

# 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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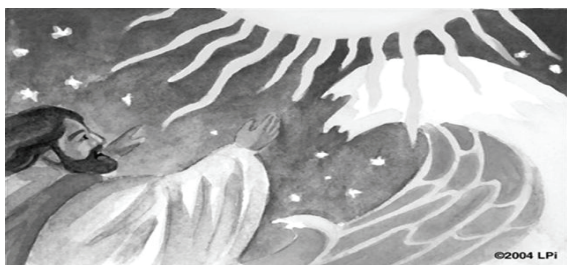
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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ December 1, 2024

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." *Luke 21:26-28*

**First Reading + Jeremiah 33:14-16**  
**Second Reading + 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**  
**Gospel + Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

##### **Monday, December 2**

*(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)*

8:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

##### **Tuesday, December 3**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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##### **Wednesday, December 4**

8:00am+Maria Berberick, Per. Int.-M. Berberick

10:30am – Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home

##### **Thursday, December 5**

8:00am+Florence BERBERICK, RIP – M/M Berberick

:30am+-Mass at Kingsmere Retirement Home

##### **Friday, December 6**

*(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)*

12:10pm+*(Multiple Intentions, Per. Int.)*

Robert Berberick, Barone Family, Michael Berberick,

John & Angelina Smalley, Darren Ross

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

##### **Saturday, December 7**

*(Morning mass at Immaculate Conception Church)*

9:00am+Antonio MINICOZZI, RIP – T. Minicozzi

4:00pm – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS

5:00pm+Jaime DANIEL, RIP – N. Daniel

##### **Sunday, December 8**

9:00am+Vincenza MARIANI, RIP – Mariani Family

10:30am+Paul & Madeleine LAPERRIERE, RIP-G. Cole

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### Saint of the Week:

God being perfect becomes perfect man and brings to perfection the newest of all new things (cf. Eccles 1:10), the only new thing under the sun, through which the boundless might of God is manifested. For what greater thing is there than that God should become man?  
- *St. John of Damascus (676-749), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day December 4*

#### From the Desk of Father Norberto

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this First Sunday of Advent, we embark on a sacred journey - a journey of hope, renewal, and joyful expectations. Advent is a season that invites us to prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Christ - His birth in Bethlehem, His presence in our daily lives, and His return in glory. It is a time to rekindle hope in the promises of God, knowing that His love is steadfast, and His word is true.

As we step into 2025, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on the theme of this new Jubilee year: Pilgrims of Hope. What a beautiful reminder this is of our identity as Christians! To be a pilgrim is to journey with purpose, trusting in the destination even when the path is uncertain. To be a pilgrim of hope is to journey through life with confidence in God's promises, bringing light to a world often overshadowed by fear and doubt.

Hope is the central theme of this first week of Advent. It is not a vague wish or a fleeting feeling. Rather, hope is a profound trust in God's faithfulness. It is the assurance that, even in the darkest moments, God's light shines, and His love prevails. Hope does not deny the challenges we face but sees beyond them to the greater reality of God's plan for our salvation.

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus calls us to vigilance: **"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come"** - (*Mark 13:33*). These words remind us that Advent is not only about waiting but about preparing. We are called to be attentive to God's presence in our lives and to live in joyful anticipation of His coming. This watchfulness is not a passive state; it is an active commitment to live as people of hope, trusting that Christ is with us every step of the way.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we are invited to bring the light of Christ into a world longing for meaning and peace. This mission is more urgent than ever. Many in our communities feel weighed down by loneliness, division, and uncertainty. Yet, Advent reminds us that we are not alone. The God who came to dwell among us in Bethlehem continues to walk with us, guiding us with His love and mercy.

The prophet Isaiah's words resonate deeply in this season: **"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light"** - (*Isaiah 9:2*). This light is Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of God's promises. As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, let it be a symbol of the hope that shines in our hearts - a hope that cannot be extinguished, for it is rooted in God's unchanging love.

This Advent, I encourage you to embrace your identity as Pilgrims of Hope. Let us journey together, trusting that God is leading us, even when the way is unclear. Let us also bring hope to others through small acts of kindness and compassion. Perhaps it is a phone call to someone who feels forgotten, a word of encouragement to a friend in need, or simply a moment of prayer for those who are struggling. In these simple gestures, we reflect the love of Christ and bear witness to the hope we carry.

As we begin this Advent season and this Jubilee year dedicated to Pilgrims of Hope, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the source and fulfillment of all hope. Let us prepare our hearts to welcome Him with joy, knowing that He comes to bring peace to a troubled world and light to our darkest moments.

May this Advent be a time of renewal for you and your loved ones. May the hope of Christ fill your hearts, strengthen your faith, and guide your journey as Pilgrims of Hope.

In Christ's peace,  
Fr. Norberto A. Eyule

DECEMBER 1, 2024

*Wishing you and your families a Blessed  
Advent Season!*

**Income and Expenditure for November 2024**

Income	\$41,884.97
Expenses	\$49,189.07
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**First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024**

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul is striving to ensure the less fortunate of our community experience moments of joy at Christmas. Our Conference is holding a Christmas Drive during the month of December to raise funds so we can purchase gift cards so they can shop for gifts for children and themselves. Please contribute by using the green envelopes in your regular church envelope box or find a special St. Vincent de Paul envelope found on the table at the rear of the church. Please provide your name and address so we can send you an income tax receipt.

*Also, we require volunteers to join our ministry in helping the poor. Please call Paul Healy (705) 435-4951 for more information.*

**Attention All Columbian Squires ...**

Our next event will be this **Wednesday December 4th** from **6:45pm to 8:30pm. All boys ages 10 to 13 years from the parish are invited** to join us at St. Paul's Church for the first part of our Advent Scavenger Hunt. Come out for some fun activities and hot chocolate and cookies.

Under the spiritual leadership of **Father Norberto**, there is a 12-day **pilgrimage to France, Spain and Portugal from Sept 7-18, 2025**. The cost is **\$4590.00** (including taxes & tips). Please see the flyer in the narthex for further information and registration. You may contact **International Heritage Tours** on the numbers mentioned in the flyer.

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

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 31<sup>st</sup> is over \$18,100 and growing daily. Get your tickets today!

**Brain Trust: Share Your Talents with Our Parish!**

Our parish is blessed with the many hidden talents among you and your families, and we invite you to help build and strengthen our community. Whether your skills lie in construction, marketing, fundraising, legal expertise, entertainment, or other areas, your God-given abilities can make a meaningful difference in our parish projects.

If you can spare some time, please reach out!

Contact our parish office (705-435-6325) or via email at [StPaultheApostleAL@archtoronto.org](mailto:StPaultheApostleAL@archtoronto.org) You can also fill out the inventory form at the narthex and drop it in the collection basket.

Let's work together to create something beautiful for our community!

**Offertory envelopes for 2025**

The 2025 offertory envelopes will be out very soon. 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.

**A note of thanks from Fr Norberto...**

Thank you to the **Catholic Women's League** of St Paul's and Immaculate Conception Parishes for their donation towards the Building Fund. The amounts donated will be well used towards the upgrades and both parishes.

Thank you for your generosity.

God Bless you for all that you do for the parish.

Fr Norberto

**Street Patrol**

Parish Life Teen will once again be collecting clothing for the Homeless this year.

Donations will be accepted from **Nov 30 until Dec. 29**.

Mostly men's wear needed.

Please see posters in the narthex for suggested items required.

Thank-you for your generosity.



**Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm, 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm at St Paul's

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at Immaculate Conception  
10:30am and 1200 Noon at St Paul's

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00pm at St. Paul's

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am and 10:30 am at St Paul's

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