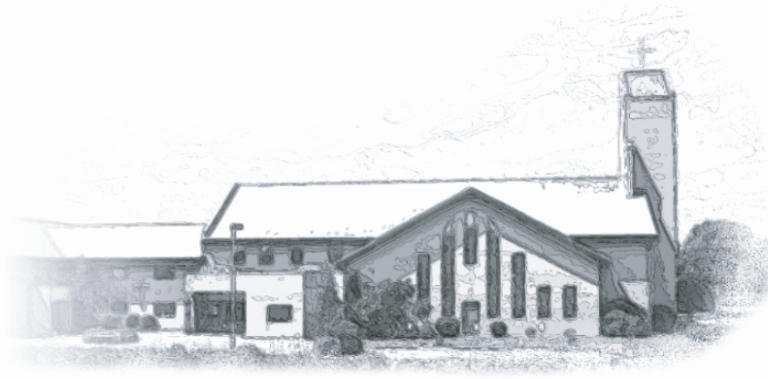


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



“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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 15 September 2024

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wants to become my follower. Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it." Mark 8: 34-35

First Reading + Isaiah 50:5-9
Second Reading + James 2:14-18
Gospel + Mark 8:27-35

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 16
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, September 17
 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int)
 Ginette Cole, Knights of Columbus Council 3477,
 Anu Antao, Rev. Norberto Eyule, Ernie & Linda
 KAMBEITZ, John Orr

Wednesday, September 18

8:00am+David Binns, RIP – T. Shepherd

Thursday, September 19

8:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – F/G Valentini

Friday, September 20

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

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

Rev. Christopher BENNETT, Anthony PERERA,
 Miriam KRDYS

Saturday, September 21

9:00am+Mary Emmanuel, Per. Int – M/M Berberick

5:00pm+Anne DALTON, RIP

Sunday, September 22

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

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

A Spiritual U-Turn

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." [Mark 8:34-35](#)

Practically speaking, how do we follow Jesus and save our souls? Is it enough to profess that we believe in Jesus? If we were to arrive at the conclusion that Jesus is God and the Savior of the World, would we then be saved? Certainly not. Even the demons believe this truth. Jesus is quite clear that salvation requires action on our part. We must deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him. Furthermore, the road to salvation requires that we lose ourselves for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. What exactly does this mean, practically speaking?

To answer this question, let's first consider the way that many people live. We tend to desire that which is the easiest in life, the most enjoyable, the greatest, and the most consoling. We often seek out those things that make us feel good and the path of least resistance. For example, if you could choose to fast on bread and water or feast on the most delicious foods, which would you choose? If you could choose between a vacation in the most exotic and luxurious location or a week of very difficult work, which would you choose? If you could choose to drive a brand new, high-end car or a very old beater, which one would you prefer? Most people would quickly pick the nice food, luxurious vacation and fancy new car.

In his spiritual classic, the *Ascent to Mount Carmel*, Saint John of the Cross outlines a very different path. He gives a series of spiritual maxims to use for prayer and meditation to help purify your soul of every unhealthy attachment so that you can become more fully attached to God and His holy will. St. John says, "Strive always to prefer, not that which is easiest, but that which is most difficult; Not that which is most attractive, but that which is most unpleasant; Not that which gives most pleasure, but rather that which gives least..." These spiritual maxims, when read in their entirety, challenge us to the core of our being. They quickly reveal to those who are honest that they often prefer the easiest, most pleasant and best that this world has to offer. But what is best for your eternal soul?

Jesus' teaching, that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him, is the road map to saving your eternal soul and to discovering a spiritual fulfillment that far surpasses anything this world or our flesh have to offer. But in order to understand this road map and then to follow it, we often need to make a "spiritual U-turn" so to speak. This U-turn begins with us choosing the Cross on every level of our being and concludes with God stripping away all selfish desires and replacing them with a desire for sacrificial love.

If you were to carefully examine your thoughts throughout the day, you might find that you think about yourself a lot. "I like this, don't want to do that, am angry about this, and am trying to avoid that..." Very often, our thoughts begin with "I" and end with "me." Denying yourself, taking up your cross, and losing your life means that you no longer think about yourself. It means that the eyes of your soul have turned away from yourself and focus exclusively upon the will of God and the love of others. But this will never be possible until we are freed of the numerous selfish desires that often direct most of our actions day in and day out.

Reflect, today, upon that which you desire throughout your day. What occupies your thoughts the most? What are you drawn to the most? Do you spend most of your day thinking about how you can better serve God and His holy will? Or do you spend most of your day thinking about yourself? Do the eyes of your soul most often turn to the selfless service of others? Or do they more often think about what you want in a selfish way? Reflect upon these difficult questions and seek to eradicate everything within you that is selfish. Doing so will enable you to make a spiritual U-turn so that you can carry the glorious and transforming Cross of Christ.

My sacrificial Lord, You lived a selfless life in which Your only concerns were the glory of the Father in Heaven and the salvation of the world. Please free me from all selfishness so that I will be more able to deny myself in every way, run toward every cross in life, and follow You into the beautiful life of selfless and sacrificial love. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

September 15 - I see paradise has no gate, but whoever desires may enter there, for God is all mercy and stands with open arms to admit us to His glory. - *Saint Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510), Patron of Widows, Feast Day September 15*

SACRAMENTS
REGISTRATION INFORMATION MEETING
Parents Only!!!

FIRST COMMUNION
Wednesday, September 18th at 6pm

CONFIRMATION
Thursday, September 19th at 6:45pm

RCIC
Saturday, September 21st at 4pm

RCIA

[Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]

- Designed to welcome new members into the Church
- To lead every Catholic parishioner to deeper belief and renewal of his or her Christian faith.



Are you curious about our faith? Do you want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic. Please contact Fr. Norberto.

Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel

We will commence Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel from September 20th to September 28th after each Mass. There will be an extra mass celebrated on Monday, **September 23rd at 8:00am at St Paul Parish.**

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.

** Congratulations! **

St. Paul the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council #9352 has received the **distinction of Star Council**, the organization's top international award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities. Congratulations, Gentlemen!

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.
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Columbian Squires will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive over the coming weeks. Please see the poster for needed items by the Alliston Food Bank. All donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items are greatly appreciated though.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 5/6, 2024

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 5/6, 2024, to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome to St Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Parish!

If you are new to the area, we invite you to register with the parish office. The parish registration forms are placed in the narthex as well.

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