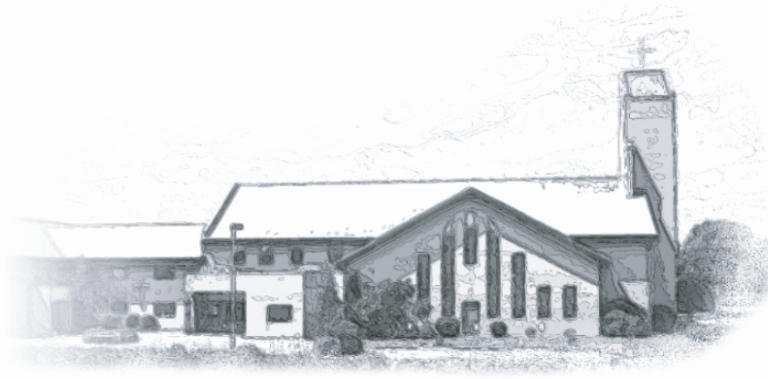


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



“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 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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 8 September 2024

Then looking up in heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
Mark 7:34-35

First Reading + Isaiah 35:4-7
Second Reading + James 2:1-5
Gospel + Mark 7:31-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 9

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, September 10

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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

Jack ELLIOTT, Teresa OPALINSKI, John SCANLON,
Roy OLIVEIRA

Wednesday, September 11

8:00am+Rev Leo RAMSPERGER, RIP – Arch TO.

Thursday, September 12

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

Friday, September 13

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

12:10pm+Vince CARROLL, RIP – M. Lynch

Saturday, September 14

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Deceased members of O'Sullivan Family, RIP – T. O'Reilly

5:00pm+Freddie LIBERTA, RIP – K. Liberta Taylor

Sunday, September 15

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Angela & Giovanni STEA, RIP-N/T Novielli

6:00pm+Andre SVETINA, RIP-D. Svetina

Humble Instruments of Grace

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. [Mark 7:33–35](#)

One interesting point in this story is that the people who brought this deaf and mute man to Jesus begged Him to "lay his hand on him" so as to heal him. But what did Jesus do? Instead, He took the man away from the crowd, put His divine finger into the man's ears, touched the man's tongue with His own sacred saliva and the man was cured. At first, the act of putting your finger into someone else's ear and touching their tongue with your own saliva may seem repulsive. Normally it would be. To understand these two actions, we must understand the symbolism.

The image of a finger is used a number of times in the Scriptures to refer to God's power. In the Book of Exodus after the plague of the gnats, Pharaoh's magicians said that this was clearly done "by the finger of God" ([Exodus 8:19](#)). On the mountain when Moses received the Ten Commandments we know that it was also God's finger that wrote them ([Exodus 31:18](#)). In the book of Daniel, a finger appeared and wrote a prophetic message on a wall ([Daniel 5:5](#)). In the New Testament, Jesus cast out a demon "by the finger of God" ([Luke 11:20](#)) and in today's Gospel He healed this man's hearing with His finger. The "finger of God" is understood as the power of God and an action of the Holy Spirit. Thus, by using His sacred finger to heal, Jesus was symbolically revealing that He fully exercised the power of God and acted in perfect union with the Holy Spirit and the Father.

The image of saliva is also interesting. Perhaps you have noticed that when an animal has a wound it often licks that wound. This is a natural instinct but also one that makes sense. Saliva has a certain medicinal power of healing. It contains antibacterial agents. Therefore, since normal saliva can help heal a wound, Jesus's saliva is able to heal in a supernatural way. Recall, also, that Jesus healed a blind man by spitting on the ground and then smearing the mud on his eyes ([John 9:6](#)).

Did Jesus need to use His finger and His saliva to heal this man? Certainly not. He could have done it with a mere thought. But He chose to use His body as an instrument of His healing power. Doing so reveals to us that Jesus' humanity became the source of unity between God and man. Even His finger and His saliva unite us to God. Everything about the Son of God in His human form dispensed grace, healing and mercy. Even that which may, at first, seem most repulsive. Though there is much we can take from this passage, one thing that should not be missed is that if Jesus chose to use His finger and even his saliva to dispense His power, so, also, He desires to continue using the members of His Body to distribute His grace. By Baptism, you are a member of Christ's Body, the Church. You are His hands and feet, His eyes and voice, His heart and finger, and even His saliva. That last thought is very humbling. But if Jesus can use His saliva for healing, He can use you. If we can humbly understand that, then we will be better disposed to become an instrument of His divine mercy to those who need it. God is able to use us NOT because we are worthy of being used. Rather, He can use us because He has chosen to do so, even in our most humble state.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus healing this deaf and mute man. If you ever feel as though God cannot use you, call to mind the way in which our Lord worked this miracle. If God can use His finger and His saliva, He certainly can use you, no matter how unworthy or sinful you may be. This miracle shows us that God can use all things for His glory for the simple reason that He is God. Humble yourself and offer yourself to God to use you as He wills. Doing so will give God the opportunity to manifest His almighty power through you.

My healing Lord, when You took on human form, You united divinity with humanity. Through Your sacred humanity, You poured forth Your grace and mercy and continue to do so today. Please use me, dear Lord, as an instrument of Your grace. May I always humbly see myself as Your unworthy instrument, whom You choose to use despite my unworthiness. Jesus, I trust in You
Source: MyCatholicLif

Saint of the week

If you wish to leave much wealth to your children, leave them in God's care. Do not leave them riches, but virtue and skill. For if they learn to expect riches, they will not mind anything besides, and their abundant riches shall give them the means of screening the wickedness of their ways. -

Saint John Chrysostom (349-407), Patron Saint of Speaking, Feast Day September 13

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Announcing Manresa's 75th Anniversary

You are invited to a BBQ celebrating 75 years of Manresa Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Pickering When: **September 15, 2024**

(**1:30 - 4:30 pm**) Where: **2325 Liverpool Rd. N. Pickering,**
Ontario L1X 1V4 (at top of Liverpool Rd., N. of Finch)

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, cold drinks ... Enjoy music on our beautiful grounds. Walk our Labyrinth, Rosary Lane & trails. Bring your own lawn chairs & picnic blankets. Games for children. Rain or Shine. No RSVP required.

Come and join us and bring your family.

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**. **If you have registered your child, please attend parent meeting on Wednesday September 18th at 6:00pm**. There will be **NO registration** that day.

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 or brought to the first parent meeting on 18th. You may also drop the fee and baptismal certificate to the office.

<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.

Catholic Moms Group

CALLING ALL MOMS of young children, who are expecting, who have recently had a baby, or will soon / have baptized their child: please join the Catholic Moms Group for a special workshop event on **Saturday September 21st, 2024, from 10:30am – 1:30pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish in Bradford**. Come and meet like-minded moms and build friendships, get inspired and identify the changes that motherhood brings. The cost is \$20 and includes: coffee/tea, snacks and lunch. E-transfer can be made to catholicmomsgrouphmj@gmail.com
Please see the poster for more details.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (R.C.I.C)

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, **Sept 21, 2024, at 4:00pm**. For more information please **"TEXT" ONLY 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.

Photo Directory

The photo directories are **FINALLY** here. If you took the picture, you may collect your free copy from the office within the hours of 9-4pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Thank you for your patience....

Interested in the joy of youth ministry and praising Jesus?

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 dmckendrick@archtoronto.org

God bless

Dave

Youth Minister

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 to our council for our charitable works.

Help us by getting your tickets today.



ShareLife

Answer the call to compassion, 100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities for the first time in 2024. Through our parish's support, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. Reaching our parish campaign goal will help to make these grants possible. Please help combat hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your compassion.

Membership Drive for Columbian Squires

Membership Drive for Columbian Squires for **boys 10 to 18 years**. Founded in 1935 by the Knights of Columbus to promote Catholic Leadership Skills through group and community activities such as sport and outdoor events, fundraisers, movie nights, participation in parish and community events, an annual convention and with a focus on Catholic Values. Membership forms are available at the back of the church.

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