# 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 the Apostle Sunday: 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception 10:30 a.m. at St Paul the Apostle 6:00 p.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 SacramentExposition 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	<b>Baptism:</b> 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:	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.	
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

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## Immaculate Conception

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

igwedgehy do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

— Mk 7:5b-6

First Reading + Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 Second Reading + James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 Gospel + Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 2 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, September 3** 7:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass- RIP) 5:20pm+ Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+Holy Hour \*\*6:15pm - 6:45 pm+ Confessions\*\* Ciprian ILIE, Semona PUIU, Ed MORGAN SOULS IN PURGATORY, Debbie Ann HOWIE, Wednesday, September 4 8:00am+Daciano UNABIA, RIP - M. Unabia 10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home **Thursday, September 5** 8:00am+Phylice & Benedict PEREIRA, RIP-Fernando Family 10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Living Friday, September 6 (Mass at Immaculate Conception Church) 12:10pm+(Multiple Intentions Mass- Per. Int) Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning 8:00am Bobby & Rita Webber, John & Rosemarie Farrugia, John Orr, Tony & Bertha Groen Saturday, September 7 (9:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Vince CARROLL, RIP - T. Shepherd 5:00pm+Jaimie DANIEL, RIP - N. Daniel Sunday, September 8 9:00am+For the People of the Parish 10:30am+Gonzalo de Ramona & Family, Per.Int- M/M Berberick 6:00pm+Joanne McKid, Per. Int.-C. McKid

Saint of the Week-

There are in truth three states of the converted: the beginning, the middle, and the perfection. In the beginning they experience the charms of sweetness; in the middle the contests of temptation; and in the end the fullness of perfection. - St. Gregory the Great (540-604) Doctor of the Church, Feast Day September 3

#### From the desk of Father Norberto Eyule

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

#### Welcome back!

It fills my heart with joy to see you all once again after the summer break. I hope that each of you had the opportunity to rest, reconnect with loved ones, and find renewal in your spiritual lives. As we gather again, I am reminded of the strong bond that unites us as a parish family and the exciting journey that lies ahead for St. Paul Parish.

This year promises to be a time of both great celebration and meaningful challenges. We are blessed as we begin our preparation for the upcoming celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. Paul Parish in 2026- a milestone that offers us the chance to reflect on our rich history, celebrate the present, and look forward with hope to the future.

The 150th anniversary is a testament to the enduring faith and dedication of the generations who have come before us. Starting from May 2025 to May 2026, we will celebrate this milestone with special liturgies, historical reflections, and community events. These celebrations are not just about looking back; they are also about recommitting ourselves to the mission of our parish as we continue to grow in faith and service.

I invite each of you to take an active role in these celebrations. Let us come together to honor our past, rejoice in our present, and build a future filled with hope and faith. Your participation will not only enrich our celebrations but will also strengthen the bonds of our parish community.

In conjunction with our anniversary, we have proposed a plan for the renovation of our two churches, if it is God's will. Our church building has served as a sacred space for worship, prayer, and community for 150 years, but it is now in need of restoration and renewal.

This proposed renovation will address necessary repairs and updates, ensuring that our churches remain a beautiful and functional space for future generations. However, this project will require the support and commitment of our entire parish. I encourage each of you to consider how you can contribute to this effort, whether through prayer, volunteering, or financial support.

We will share more details about the renovation plans in the coming weeks, and I ask that you keep this project in your prayers. Together, with God's guidance, we can accomplish this important work and ensure that our church continues to be a place of worship and community for years to come.

This year, we also join the entire Roman Catholic Church in celebrating a Jubilee Year of Hope, to be proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. This Jubilee year invites us to renew our trust in God's promises and to live as people of hope in a world that often seems filled with uncertainty.

Throughout this Jubilee year, we will have many opportunities to deepen our faith and grow in our understanding of hope. I encourage you to participate in the special prayers, reflections, and acts of charity that will be offered throughout the year. Let us strive to be a parish that radiates hope to those around us, sharing the light of Christ with our community and the world.

While we have many plans and aspirations for the year ahead, we must also recognize that life is full of unpredictability. We may face challenges that we cannot foresee, but we do not face them alone. As a community of faith, we are united in our love for Christ and for one another. Let us lean on our faith and on each other in times of difficulty, offering support, prayers, and encouragement to those in need.

As we embark on this new year, I invite each of you to actively participate in the life of our parish. There are many ways to get involved, whether through our various ministries, service opportunities, or community events. Your involvement is vital to the vibrancy of our parish, and I encourage you to consider how you can contribute your time, talents, and gifts to our community.

As we begin this new season, let us do so with hearts full of hope and hands ready to serve. I am excited about all that lies ahead and look forward to journeying with you in faith, hope, and love.

May God bless each of you abundantly as we move forward together as the family of St. Paul Parish. Welcome back, and may this year be one of growth, renewal, and hope for us all.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Norberto Eyule

Pastor, St. Paul/Immaculate Conception Parish

#### **Information on sacraments**

#### First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Registration is open for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for the **2024-25 school year**. Parents may register their child entering Grade 2 or older at the following link, which is also be posted to the church website. The deadline for registration is **Wednesday September 11**, **2024**. Details of parent meetings and class dates will be sent out to those who register. The registration fee of **\$50** per family and the child's baptismal certificate can be sealed in an envelope and handed to Fr. Norberto after weekend masses throughout the summer or brought to the first parent meeting.

https://forms.gle/SV4RAVYWw51dz4Fb6



**Confirmation Parents Only Meeting Sept. 19th - 6:45pm-8:30pm** Sign-up at this meeting for Wednesday or Thursday sessions. See confirmation schedule for more info.

#### **<u>Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (R.C.I.C)</u>**

Children ages 6 years and over who wish to be baptized will be required to attend R.C.I.C. classes with their parents in September. The information meeting for these classes will be on Saturday, <u>Sept 21, 2024</u>, at 4:00pm. For more information please "<u>TEXT</u>" <u>ONLY</u> Claudette Morrison on 705-220-9451.

**Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)** - If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Catholic faith and possibly becoming a Catholic, please call Father Norberto at the parish office. This program is open to unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

#### <u>Interested in the joy of youth ministry and praising</u> <u>Jesus?</u>

We have 2 youth programs to choose from.

Edge for grades 6-8. AND Life Teen for high school.

We have our ELEVATE day of adult training on **Sat. Sept. 21** with amazing volunteers and speakers from across the archdiocese. More details to follow.

We ask for a one-year commitment.

Generally, 1 meeting and 2 youth nights per month.

Help with fundraisers also. We also come together for a fun volunteer retreat, a family dinner and a BBQ.

We hope you will consider joining us! You may contact Dave McKendrick on **705-435-6325**, extn 24 or <u>dmckendrick@archtoronto.org</u>

God bless Dave Youth Minister

### Thank you from the Knights...

Knights of Columbus thank all who helped with another successful Potato Festival event and the Parish Picnic.

The Knights will be providing refreshments at Mt. Alverno Franciscan outdoor Stations of the Cross and Relic displays **Sept 29** - more info coming soon.

Trivia Night coming October 19 - mark your calendars!

Join us and get involved!

#### Message from Volunteer Screening Committee to all volunteers.

Our parishes of St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception flourish when our Church members volunteer in our Ministries. And we **thank you** for your invaluable time and talents.

We welcome all volunteers and invite you to email Domenic Scuglia <u>dscuglia@archtoronto.org</u> or Darlene Figueroa <u>dfigueroa@archtoronto.org</u> for a list of volunteer opportunities. All volunteers will be required to complete a screening process which will be explained when we connect. On **September 4<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a meeting at **7 pm** at St Paul Parish to provide a detailed overview.

If you volunteer in the Church in  $\underline{any}$  capacity, we encourage you to attend.

#### Knights of Columbus Ontario State 50/50 Lottery

The 50:50 draw organized by the KofC State office is back and this year you can securely purchase tickets by following the link on the KofC St. Paul the Apostle web page - (http://www.knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca/) or scanning the QR code below.

25% of local ticket sales revert back to our council for our charitable works. Help us by getting your tickets today.



**Season of Creation 2024**: The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology). This year's theme is "To hope and act with Creation" and the symbol is "The first fruits of hope," inspired by Romans 8:19-25. An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links: RESOURCES:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12M3weSD4D2mvjCiI3Mxen3JQ Z5Rrazz3/view

VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLI5cT-56Yk

## **Parish Picnic**

#### A note of thanks from Father Norberto and the staff ...

**Thank you**, all parishioners, for attending the parish picnic! We had over 225 people, including children. It was a huge success and weather was perfect!

Thank you to the Knight of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and all those who donated in cash, kind, prepared food and gave their time in putting this all together. The success of this event would not have been possible without you all!

Thank you and God Bless you all.

