

# 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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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ 8 December 2024**

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ Luke 3:4

**First Reading + Baruch 5:1-9**  
**Second Reading + Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11**  
**Gospel + Luke 3:1-6**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Monday, December 9**

*(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)*

**9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

#### **Tuesday, December 10**

10:30am+ Mass at Good Samaritan

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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

Jack ELLIOTT, Rev Christopher BENNETT

#### **Wednesday, December 11**

8:00am+Shawn BARRETT, RIP – T. O’Reilly

10:45am – Holy Family School Advent Mass

#### **Thursday, December 12**

8:00am+Joseph MORRISON, RIP-M/A Crowley

#### **Friday, December 13**

*(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)*

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

Rev. William COMERFORD, Avmi FERNANDEZ,

Jack FORD, Don BERTRAND

#### **Saturday, December 14**

*(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Maribal GUINAND, RIP-V. Gonzalez

5:00pm+Aurele LEMIRE, RIP – T/J Reingeuitte

#### **Sunday, December 15**

9:00am+Raymond CHARBONNEAU, RIP-L/C Laciak

10:30am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP – J Megraw

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction. - *John of the Cross (1542-1591), Priest, Patron of Contemplatives, Feast Day December 14*  
*From the desk of Father Norberto*

Dear Parish Family,

As we enter the second week of Advent, our hearts are drawn to the theme of peace - peace that transcends the chaos and brokenness of our world. This year, the context of our journey is enriched by the Jubilee Year 2025, with its beautiful theme: *“Pilgrims of Hope.”* This theme reminds us that we are not static believers but a people on a spiritual journey, moving toward the fulfillment of God’s promises.

*Advent itself is a season of pilgrimage.* We journey toward the manger, anticipating the birth of the Prince of Peace. Yet this journey is not merely about commemorating a historical event; it is about opening our hearts to Christ’s transformative presence here and now. The peace we seek is not simply the absence of conflict but the fullness of harmony with God, with one another, and within ourselves.

On this second week of Advent, we encounter John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the wilderness: *“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths”* - *(Mark 1:3)*. John’s call to repentance is an invitation to clear the obstacles in our hearts that prevent the peace of Christ from taking root. As pilgrims of hope, we are called to let go of anything that weighs us down - resentments, grudges, or fear - and to embrace the peace that comes from trusting in God’s mercy and providence.

The Jubilee Year invites us to reflect on our journey as a community of faith. Pope Francis has reminded us that peace is built through small acts of kindness and dialogue. It requires a willingness to listen, to forgive, and to prioritize the common good over personal interests.

In a world where division and unrest seem to dominate the headlines, we have a unique role as Christians to be peacemakers. Advent challenges us to live counterculturally, to shine the light of Christ in the darkness of conflict and despair. As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, *“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus”* - *(Romans 15:5)*.

On this Advent, let us be intentional in our efforts to embody peace. I encourage you, first, to pray for Peace. Begin and end each day with a prayer for peace in your heart, your home, and the world. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your steps as a pilgrim of hope. Second, be a Peacemaker. Be reconciled with someone with whom you have had a conflict. Offer an apology or extend forgiveness. Even small gestures can plant seeds of peace. Third, engage in Acts of Charity. Support those in need, whether through a parish ministry, a local charity, or simply reaching out to someone who is lonely or struggling. And finally, reflect on Christ’s presence. Spend time in silence and Scripture, meditating on the peace that Christ brings. The more we encounter His peace, the more we can share it with others.

As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, symbolizing peace, may its flame remind us of the hope we carry as pilgrims. Let us walk together, trusting that Christ will guide us toward a world renewed by His love.

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Advent season.

In Christ,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule  
Pastor

**Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo**

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis.

Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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)

**Advent Retreat**

All are invited to come and join in the Spirit of Advent Season

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2024,

**Time:** Doors open at 9:00

Retreat begins at 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Father Bennett Hall

Please email Marie Charbonneau

[mommacharbs@gmail.com](mailto:mommacharbs@gmail.com) if you plan on attending.

**Attention all young men ages 10-17 years**

You are invited to attend an **Advent Retreat** on **Saturday December 14th** with the Columbian Squires at **St Mark's Parish in Stouffville**. We will leave St Paul's Church at **7:15am sharp returning around 7:30pm**. The retreat is being sponsored by the Ontario Provincial Columbian Squires in preparation for Christmas. There will be activities, interesting presentations, games, prayer, confession and Mass. Transportation, morning snack and lunch are provided at no cost. To attend please email your name, age and phone number to [events@squires4328.ca](mailto:events@squires4328.ca) or call **Patrick Hayes**, Councillor, at **705-250-3472**. **Deadline to sign up is 6:00pm December 11th as permission forms need to be completed by parents.**

**Thank you.....**

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who came out to the Children's Christmas party to enjoy sandwiches, cookies and other home baking, along with hot and cold drinks. The children had a Christmas carol sing along, they coloured pictures, made snow men sticks, and decorated with icing some home-made ginger breads. Gifts were given out by our Santa helpers, and Santa took notes about all the children's Christmas wishes. Santa was so pleased to see all the children's smiles.

We thank all the volunteers and those who made donations to help make this a very special day.

**Thank you once again!**

**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**. (Donation boxes are in the narthex at St Paul's). 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, 7:30pm and 9:30pm 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 at Immaculate Conception

10:30am at St Paul's



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.

**2025 Offertory Envelopes**

The 2025 envelopes are placed in alphabetic order in the narthex at St Paul's and at the back of the church at Immaculate Conception.

If you do not see your envelope and would like one, please take a box marked **'NEW 2025'**. Could you please fill out the registration form enclosed in the envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or hand it to the office or to one of the ushers. New registration form will assist the office to mark your donations to your envelope number. For the next couple of weeks, please write your complete address and phone number on the envelope to verify in the system so that correct tax receipts may be issued.

Thank you for your assistance.

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