

St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



"To grow as disciples, living and sharing the love of Christ"

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



First Sunday of Lent ~ 18 February 2024

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, Proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." Mark 1:14-15

**First Reading + Genesis 9:8-15
Second Reading + 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel + Mark 1:12-15**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 19

NO MASS SCHEDULED – OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 20

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Steve & Christina Webber, Per. Int.

Wednesday, February 21

8:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – I. Martin

Thursday, February 22

8:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – Ralphs Family

Friday, February 23

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

(Multiple Intentions Mass - RIP)

12:10pm+ Monsignor John STASKEVICIUS,

Donald BERTRAND, SOULS IN PURGATORY,

Gino GISMONDI,

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 24

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Edward McKEOWN, RIP – M. Bricknell

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, February 25

9:00am+Raymond CHARBONNEAU, RIP – P/F Healy

10:30am+Jaime DANIEL, RIP-N. Daniel & family

Saint of the Week:

Watch over me, Father, so that everything I do may be with the intention of pleasing Jesus. - *St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879), Patron of Poverty, Feast Day February 18*

Collections for – February 11, 2024

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering	\$ 3950.70
Other collection	\$ 1956.30

	\$ <u>5907.00</u>

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather on this first Sunday of Lent, we embark on a sacred journey—a journey of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent is a season of profound significance in the Christian faith, a time set aside for us to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. Today, I invite you to join me as we reflect deeply into the first pillar of Lent which is Prayer, exploring its significance and various forms as we traverse the Lenten path together.

The Power of Prayer

Prayer is the cornerstone of our spiritual life, the vital connection between our souls and the divine. Through prayer, we open our hearts to God's presence, seeking guidance, solace, and strength. In the commotion of our daily lives, it is easy to lose sight of the importance of prayer. Yet, in the silence of our hearts, God speaks, offering us comfort and reassurance.

Different Ways of Praying

There are many ways to engage in prayer, each offering a unique opportunity to commune with the divine. Whether through structured rituals, spontaneous conversations, or contemplative silence, prayer is a deeply personal and intimate experience. Some may find solace in traditional forms of prayer, such as the Rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours, while others may prefer more informal methods, such as journaling or walking in nature. Whatever form it takes, the essence of prayer remains the same—a sacred dialogue between the soul and its Creator.

Moments of Prayer

In the busyness of our lives, finding time for prayer can be a challenge. Yet, it is in the moments of stillness and solitude that we often encounter God most profoundly. Whether it be in the quiet of the early morning, the midst of a bustling city, or the tranquility of nature, every moment presents an opportunity for prayer. As we journey through Lent, let us carve out sacred space in our lives for prayer, setting aside distractions and embracing the silence that allows us to hear God's voice.

Prayer as a Source of Strength

In times of trial and tribulation, prayer becomes our lifeline, a source of strength and solace amidst the storms of life. As we face the challenges of the world around us, let us turn to prayer as our refuge, knowing that God hears our cries and holds us in the palm of His hand. Whether we are grappling with personal struggles, global crises, or the weight of the world's injustices, prayer empowers us to face adversity with courage and resilience.

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us embrace the power of prayer, allowing it to guide us through the wilderness of our souls and lead us closer to God. May we cultivate a spirit of prayerfulness in all that we do, seeking God's presence in the ordinary moments of life and finding grace in the midst of chaos. Together, let us walk this Lenten path with hearts open to the transformative power of prayer, trusting in God's abundant mercy and love.

In prayerful solidarity,
Fr. Norberto Eyule

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday at St. Paul's @ 7:00p.m.
Beginning February 16th – March 30th.

C.W.L. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Catholic Women's League congratulates the winners of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest which was held on Mon. Feb. 12, 2024, in the Father Bennett Hall. First place winner Stephanie Bruce from Holy Family School spoke on "Down Syndrome" and will next speak at the C.W.L. Regional Level at 1:00 p.m. on Sat. March 9, 2024 at St. Mary's Parish in Barrie.

Runner-up Isabelle Adams from St. Paul's School spoke on "Top Paying Health Jobs."

Thank you to the judges, timekeepers, parents, impromptu coaching assistant, and the ladies of the C.W.L. who provided the refreshments. All the participants are to be congratulated on their excellent presentations.

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 19- No L/T

Feb 24- Crew Retreat WtN



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

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

Feb19- No Edge

The Knights of Columbus Provincial Spring Lottery is underway and will be in the form of a 50/50 Draw once again with the Grand Prize drawn on April 28th at our annual convention. Tickets may be purchased online at

<https://www.knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca> or from members of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will also be on sale after the Saturday evening/Sunday masses beginning February 17/18th and in the near future at Immaculate Conception.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Lenten Mission

With

Chris Bray

(Catholic Speaker and Musician)

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 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**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

2. follow this QR link:

<https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>

3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



WebFeb24

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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