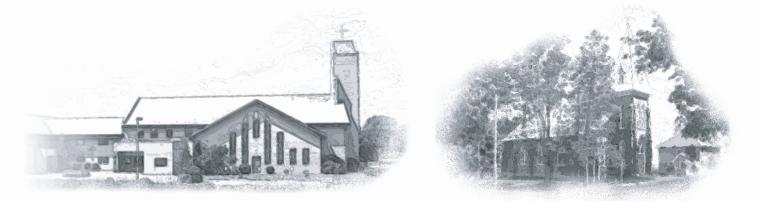
St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



"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 LiturgiesTuesday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul'sWednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul'sFriday: 12:10 noon at Immaculate ConceptionSaturday: 9:00a.m. at Immaculate ConceptionExposition of the Blessed SacramentFriday of each month at Immaculate Conception Church from1:00pm 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	<u>Baptism</u> Parents/Guardians should be registered parishioners and attend Baptism preparation class along with godparents. (Registration package available from church office).	
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:	<u>Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion</u> : 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.	
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.	<u>Schools:</u> Holy Family Elementary School St. Paul's Elementary School St. Cecilia Catholic School St. Thomas Aquinas High School	705-435-3989 705-435-7211 705-530-9597 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 P.O. Box 789, 190 King St. S., Alliston, ON L9R 1V9 **OFFICE HRS: Tues-Fri 9-4:00 p.m.** Office: 705-435-6325 Fax: 705-435-6859

Immaculate Conception

4791 Conc Rd 5, Adjala Alliston ON L9R 1V1 email: stpaultheapostleal@archtoronto.org **Office Manager:** Anu Antao Ext.21 Pastor: Fr. Norberto Eyule, Ext. 22 email: neyule@archtoronto.org Deacon: Michael Lewis Tel:905-952-7970 email:mlewis1@sympatico.ca

Youth Minister: Dave McKendrick, Ext. 24 Text/Call – 647-237-1348 (BEST) Email: DMcKendrick@archtoronto.org



<u>Third Sunday of Easter ~ 14 April 2024</u>

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day." *Luke* 24:45-46

First Reading + Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Second Reading + 1 John 2:1-5 Gospel + Luke 24: 35-48

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 15 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, April 16** 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLYHOUR 6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass- Per.Int.) Patrick Sullivan, Claudia Ilie, Mary Jane Martin Wednesday, April 17 8:00am+Nancy O'Reilly, Per. Int – T. O'Reilly Thursday, April 18 8:00am+Allison Lee, Per. Int.-J/C Orr Friday, April 19 (Mass at Immaculate Conception) 12 :10pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass- RIP) Gino GISMONDI, John CONNOLLY, Bob WALLACE Saturday, April 20 (Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Allan & Lucie Pearce, Per. Int.- J/C Orr 5:00pm+Margaret FOOTE, RIP-M/M Berberick Sunday, April 21 9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – P/C Morrison

Saint of the Week

Teach me to seek You, and reveal Yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek You if You do not teach me how, nor find You unless You reveal Yourself.

- St Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109) Archbishop of Canterbury, Feast Day April 21

Third Sunday of Easter

Spiritual knowledge from within

"Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." Luke 24:38–39

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord's appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today's Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, "God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to "read inwardly" and to penetrate the very essence of something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn't until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind opened? Listen attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

My revealing Lord, You showed Yourself to Your disciples not only physically but spiritually, revealing Your very essence to them interiorly. Please bestow this gift upon me, dear Lord. May I come to know You and believe in You with all my heart. As I do, please use me as an instrument of Your mercy to others. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife

<u>Collections fo</u>	o <u>r – April 7, 2024</u>	
(This does not include PAG collection)		
Sunday offering	\$4390.25	
Other collection	\$ 1619.75	
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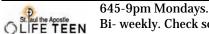
Muffin Sunday- this weekend!

The Knights of Columbus Muffin Sunday will be held on April 14th in Fr. Bennett Hall following the 10:30 AM mass. All are welcome to enjoy 2 flavours of muffins, tea, coffee, juice, and great fellowship. Donations gratefully accepted to defray costs.

CWL 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TEA

Saturday, April 20, 2024 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Church, Alliston Father Bennett Hall \$20 per ticket Light lunch with gluten-free options Entertainment and Door Prizes Tickets available after weekend Mass on April 13 & 14

Everyone is welcome!



Bi- weekly. Check schedule.

Apr 24- L/T mtg-7-9pm Apr 25- Grades 8 & 9 drop-in 330-5pm



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

Apr 24-Edge meeting Apr 25- Grades 8 & 9 drop-in 330-5pm



PASTA DINNER Saturday April 27, 6:15pm onwards

Penne - with choice of Italian Sausage cooked in onions and Sweet Peppers or Meatballs with tomato sauce Plus Garlic Bread, Fresh Garden Salad & Dessert Coffee. Tea and drinks 12 years and up - \$25 Under 12 - \$20 Pre JK – Free Tickets will be available after weekend masses beginning April 13 or from the office during the week.

Save the date

The Knights of Columbus announce that back by popular demand, we will once again have a Trivia (K)Night Saturday May 25 in the Fr. Bennett Hall. Tickets will be sold in advance, so mark this in your calendar, with more detailed information to come soon.

Ontario State Knights of Columbus 50/50 Draw

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

The final draw will take place on December 31st, 2024. The Grand Prize is now over **\$12,500** and still growing. Tickets may be purchased at https://www.knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca

In addition, tickets will be available after each Mass for the next two weekends.

Offertory Envelopes

The Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available now. If you can please collect them from either Immaculate Conception or St Paul's Church.

The numbers would get deleted from the system, if no longer used. Please advise the office, so we do not print them for next year as there is a substantial cost attached to printing them.

Also, can the owners of box #s 49, 140, 149, 249 265 and **365** please call the office to update your information. Alternatively, you may write your complete address and phone number next time you use your envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

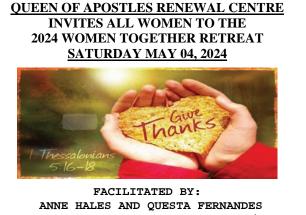
SL ShareLife

3rd Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024

Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

Thus far we have raised \$10,012.00/- toward our goal of \$59,800/-. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife



REGISTRATION: 8:30 A.M. COST: \$45.00 Includes: COFFEE / TEA WITH MUFFINS AND A HOT LUNCH MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING THE DAY.

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**Please contact Queen of Apostles directly to register. **

