

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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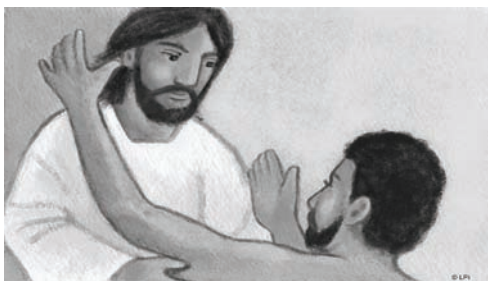
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 27 October 2024

“Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” *Mark 10: 48c – 49, 51*

First Reading + Jeremiah 31:7-9
Second Reading + Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel + Mark 10:46-52

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 28

8:00+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Tuesday, October 29

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Aurel CLAIMONT, RIP – T. O’Reilly

Wednesday, October 30

8:00am+Carolyn MURRAY, RIP – P. Murray

Thursday, October 31

8:00am+Vito PAOLI, RIP – G. Cole

Friday, November 1 [All Saints Day]

(Noon Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Minda KASILAG, RIP- Agoncillo Family

7:00pm+FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF PARISH

Saturday, November 2 [All Souls Day]

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Charles O’REILLY, RIP – T. O’Reilly

5:00pm+Lisa Marie TEW, RIP – L/C Laciak

Sunday, November 3

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council 9352 – KoC9352

6:00pm+Jaime Daniel, RIP – N. Daniel

I Want to See

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” [Mark 10:46–47](#)

Imagine the humiliation you might experience if your only way to survive each day was to sit on the side of the road and beg. As a blind man at that time, Bartimaeus was not able to work and support himself. Many saw his blindness as a curse from God and the result of his sin or the sins of his parents. He would have been treated as an outcast of society and as a burden to his family and community. Thus, the mental and emotional trauma a blind person experienced at that time would have been just as difficult to deal with as the physical blindness itself.

The symbolism in this story is extraordinary and teaches us many things about our Christian journey. First, we must strive to identify with Bartimaeus’ humility and weakness. On a spiritual level, we are all blind and, in our fallen natural state, we are spiritual outcasts. This means that we cannot attain Heaven by ourselves. Bartimaeus is a symbol of our fallen natural state. We need to humble ourselves every day and see ourselves as people in dire need who are incapable of saving our own souls.

Bartimaeus is also a symbol of what we must do in order to be drawn out of the blindness and misery we experience in life. The moment he heard that Jesus was walking by, he cried out for mercy. But he didn’t just cry out to our Lord. He did so with perseverance. The people who heard him crying out rebuked him and told him to stop. But their rebukes only led him to be more fervent in his prayer. Also, it appears that Jesus ignored him at first. Why would Jesus do that? It certainly wasn’t because Jesus didn’t care. It was because our Lord knew that Bartimaeus would persevere and He wanted him to do so. Jesus wanted Bartimaeus’ prayer to become more resolute, and it did.

The prayer of Bartimaeus must become the way we pray. It is very easy to become discouraged in life and to lose hope. When that happens, our prayer becomes weak and ineffective. At times, we will experience many other temptations to give up on prayer. The rebukes by the crowd are a symbol of the many temptations we will experience to give up on prayer. When those temptations come, we must double our effort and strengthen our resolve. Jesus’ silence at first must also be seen as an invitation to pray with greater faith. If we pray and feel as though God is not listening, we must know that God does hear us and His initial silence is His way of inviting us closer and to a deeper level of faith and prayer.

When Jesus stopped and told the disciples to bring Bartimaeus to Him, Bartimaeus immediately got up, threw off his cloak and went to our Lord. His cloak is a symbol of everything we need to shed in life that keeps us from immediately and quickly responding to the promptings of grace. Though there is nothing wrong with having a cloak, in that moment it was a slight hindrance to his prompt response to Jesus. So also with us; we must be ready and willing to eliminate anything that keeps us from responding to God the moment He calls to us.

Finally, Bartimaeus’ prayer was perfect. “Master, I want to see.” Spiritually speaking, we must work to foster the deepest desire to see God, to see our Lord. If we desire the gift of faith, the ability to see spiritual truths and understand them, then our Lord will answer that prayer. Our Lord will also say to us, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.”

Reflect, today, upon this poor blind beggar, Bartimaeus. See in his humble soul a model of how you must see yourself and of how you must pray. Observe the humility of your fallen state, the isolation you experience from your sin, and the perseverance you need to have in prayer. Follow the example of Bartimaeus, and our Lord will remove the blindness of your heart so that you can follow Him more fully every day.

My healing Lord, by myself I am weak, a beggar and a sinner. My only hope is to cry out to You in my need and to do so with much zeal. Please do restore my sight, dear Lord. Heal me and help me to see You so that I can follow You wherever You lead. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

You must strive with all possible care to please God in such a manner as neither to do nor behold anything, without first consulting Him, and in everything to seek Him alone and His glory. - *Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez (1532-1617), Patron Saint of Jesuit Brothers, Feast Day October 31.*

OCTOBER 27, 2024



Novena for the Faithful Departed

We will begin the novena for Faithful departed on October 24th. There will be a Mass celebrated on **October 28th at 8:00am at St Paul's Church.**

An extra mass will also be celebrated on **Friday, November 1st at 7:00pm at St Paul's Church.**

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

From: Michael Penafiel, Development Coordinator
One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others. To donate securities, follow this link: Archdiocese of Toronto - Gift of Securities (archtoronto.org) and download the "How to Gift Securities Info Sheet" and "Letter of Direction." For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.

WANTED - EDGE Youth Ministry Volunteers

1-3 adults who love working with youth.
Love to play games, talk about life and faith.
Don't mind a little organized chaos.
Varying commitment needed over the school year.
Usually Monday evenings. You will love the other volunteers.
Best way to know, is to come and see .

Help needed at St Paul's Cemetery

Our Cemetery Board is looking for an able-bodied person, available during the week to volunteer at St. Paul's Cemetery. This is a labor-intensive volunteer position. Please contact the office for more information.

Unpacking the Synod on Synodality—November 10, 2024, 4 to 6 p.m. St. Michael's College School Centre for the Arts – 1515 Bathurst St.

Join us for a panel discussion to help unpack the Synod on Synodality. The three-year process of listening and dialogue, undertaken between 2021 and 2024, has garnered participation from Catholics worldwide. Moderated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, panelists include - Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XM CJ, undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, Archbishop J. Michael Miller CSB of Vancouver, theologians Dr. Moira McQueen and Sr. Gill Goulding, CJ. Limited tickets available – **they are free** but must be reserved by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/synod.

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.
Thank you for your consideration



CWL CHRISTMAS CHARITY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 2, 2024

10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Fr. Bennett Hall, St. Paul the Apostle Church

We need your help to make this a successful bazaar!

Donations are required for themed Gift Baskets, prizes for the 2nd Draw, items for the Penny Table, Silent Auction, Bake Table, Knitting/Sewing Table, and gently used Jewelry, Scarves & Purses. Also flour, sugar, eggs, Crisco, pie fillings, and apples.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare food in the Church kitchen on:

Monday, Oct. 21; Monday, Oct. 28; Wednesday, Oct. 30; and Friday, Nov. 1.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex for donations and volunteers. Donations may be brought to Fr. Bennett Hall from October 30th to November 1st.

Books of lottery tickets are available in the Narthex after Masses, to sell to family, friends, or co-workers. *Lottery License #M831258.*

Tea Room Organizer: **Loretta Gismondi 705-458-9504**

Lottery Organizer: **Dawn Westcott 705-435-9914**

Bazaar Co-ordinator: **Helen Beamish 705-391-9762**

Save the date...



Knight of Columbus, Council 9352- Children's Christmas Party on **December 1st ...**

More details to follow.

Life Teen Retreat Nov. 15-16 Overnight

Guardian Angels Parish, Orillia with We the North group of parishes
Cost: \$40

Growing Young: Teens are invited to return to their days of youth, remembering the freedom of childhood. Jesus, trusted completely in the Father. Being a child of God according to the dignity of God's son or daughter and to share His love with others.

Please contact Dave : dmckendrick@archtoronto.org,

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