

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

St. Paul the Apostle

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 15 December 2024

As the people were filled with expectations, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptized you in water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming." *Luke 3:15-16a*

First Reading + Zephaniah 3:3.14 – 18a

Second Reading + Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel + Luke 3:10-18

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 16

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 17

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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

Teresa OPALINSKI, Kazimierz MADYDA

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am+Wayne MUNDY, RIP – P/F Healy

Thursday, December 19

8:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – F/G Valentini

Friday, December 20

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

12:10pm+Wayne Squires, Per. Int.- M/M Berberick

Saturday, December 21

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Mike FABRIZIO, RIP – A/A Prokopich

5:00pm+John Orr, Per. Int.- L/A Pearce

Sunday, December 22

9:00am+Nicholas KRZYWONOS, RIP-D. Geronimo

10:30am+John KENNEDY, RIP – M. Kennedy

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

The more humble a man is, the better he knows himself and, therefore, the better he knows God. The more he knows God, the better he loves Him...thus by humility, he obtains more charity and by having more charity, he obtains more humility. - *Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671), Priest, Feast Day December 18*

From the desk of Father Norberto: -

Dear Parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” - Philippians 4:4-5.

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing as we draw closer to the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The word Gaudete comes from the Latin for “Rejoice.”

This theme of joy is reflected in the rose-colored candle we light on our Advent wreath and the rose vestments the priest wears at Mass. It serves as a reminder that the season of waiting, and preparation is nearing its fulfillment in the joyous celebration of Christmas.

As Christians, our joy does not depend on fleeting circumstances or worldly success. True joy comes from knowing that God is with us, that His promises are trustworthy, and that He never abandons us. ***The prophet Isaiah tells us: “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God” - (Isaiah 35:4).*** This assurance of God’s presence fills us with hope, even amid challenges. This Advent joy reminds us that our waiting is not in vain. God is faithful, and the fulfillment of His promise in the coming of Christ gives us reason to rejoice, not only at Christmas but every day of our lives.

This year, the universal Church invites us to embark on a Jubilee Year of Pilgrim of Hope as we prepare for the Holy Year in 2025. This theme aligns beautifully with Gaudete Sunday, for hope and joy are inseparable. A pilgrim is someone on a journey, moving forward in trust, faith, and expectation of what lies ahead. As we reflect on this Jubilee theme, we are reminded that joy sustains us on the pilgrimage of life.

Just as Advent is a journey of preparation for the coming of Christ, our lives are a spiritual pilgrimage toward eternal communion with God. Along the way, we encounter trials, uncertainties, and waiting. But Gaudete Sunday teaches us to embrace joy on the journey, knowing that God’s presence accompanies us at every step. Our hope in God’s promises strengthens us, and our joy in Him sustains us, even when the road seems long or difficult.

This Jubilee Year also calls us to share the joy of the Gospel with others. Pope Francis often speaks of the importance of joyful Christians, saying, ***“A Christian is never sad. Never give way to discouragement!”*** When we live with authentic joy, rooted in Christ, we become witnesses to the world of God’s goodness and love. We share this joy during Advent by offering kindness and support to those who are struggling, by participating in works of charity within our parish and community, by taking time to reflect on God’s blessings in our lives and sharing gratitude with others, and by inviting those who feel distant from the Church to experience the joy of God’s mercy and love.

As we light the rose candle this Sunday, may it remind us that the light of Christ is near and that His joy is for everyone. Let us embrace the call of this Jubilee Year to be pilgrims of hope, walking with joy and faith toward the fullness of God’s promises.

May the joy of the Lord fill your hearts and homes this Advent season.

In Christ,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule

Third Sunday of Advent

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th

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

December 25th

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

December 31st

7:00pm at St. Paul's

January 1st

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



EDGE Christmas Movie Night Dec. 23rd

The Nativity Story

Edge is for grades 6-8.

Sign-in at 630pm, Finish at 9pm

Youth younger than grade 6 may attend with a parent.

Hot chocolate and popcorn available.

Street Patrol

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

2025 CWL Membership Drive

Our annual CWL membership drive commenced with the fall dinner. There is a pre-printed **blue CWL envelope** in your offertory box or you may use a plain envelope. Please fill out the front of the envelope completely with your full name, address, postal code, phone number and email address. The 2025 membership remains at **\$40**. A check is preferred for tracking purposes. Checks made payable to **St. Paul's CWL**. Please drop the envelope in the collection basket or give it to a CWL member before the deadline of **Dec. 31st** to win **free membership for 2025**.

We are looking forward to growing our membership and we welcome newcomers to join us!

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

2025 Calendars

The 2025 calendars are in the narthex. The Knights of Columbus are accepting donations to offset the cost.

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 to 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 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.

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 You can also fill out the inventory form in the narthex and drop it in the collection basket.

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

*****Please note the parish office will be closed for the holidays from 1200 noon on December 24th to January 2nd.*****

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