

# St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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](http://stpaultheapostleal.archtoronto.org)**

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## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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**OFFICE HRS: Tues-Fri 9-4:00 p.m.**

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 3 March 2024

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." — Jn 4:10

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**First Reading + Exodus 17:3-7**  
**Second Reading + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**Gospel + John 4:5-42**

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

##### **Monday, March 4**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

##### **Tuesday, March 5**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+ (*Multiple Intentions – Per. Int.*)

John & Anu Antao, Mike & Ann Crowley

##### **Wednesday, March 6**

8:00am+Hugh McCullough, RIP

##### **Thursday, March 7**

8:00am+Nancy O'Reilly, Per. Int. – T. O'Reilly

##### **Friday, March 8**

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception Church*)

12:10pm+ (*Multiple Intentions Mass- RIP.*)

Edna O'DONNELL, Ron McKIBBON, Gino GISMONDI,

Ida GLASS, Rev. Christopher BENNETT, Luigi BIFFIS &

Artemio & Minda AGONCILLO

**7 :00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

##### **Saturday, March 9**

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+KUZMICZ Family, RIP – M/M Berberick

5:00pm+Gilles TREMBLAY, RIP – G. Cole

##### **Sunday, March 10**

9:00am+Maria GERONIMO, RIP-D. Geronimo

10:30am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### *From the desk of Father Norberto*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The third Sunday of Lent calls us to reflect deeply on the theme of reconciliation and penance, drawing inspiration from the profound symbolism of Jesus cleansing the temple (John 2:13-25). In this pivotal moment, Jesus's actions speak volumes about the importance of purifying our hearts and souls to restore our relationship with God and one another.

The scene at the temple was one of chaos and desecration. Instead of being a place of prayer and reverence, it had been overrun by merchants and money changers, turning it into a marketplace devoid of spirituality. In a bold and decisive act, Jesus overturned tables and drove out those who were exploiting the sacred space for personal gain. His actions were not only a condemnation of the corruption within the temple but also a powerful symbol of the need for inner purification.

Just as the temple needed cleansing, so too do our hearts and souls. Lent provides us with a sacred opportunity to examine our lives and identify the areas where sin and discord have taken root. Like clutter in a room, these obstacles obstruct our relationship with God and hinder our ability to experience His grace fully. Yet, just as Jesus took action to cleanse the temple, we too are called to take action to cleanse our hearts through the sacrament of reconciliation.

The sacrament of reconciliation, or penance, is a profound encounter with God's mercy and forgiveness. It is a sacrament of healing, restoration, and renewal, where we humbly acknowledge our sins, express contrition, and receive absolution. Through this sacrament, we are reconciled with God and with the Church, restoring our relationship with both.

In the sacrament of reconciliation, we echo the actions of Jesus in the temple. We acknowledge the areas of our lives where we have allowed sin to take hold, and we take decisive action to root it out. We confront our faults with honesty and humility, seeking forgiveness and reconciliation. And just as Jesus drove out the merchants and money changers, so too do we drive out sin from our lives, making room for God's grace to dwell within us.

But the journey of reconciliation does not end with the sacrament. It is an ongoing process of conversion and renewal, requiring us to continually examine our lives and strive for holiness. As we cleanse our hearts of sin, we must also cultivate virtues such as love, compassion, and forgiveness. We must seek reconciliation not only with God but also with our neighbors, extending mercy and grace to all whom we encounter.

During this Lenten season, let us heed the call to reconciliation and penance with renewed fervor. Let us follow the example of Jesus in cleansing the temple of our hearts, driving out sin and making room for God's love to dwell within us. And let us approach the sacrament of reconciliation with humility and contrition, trusting in God's boundless mercy to restore us to wholeness.

May this Lenten journey be a time of profound spiritual renewal and transformation, as we cleanse our hearts and draw closer to God and one another.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Norbert a. Eyule

#### Saint of the Week:

If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.- *St Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), Patron Saint of racial justice, Feast Day March 3.*

MARCH 3, 2024

**Collections for – February 25, 2024**

*(This does not include PAG collection)*

Sunday offering	\$ 3451.25
Other collection	\$ 1335.75
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	\$ 4787.00



645-9pm Mondays.

Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

Mar 11- L/T March Break Movie

Mar 13- Fun Day 11am -3pm

Mar 14- Gr 8 & 9 Drop -in 330-5pm



Grades 6 - 8. Mondays

645 - 830pm

Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

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Mar 13- Fun Day 11am -3pm

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**Muffin Sunday**

Reward yourself and family for losing a hour of sleep (yes that time of year again) by attending the **Knights of Columbus** Muffin Sunday on **March 10<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 AM mass. Join us in the Fr. Bennett Hall for 2 varieties of muffins, tea, coffee, juice and fellowship.

Donations to defray costs greatly appreciated.



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH**

**Sunday, March 17, 2023**

**(Fr. Bennett Hall)**

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

Sausages, peameal, beans, potato patties, coffee, tea, orange & apple juice, Fruit salad

(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**

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> .**

**COLDEST NIGHT of the YEAR- FEB. 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Message from the Team Captain.....*

Thank you everyone who donated on behalf of CWL. The evening was a phenomenal success. **We raised \$4980.00.**

It might not have been the coldest night of the year, but it was the coldest night for a while!

**Shrove Tuesday**

*Thank you for your support in our fundraiser.*

*After costs, we raised approx. \$850 to share between the Squires and Life Teen to help subsidize our trips.*

*The event was well attended and a joy to be a part of. So many great conversations and opportunities to meet new people.*

*Thank you! We are blessed to have a supportive community.*





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