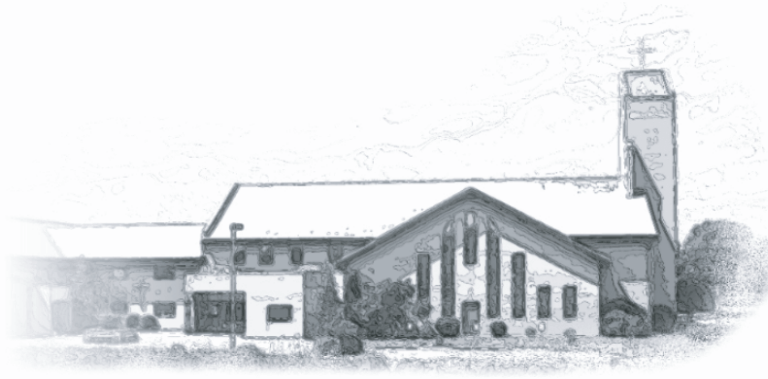


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



"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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



2nd Sunday of Lent ~ 25 February 2024

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

First Reading + Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Second Reading + Romans 8:31b-35,37

Gospel + Mark 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 26

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 27

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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

Lou BIFFIS, Gino GISMONDI, Ida GLASS,
Jaime DANIEL, Don BERTRAND, Semona PIUI-ILIE,
SOULS IN PURGATORY

Wednesday, February 28

8:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – H. Cyr

Thursday, February 29

8:00am+Tom O'Reilly and Family, Per. Int – T. O'Reilly

Friday, March 1

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

12:10pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.)

Michael Berberick, Helen Cyr, Andy and Anne Prokopich,
Larry & Theresa Keogh, Natalia Daniel

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, March 2

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Deceased members of O'SULLIVAN Family, RIP- T. O'Reilly

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, March 3

9:00am+Edward MCKeown, RIP-J. BLACKLAWS

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

From the desk of Father Norberto Eyule

Dear Parishioners

As we enter into the sacred season of Lent, we are called to journey with Christ through the wilderness, to confront our own weaknesses, and to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal, a season in which we are invited to deepen our relationship with God and to align our lives more closely with His will.

One of the key spiritual disciplines emphasized during Lent is fasting and abstinence. These practices have been integral to the Christian tradition for centuries, offering believers a tangible way to express their devotion to God and to purify their hearts and minds.

Fasting, in its essence, is a voluntary abstention from food or certain types of food for a period of time. It is a way of emptying ourselves of physical nourishment in order to make room for spiritual nourishment. By denying ourselves the pleasure of eating, we are reminded of our dependence on God for sustenance and strength. Fasting also serves as a form of self-discipline, helping us to control our desires and to cultivate a deeper sense of inner freedom.

Abstinence, on the other hand, involves refraining from specific pleasures or activities that we might otherwise indulge in. This could include giving up luxuries such as desserts or entertainment, or abstaining from certain habits or behaviors that distract us from our relationship with God. Abstinence calls us to simplify our lives, to detach ourselves from the excesses of the world, and to focus more fully on our spiritual journey.

Both fasting and abstinence are not ends in themselves but means to a greater end: the transformation of our hearts and minds. Through these practices, we are invited to enter into a deeper communion with God, to experience His presence more fully, and to become more fully the people He has created us to be.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the importance of fasting and abstinence as spiritual disciplines. He warns against practicing them for the sake of appearances or self-righteousness but encourages us to fast with sincerity and humility, knowing that our Father who sees in secret will reward us openly (Matthew 6:16-18).

During this season of Lent, let us approach fasting and abstinence with sincerity and humility, knowing that God sees the intentions of our hearts. Let us not view these practices as burdensome obligations, but as opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal. Let us use this time to examine our lives, to repent of our sins, and to recommit ourselves to lives of holiness and service.

As we fast and abstain, let us also remember our brothers and sisters who are hungry or in need. Let us be mindful of the suffering and injustice in our world and strive to be agents of compassion and healing. Let us reach out to those who are marginalized or oppressed, offering them the love and support they need to thrive.

May this season of Lent be a time of transformation and renewal for each one of us. May we emerge from this wilderness journey with hearts that are more fully attuned to the voice of God, and lives that reflect His love and grace to the world.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Norberto

Saint of Week:

For the Lord Incarnate was condemned, in order to bestow mercy on us; bound, in order to loose us; seized, in order to free us; He suffered, to heal our sufferings; He died, to restore life to us; He was buried, to raise us up again. One, in truth, was condemned, thousands were set free; One was buried, thousands rose again. - *St. Alexander of Alexandria (250-326), Pope, Defender of the Faith, Feast Day February 26*

Collections for – February 18, 2024

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering	\$ 3879.60
Other collection	\$ 5255.90

	\$ 9135.50

Parish Lenten Mission

With

Chris Bray

(Catholic Speaker and Musician)



The Lift Jesus Higher Rally will once again be held on **Saturday, 2nd March, 2024** at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto.**

The theme this year, ***"TAKE HEART: by his wounds we are healed."***

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.

Save the date.....



ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, March 17, 2023

(Fr. Bennett Hall)

(Two seatings - 10:00 am and 11:30 am)

(By Donation)

Wear GREEN!!

Lent & Easter Schedule

During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Friday at **7:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Church

CONFESSIONS - Tuesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – March 28

No Morning Mass

7:30 p.m. + Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m.

Good Friday – March 29

No Noon Mass

3:00 p.m.+ Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:00 pm + Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 30

No Morning Mass

12:00 noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Vigil + 8:30 pm – March 30

{The greatest celebration in the Church Year}

Easter Sunday – March 31

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church

10:30 a.m.+ St. Paul's Church

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 29th .

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.

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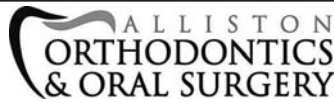
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