

# 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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# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' *Mark 12:29-30*

**First Reading + Deuteronomy 6:2-6**  
**Second Reading + Hebrews 7:23-28**  
**Gospel + Mark 12:28-34**

### Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday, November 4**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, November 5**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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

John PENDERGAST, Jack ELLIOTT, Rev. Christopher BENNETT,  
Deceased Catholic Women's League members

**Wednesday, November 6**

8:00am+Mike FABRIZIO, RIP – A/A Prokopich

**Thursday, November 7**

8:00am+Deceased Members of O'REILLY Family, RIP – T. O'Reilly

**Friday, November 8**

12:10pm+(*Multiple Intentions Mass – RIP*)

Wayne MUNDY, Rev. Bernard CRYER, Aurel LEMIRE, John  
PENDERGAST

**Saturday, November 9**

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Anthony and Shehani Morretti PI – M/M Berberick

5:00pm+Stefan COLALILLO, RIP – Maria Maghory

**Sunday, November 10**

9:00am+Maria GERONIMO, RIP – D. Geronimo

10:30am+Tammy DOUGALL, RIP - B. Baumfeld

6:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### **Saint of the Week:**

Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bed covers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harshness toward the unfortunate would create. - Saint Martin de Porres (1579-1639), Religious Brother, Feast Day November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Seekers of Truth**

#### ***Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)***

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." [Mark 12:32-33](#)

This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus' teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus' answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn't ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus' answer. So he asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others? Evangelization is different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it.

In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others, and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives.

*Lord of all Truth, in You and You alone will we discover the truths that set us free. Give me the grace and courage I need to always seek out the truth You teach. As I discover and understand all that You teach, help me to express my discoveries with joy and enthusiasm so that others will also be drawn to You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: MyCatholicLife

**Total Collections October 2024**

<b>Collections</b>	<b>\$54,272.24</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$34,492.89</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$19,779.35</b>



**All Souls Envelopes.....**

**During the Month of November, we will pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed at all parish masses.**

All Souls Envelopes are at the back of the Church and in the Narthex. Place your envelope in the collection basket or the basket at the front of the altar.

**ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE:**

We celebrate our eternal union with loved ones who live in Christ. We remember the following families in our prayers:  
All Holy men and woman: Aborted babies, Deceased Parishioners, Deceased Clergy, Cake, Cole, Ford, Lanning Walbourne, Daou, Francis, Bob, Camelo, Camano, Machigiuliam, Godula, Minoti, Di Franco, Veri, Scott, Smith, Mackenzie, Baylen, Eustaquio, Alicpala, Mortimer, Marshall, Sellers, Archbold, Parasol, Murphy, Ilromer, Fariq, Lilian, Tomporowski.

**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, C.J. Limited tickets available – **they are free** but must be reserved by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/synod](http://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

**Fall Retreat Programs:** Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga is pleased to offer the following day retreats. Oct. 26 - Marian Retreat. Nov. 9 - Day of Prayer with the Saints and the Holy Souls. Nov. 25 - Day of Retreat Meditating on the Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell). Dec. 7 - Advent Retreat. Dec. 14 - Bereavement Day of Retreat. For info or to register please call 905 278 5229 or visit [www.qoa.ca](http://www.qoa.ca)

**The Catholic Women's League** would like to thank everyone who generously gave of their time to assist with the Christmas Charity Bazaar. Our thanks also go out to those who donated prizes, and especially to those to who came to the Bazaar. Your involvement made the Bazaar a success, and a fun time for all.

**Urgent Meeting Columbian Squires!!!** The next Columbian Squires Meeting will be held this Wednesday, November 6th from 7:00pm to 8:45pm in the Parish Hall for an activity/information night. It is important that **ALL** members attend as we are meeting with Father Norberto to discuss the Squires Program from 7:00 to 7:30pm. If you are a catholic male youth between the ages of 10 and 18 and would like to learn about what we do, join us this Wednesday between 7:30pm and 8:45pm. For further details you may contact Patrick Hayes at 705-250-3472.

**Knights of Columbus 50/50 Lottery Draw**

Congratulations to John McRae, Franco Ippoliti, and Shuster, Dianne Sahadeo, and Scott Lafrenier who were our 50/50 Earlybird Draw Winners. There is still some time left to purchase your tickets to help raise funds for local and provincial charities through the St Paul the Apostle Council 9352 and the Ontario Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation. Tickets may be purchased from any member of our local council or securely at <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=9352> The grand prize to be drawn on December 31st is over 16,000 and growing daily. Get your tickets today!

**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](mailto:dmckendrick@archtoronto.org), Tel: 705-435-6325, extn 24

**Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party**

Father Bennet Hall, St. Paul's December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, after the 10:30 am Mass. Please see the announcement letter for party details.

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