

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

St. Paul the Apostle

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6th Sunday of Easter ~ 5 May 2024

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." *John 15:10-11*

First Reading + Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Second Reading + 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel + John 15:9-17

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 6

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, May 7

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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

Greg & Jeannie Gillis, Claudia Ilie, Mike Crowley,

John & Connie Orr, Charbonneau Family

Wednesday, May 8

8:00am+Giovanni & Angela STEA, RIP – N/T Novielli

Thursday, May 9

8:00am+Ron McKibbon, RIP – T. O'Reilly

Friday, May 10

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception Church*)

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

Teresa FABRIZIO, Gino GISMONDI, Rosario BAYLEN,

Rev. Christopher BENNETT, Baby ASH

Saturday, May 11

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP – P/C Morrison

5:00pm+Paul LAPERRIERE, RIP-G. Cole

Sunday, May 12

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

10:30am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Friendship with God

"I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." [John 15:15-17](#)

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about.

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus' friendship is not one that simply makes us "buddies." Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It's a way of relating to another in which a person's sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one's own self interests. It's not a matter of "what do I get out of it?" In [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#), St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God's interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be.

My God and true Friend, You offer me everything in life. You offer me Your perfect love, given fully and without reserve. I pray that I will reciprocate that depth of love and offer to You all that You deserve. I offer You my love, worship and obedience, dear Lord. May this mutual love form a bond that will never end. Jesus, I trust in You.

Saint of the Week:

It is patience that reveals every grace to you, and it is through patience that the saints received all that was promised to them.

- St. Pachomius (died 346), Founder of Christian Monasticism, Feast Day May 9

Collections for – April 28, 2024

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering	\$3945.00
Other collection	\$ 7452.00

	\$11397.00



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

May 9-March for Life Ottawa
May 13Life Teen- Full Battery



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

May 16- Grade 8 & 9 drop-in 330-5pm



**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.....

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.

March for Life

Holy Spirit Parish in Barrie is organizing a bus for **March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 9th**. The bus will leave at 6 am from our church and we are expecting to be back around 9 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person if we get all 56 seats on the bus filled. It is a coach bus with a washroom. We hope to fill the bus. If you are not able to attend but would like to support this event with a donation to help cover the cost of the bus or sponsor a youth, please let us know. For more information or to book the seat, **you** may contact **Iwona at 705-241-7606 or Jacqueline at 705-229-6029**.

Charity Trivia Night! **Saturday May 25** Fr. Bennett Hall, starts after 5 p.m. Mass with available light dinner such as back bacon on a bun, hot dogs, cold drinks etc. Entry fee per team is \$80, maximum 8 team members. Multiple raffle prizes, tickets for \$1 each, also 50/50 draw, tickets \$1 each as well. Gather some friends and family for a fun night. To register your team contact Event Chair Rick Robinson, at RickTheRobinson@gmail.com with your team name, or any questions you may have."

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.



SAVE THE DATE

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

**The CWL “ANNUAL GARAGE SALE” is
on SATURDAY, JUNE 1st 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 28th 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 24th 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

International Eucharistic Congress – Sept. 8-15, 2024
Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation!

Traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims from around the world to join in an International Eucharistic Congress. This year's event will take place in **Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024**. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with other Canadian delegates to travel to Ecuador. To learn more about the pilgrimage, visit www.archtoronto.org/iec. Registration deadline is June 6 with early bird pricing available until May 6, 2024.

*The Youth Ministry would like to thank all parishioners who
attended the Pasta Dinner on April 27th.
Thank you to all the volunteers for their help in making the
event a great success!
Thanks and God bless!*

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