

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

## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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

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## **Immaculate Conception**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ 28 April 2024**

*“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.*

*Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5*

**First Reading + Acts 9:26-31**  
**Second Reading + 1 John 3:18-24**  
**Gospel + John 15:1-8**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, April 29**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, April 30**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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

Lou BIFFIS, John GALLANT

**Wednesday, May 1**

8:00am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP – Healy Family

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home

**Thursday, May 2**

8:00am+Charles O'REILLY, RIP – T. O'Reilly

10:30am+Mass at the Kingsmere

**Friday, May 3**

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

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

Rose & Vito, Doug & Judy Adams, Barry & Donna Jebb,

**Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass.**

**Saturday, May 4**

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Our Lady of Good Council – CWL

5:00pm+Edna O'DONNELL, RIP – Steip Family

**Sunday, May 5**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP – SMCDSB Community of Schools

12:30pm- For the Intentions of all Communicants

#### Saint of the week

O Catholic faith, how solid, how strong you are! How deeply rooted, how firmly founded on a solid rock! Heaven and earth will pass away but you can never pass away. From the beginning the world opposed you but you mightily triumphed over everything.

- St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1577-1622) Martyr, Patron of the poor, Feast Day April 24

### **Seeking to be Pruned**

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.” [John 15:1-3](#)

Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus' teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the “true vine.” He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn't leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that “it bears more fruit.”

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can “love” many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don't feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

Reflect, today, upon this holy imagery from Jesus. It's a lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Don't be deterred by the pruning God wants to do. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness, offer mercy when you don't feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you.

*Jesus, most glorious Vine, You and You alone are the source of all nourishment in life. From You all good things come. Help me to have a firm faith in You and all that You have revealed, so that this faith will bud forth and bring about an abundance of good fruit for the glorious building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife*

APRIL 28, 2024

**Collections for – April 21, 2024**

*(This does not include PAG collection)*

Sunday offering	\$4098.30
Other collection	\$ 2138.70
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	\$6237.00



**Catholic Education Week – May 5-10, 2024.**  
**“We Are Called To Love.”**

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca).



645-9pm Mondays.  
Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

Apr 29- L/T Social  
May 8-L/T Mtg, 7-9pm



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

May 1-Edge Mtg, 7-9pm  
May 6- Edge-Pinky promise

**Introduction of new Mass**

We would be introducing a **6:00PM Mass** on **experimental basis** for a period of **one year**, beginning **July 7, 2024**, at St Paul’s. We will closely monitor attendance and gather feedback from parishioners and evaluate the impact. At the end of 1 year, we will assess whether the mass has effectively served the congregation and whether it should be permanently incorporated in our schedule.



**Our Parishes of St. Paul & Immaculate Conception**

are looking for Lay Readers and Ministers of Communion for our

weekend Masses. If you are interested and want to make good use of your talents, please contact **Mike Crowley @ 705-220-1309**.

***A great way to serve the Lord.....***



**ShareLife Sunday-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024**  
**Share the love with our beloved seniors through ShareLife**

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you offered quality care and companionship to over 2,300 vulnerable seniors.

“The largest thank you to all ShareLife donors for your continued generosity! With your support, our centre is able to provide assistance to seniors in need through our community programs.” – Jaymie Daunt, LA Centre for Active Seniors

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 2. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

Thank you for living the Gospel.

**The Catholic Women’s League** would like to **thank** everyone who joined us in celebrating our **60th Anniversary!** Your presence filled the room with joy. A special thank-you to the many who helped behind the scenes, whether in a large or small way. The work of many hands ensured this celebration was indeed special!



**SAVE THE DATE**

Just a REMINDER to our parishioners doing their “Spring Cleaning” .....

**The CWL “ANNUAL GARAGE SALE” is on SATURDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00A.M. to 2:00P.M. in Fr. Bennett Hall**

***Please hold on to those treasures that are in “good, working order” until May 28<sup>th</sup> when we can start receiving them in the parish hall.***

**NO CLOTHING OR BIG FURNITURE**

**\*\*Please DONOT leave items in the narthex prior to May 28th.**

For **FREE** pick-up, please contact **Loretta before MAY 24<sup>th</sup>** to set up an appointment.

**Date and times to deliver at the church: - Only on - May 28, 29, 30, 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

***Volunteers are needed for sorting, cleaning and pick up.*** Please contact: **Loretta@705-458-9504**(after 6:00pm) or **Dawn @705-435-9914**

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