Spirit Parish will proudly present "**The Cross of Christ**" an original oratorio based on the seven last words of Christ on the cross.

Tickets online or on Facebook, can also be purchased at Holy Spirit Parish Office 705-722-3771 ext. 8.

See the poster on the bulletin board.

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. www.ih Tours.com.

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

2023 Tax Receipts

The 2023 tax receipts will be mailed out to your address on file with the Church directly by the Archdiocese of Toronto. If you do not receive your receipts by February 29th, please call the office.



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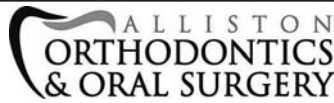
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