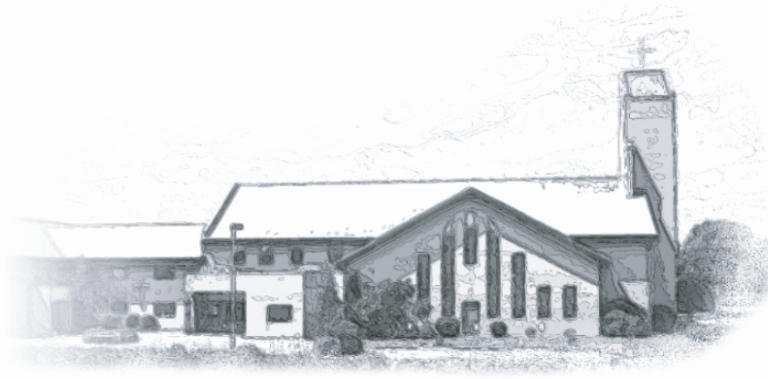


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



“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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Baptism of The Lord ~ 12 January 2025

Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that? Simply put, Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him.

By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

It was not only the Eternal Son Who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son. Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism liturgically, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of this new unity with the Holy Trinity. But we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. If we fully understood what happens every time we acknowledge our sins and repent of them, we would never grow tired of repenting. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven.

Prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will continuously be aware of all that divides us and will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I do repent once again, dear Lord. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.

Source: MyCatholicLife

"I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
 Luke 3:16 b c

First Reading + Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading + Titus: 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel + Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 13

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 14

10:30am – Mass at Good Samaritan

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+William & Anne Marie BENNETT, RIP-Estate of

Wednesday, January 15

8:00am+Timothy O'SULLIVAN, RIP– T. O'Reilly

Thursday, January 16

8:00am+Nancy O'Reilly, Per. Int. – T. O'Reilly

Friday, January 17

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

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

Larissa Giliforte, Brittany Giliforte, Caitlin Giliforte

Saturday, January 18

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

9:00am+John & Angelina Smalley, Per. Int. –M/M Berberick

4:00pm - 4:45pm+CONFESSIONS

5:00pm+Lou BIFFIS, RIP – M/L Fanelli

Sunday January 19

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

10:30pm+Edward McKEOWN, RIP – I. McKeown

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, "What can get through from such snares?" Then I heard a voice saying to me, 'Humility.'

- St. Anthony of Egypt (251-356), Desert Father, Feast Day January 17

JANUARY 12, 2025

Income and Expenditure for December 2024

Income: \$59,752.87
Expenses: \$51,782.39

Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2025

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Muffin Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will be holding the first Muffin Sunday of 2025 on **January 19th** in the Fr. Bennett Hall following the 10:30AM mass. Join us in a meet and greet atmosphere while enjoying fresh baked muffins, tea, coffee and juice.

Donations gratefully accepted to defray cost and assist in projects.

St. Paul's Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes to **thank** all parishioners who generously donated funds during our Christmas Drive in the month of December. Because of your continued support and generosity throughout the year, our Conference was able to donate **\$14,000.00** in gift cards to sixty-two different families, couples or single members of our community. It was very much appreciated.

Please continue to support our efforts throughout the year by donating regularly using the green St. Vincent de Paul envelopes found in your St. Paul's weekly envelope box, or by using the special, grey St. Vincent de Paul envelopes, found on the table at the rear of the church.

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

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 at the narthex and drop it in the collection basket.

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

Knights of Columbus Valentines Dinner/Dance

Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Valentines Dinner Dance on **February 8th** in Father Bennett Hall, from **6:30 pm to Midnight**.

Tickets are \$60.00pp or \$120.00 per couple and will be available after each weekend mass beginning January 11th or at the Parish Office.

Great Food, Door Prizes, Penny Auction, Draws and Cash Bar. Same excellent DJ as last year.

For further information please contact **Chris Soliman** at (call or text) **416-529-2204** or email at csoliman@bell.net.

Donations for the prize table are gratefully accepted. Please contact **John Blacklaws** at **705-434-8866** or blacklaws@rogers.com.

We have an ongoing second collection after every weekend mass. The amount collected will go towards 150th anniversary celebrations for St Paul's. Till take we have collected over **\$3760.00**. Your generous donations are most appreciated.

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Knights of Columbus State Lottery

Thank you to all who purchased 50/50 tickets over the past 4 months. From this draw, just over 13,000 was raised for charities across the province and a portion of that will be here in Alliston.

Now for the winner.....

The **GRAND PRIZE** winner of **\$13,025/-** was Mary DiMenna. The ticket was sold by Council 11332 - St. Aidan in Scarborough.

Again, thank to everyone who purchased the tickets.

The **2024 tax receipts** will be processed and mailed out to your address on file soon. If your contact information has changed, please let the office know.

Thank you for your assistance.

If you require envelopes for 2025, you may take one marked 'NEW'. Or contact the Parish office.

Please do not leave any items like rosaries, medals, prayer cards or stationery on the tables in the narthex. You are kindly requested to bring the items that you wish to donate to the office first. Also, please do not post anything on the bulletin boards without checking with the office.

Your assistance in keeping the narthex tidy and welcoming is greatly appreciated.

If you took a picture for the parish photo directory and haven't yet collected your booklet, you are reminded to collect it from the office.

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