

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

## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 29 September 2024**

But Jesus said, “Do not stop him. Whoever is not against us is for us. “For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.” *Mark 9:39a, 40-41*

**First Reading + Numbers 11:25-29**  
**Second Reading + James 5:1-6**  
**Gospel + Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, September 30**  
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, October 1**  
 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle  
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS  
 7:00pm+José Matute, Per. Int. (75<sup>th</sup> Birthday) –J. Matute

**Wednesday, October 2**  
 8:00am+Larry MURRAY, RIP – P. Murray  
 10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home

**Thursday, October 3**  
 8:00am+Judith MACNEIL, RIP – Birmingham Family  
 10:30am+Mass at KINGSMERE Community

**First Friday, October 4**  
 (Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)  
 12:10pm+David BINNS, RIP – M. Lynch  
 Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

**Saturday, October 5**  
 (Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)  
 9:00am+Bill GRIFFITH, RIP – M/M Berberick  
 5:00pm+Jamie DANIEL, RIP – N. Daniel & family

**Sunday, October 6**  
 9:00am+Ken Squires, Per. Int. – M/M Berberick  
 10:30am+Eileen MacDonald, Per. Int. – A. Maher  
 6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Eliminating Occasions of Sin**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out...” *Mark 9:43-47*

Sometimes we need to wake up to the horror of sin. Sin and sin alone is capable of sending you to hell. Hell is real, and going there for eternity is a real possibility. Therefore, we must do whatever it takes to avoid that frightful possibility. This teaching from Jesus might not, at first, be thought of as one of His most inspiring teachings, but it should be. It's not inspiring in the sense that it is quite graphic. But it is very inspiring in the sense that it has the potential to motivate us to action.

Are you motivated to do all that you can to avoid sin? Would you even go so far as to cut off your hand or foot, and to pluck out your eye so as to avoid sin? First of all, this should not be seen as a literal command in which Jesus is telling us to mutilate ourselves. But He is the one Who chose such graphic language. Therefore, we should not shy away from pondering these images in a prayerful way so as to more clearly see those things that lead us into sin. When we see them, we must take the radical step of completely eliminating them from our lives.

Many of the Church Fathers say that the hand, foot and eye in this teaching refer to our friends. Just as a hand, foot and eye are good in and of themselves, so also are friends. We are made for friendship with God and with others. However, not every friendship helps us grow closer to God. Therefore, when an earthly friend becomes a source of sin, we must eliminate that friendship.

Friendship is different from charity. We owe charity to all people, even those who are the most sinful. But acting with charity toward others is different from being friends with them. To be a friend implies mutual giving and receiving. And though we must always give of ourselves to others, we ought not always receive from them when what they have to offer is an invitation to sin. This is how we “cut it off” and “pluck it out.” When another person tries to relate to us in such a way that they lead us into sin, we must take that temptation very seriously and reject it with much vigor.

The hand, foot and eye in this teaching also represent every situation in life that tempts us to sin. For example, consider material possessions. If buying a very expensive car, house, or electronic gadget tempts you to become more materialistic, then you must avoid buying it. People are drawn to nice things. But does possessing nice things help your soul to become holy? One could argue that they can have nice things, while at the same time remain spiritually detached from them. But this is difficult to live. The more luxurious our material possessions, the more tempted we will be to rely upon them for our happiness. Therefore, choosing to live simply is almost always better for your soul than choosing to live in luxury. This teaching also applies to anything else that could become a source of temptation.

Reflect, today, upon those things or persons in your life that have become an occasion of sin for you. Do not fool yourself into believing that you can handle the temptation. If you have some source of ongoing temptation in your life, you need to eliminate it. Ponder this very graphic teaching from Jesus and try to apply it to your life. Identify those things that lead you into sin and eliminate them with much determination.

*My radical Lord, You call all of Your children to a life of holiness and perfection. Please help me to take Your teachings seriously so as to eliminate all occasions of sin from my life. May I have the eyes to see these temptations and the courage to reject them with all my might. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: MyCatholicLife

**Saint of the Week:**

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be. - *St. Jerome (347-420), Patron of Librarians, Students, Translators, Feast Day Sept. 30*

### **Inaugural Saint Michael Award Recipients**

It is a great honour for our parish to announce that our dearest Larry and Theresa Keogh are the recipients of the **Inaugural Saint Michael Award** for the Northern Region. They will be honoured as a part of special celebration at the Noon Mass on Sunday September 29, 2024, (the Solemnity of Saint Michael) at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto.

Below is the Media release from Archdiocese of Toronto: -

### **Northern Pastoral Region**

**Larry and Theresa Keogh, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Alliston** – *Larry and Theresa have been married for 68 years, raised six children and rooted their relationship in service inspired by their faith. Theresa served as parish organist for more than 50 years while also giving generously in numerous roles with the Catholic Women's League. Dating back to the 1980's, Larry has been a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Co-ordinator for Building Committees, Maintenance Supervisor, Member of Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Capital Projects Assistant. Before the hiring of a cleaner for St. Paul's Parish, Larry, Theresa, and family members cleaned the church each week. In January of 1976, when a devastating fire destroyed Knox Presbyterian Church, the couple established a community assistance group and rallied volunteers, later honoured for their leadership by the local mayor. Even in their late 80's and early 90's, Theresa and Larry continue to give generously and are the foundation from which many projects have come to fruition within the parish and local community. The Archdiocese of Toronto gives thanks for the 2024 Saint Michael Award recipients and all those who were nominated by their pastor for consideration. Additional information regarding the awards can be found by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/awards](http://www.archtoronto.org/awards).*

### **First Life Teen Night Social**

Come join us - Sept. 30, 645pm-9pm

Register Online at

<https://form.jotform.com/242557032470250>

**Trivia Night** - Knights of Columbus - **October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Father Bennett Hall - after 5:00P.M. Mass.

Book your table of 8 team members for \$80.00 or register as an individual at \$10.00 per chair and form a lucky team at the event. All are welcome! Prizes drawn for entry tickets as well as \$1.00 raffles for other items. Light dinner and drinks available.

Help support our charity and Parish works.

Contact Trivia Master **Rick Robinson** for tickets asap. Email [ricktherobinson@gmail.com](mailto:ricktherobinson@gmail.com) or **705 795 1015**.

### **Oktoberfest Dinner - October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Tickets on sale starting **Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** at all weekend masses and through the office.

Come join us for a fun evening and delicious food.

Thank-you for your support to our Youth Ministry.

Please see the poster in the narthex for more information.

### **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.

### **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.

**The classes will begin soon.**

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



### **CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Saturday, November 2, 2024

10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Fr. Bennett Hall, St. Paul the Apostle Church

The Catholic Women's League of St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches will once again be holding a Christmas Bazaar. Books of lottery tickets will be available for distribution every weekend after Mass in October, at the back of the church. Parishioners can pick up books of tickets to sell to family and friends. Tickets cost \$2 each, and the cash prizes are \$500, \$300, and \$200.

*Lottery license #M831258.*

### **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](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).

Thank you for your generosity.

### **Offertory envelopes for 2025**

We will be placing an order for the offertory envelopes for 2025. If you do not wish to use the envelopes, please call the office. If your contact information has changed, please let the office know.

Envelope holders **149, 249, 311** - please update your contact information with the office. You may also fill out the parish registration form and drop it with the offertory or to the office.

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