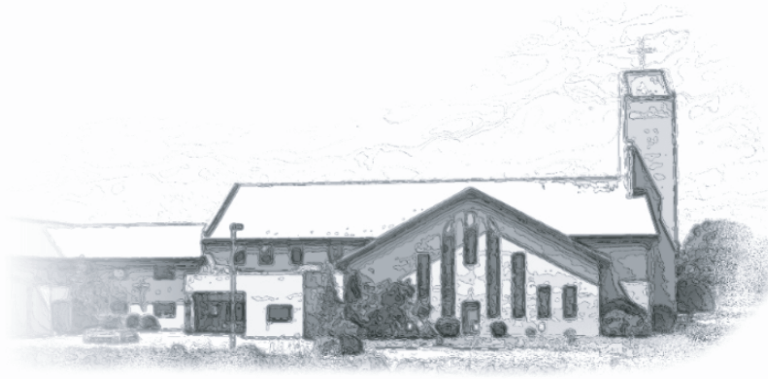


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



"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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5th Sunday of Lent ~ 17 March 2024

Third Scrutiny

And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" John 11:41b-43

First Reading + Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading + Romans 8:8-11

Gospel + John 11:1-45

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 18

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 19 – **Time change for today only**

5:15pm – 5:45pm + CONFESSIONS

6:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass- RIP)

Lou BIFFIS, Gary MURTHA, Donald BERTRAND,

Irena TADEUSZ-ROZBIEWSKI, Gino GISMONDI,

Josef SKOCIL, Marco LIBERTA

Wednesday, March 20

8:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – P/F Healy

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

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

Jackie Lemay, Anne Maher, Bruce & Marie McCallum,

Holter Capio & Family, Tomini Family

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, March 23

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Helen POLLOCK, RIP – P. Ceresino

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, March 24

9:00am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP-L Beckstead

10:30am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – Maguire Family

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Parish Family,

As we continue our journey through the Lenten season, our hearts are drawn deeper into the mystery of Christ's sacrifice and the promise of resurrection. This fifth Sunday of Lent marks a pivotal moment in our spiritual pilgrimage, inviting us to reflect on the transformative power of God's love as revealed in John 12:24: *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."*

These profound words of Jesus challenge us to consider the paradoxical nature of transformation – that new life often emerges from moments of surrender, sacrifice, and even apparent loss. The imagery of a grain of wheat falling into the earth and dying speaks to the mysterious process by which God brings forth life from death, beauty from brokenness, and hope from despair.

As we contemplate this passage, we are confronted with the reality of our own spiritual journey. Like the grain of wheat, each of us is called to undergo a process of dying to self – to our own desires, ambitions, and agendas – in order to experience the abundant life that Christ promises us. This season of Lent serves as a sacred invitation to embrace this process of transformation, to allow God to till the soil of our hearts and cultivate within us a harvest of righteousness and love.

In the midst of our Lenten observances – our fasting, prayer, and almsgiving – it can be tempting to view these disciplines as mere obligations or rituals. Yet, the deeper invitation of Lent is to enter into a living relationship with the God who desires to renew and transform us from within. It is a time to surrender our will to God's will, to open ourselves to the power of His grace, and to allow His Spirit to lead us on the path of discipleship.

As we approach the fifth Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that the journey of faith is not always easy or comfortable. There are seasons of pruning and purification, moments of struggle and doubt, when we are called to let go of our attachments and entrust ourselves more fully to God's providential care. Yet, it is precisely in these moments of surrender that we experience the transformative power of God's love working in and through us.

The story of Jesus' passion and death is the ultimate testament to this truth. Through His obedience to the Father's will, even unto death on a cross, Jesus reveals the depth of God's love for humanity and the redemptive power of His sacrifice. Just as the grain of wheat must fall into the earth and die in order to bear fruit, so too must Jesus undergo His own death and resurrection in order to bring forth the fruits of salvation for all.

As we meditate on the words of Jesus, let us consider the areas of our lives that are in need of transformation. What old habits, attitudes, or patterns of behavior do we need to let go of in order to make room for the new life that God desires to cultivate within us? What areas of our hearts remain closed off to God's grace, in need of His healing touch and transformative power?

May this Lenten season be a time of deep spiritual renewal and growth for each of us, as we allow ourselves to be planted in the fertile soil of God's love and grace. Let us embrace the process of transformation with open hearts and willing spirits, trusting that God is always at work, bringing forth new life from the seeds of our surrender.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule

Saint of the Week:

Men forsook God and made carved images of men. Since therefore an image of man was falsely worshipped as God, God became truly Man, that the falsehood might be done away. - *St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386), Bishop, Defender of the Faith, Feast Day March 18*

Collections for – March 10, 2024

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering	\$ 3066.15
Other collection	\$ 3003.85

	\$ 6070.00

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 16th – March 29th.

**HEALTHY COMMUNICATION, INTIMACY, RELATIONSHIP
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Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes couples of all faiths to help get their relationships back on track. Join us from **April 5-7, 2024** in Mississauga. For more information, call **437-234-5610** or visit torontoretrovaille.com or helpourmarriage.org.

Defending the Faith Conference

During these trying times, God wants to give us bold and confident hearts to share his truth and love with joy! Come experience engaging speakers, moving worship, and outstanding hospitality that will rejuvenate you for life and mission at the Defending the Faith Conference from **July 26-28**. Register at steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc. OR Contact **Patti Oliveira** at **416-917-3595** for more information.

****Mass time change for March 19th ****

Confessions – 5:15-5:45pm
Mass - 6.00pm.



5th Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2024

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife.

We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our parish goal this year is **\$59,800**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Knights of Columbus Spring Lottery

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, March 17, 2023 - (Fr. Bennett Hall)

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

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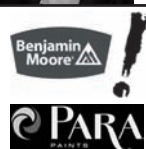
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