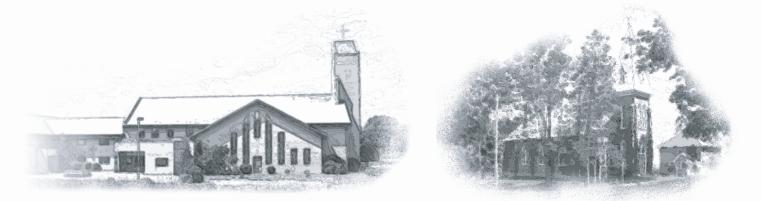
St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



"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 LiturgiesTuesday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul'sWednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul'sFriday: 12:10 noon at Immaculate ConceptionSaturday: 9:00a.m. at Immaculate ConceptionExposition of the Blessed SacramentExposition of the Blessed SacramentFriday of each month at Immaculate Conception Church from1:00pm 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	Baptism: Parents/Guardians should be registered parishioners and attend Baptism preparation class along with godparents. (Registration package available from church office).	
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:	<u>Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion</u> : 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.	
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.	<u>Schools:</u> Holy Family Elementary School St. Paul's Elementary School St. Cecilia Catholic School St. Thomas Aquinas High School	705-435-3989 705-435-7211 705-530-9597 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

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Immaculate Conception

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 2nd February 2025

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Luke 2:29–32

First Reading + Malachi 3.1-4 Second Reading + Hebrew 2.10-11,12b-18 Gospel + Luke 2.22-40 or 22-32

Monday, February 3 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, February 4** 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR **6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+ (*Multiple Intentions Mass – Per. Int*) James McCardle, Michael & Maria Berberick, Jack Elliot, Lorna Ballesteros Wednesday, February 5 8 :00am+Deceased members of KUZMICZ family, RIP-M/M Berberick **Thursday, February 6** 8:00am+Deceased members of FURSA, RIP-M/M Berberick Friday, February 7 (Mass at Immaculate Conception Church) 12:10pm+Paul PENDERGAST, RIP – J/A Pendergast Followed by Adoration at Immaculate Conception Church until Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, February 8 9:00am+Deceased members of O'REILLY family, RIP - T. O'Reilly 4:00-4:45 pm-CONFESSIONS 5:00pm+ Lou BIFFIS, RIP- M/L Fanelli Sunday. February 9 9:00am+Nicholas KRZYWONOS, RIP - D. Geronimo 10:30am+ Eileen MACDONALD, RIP- L. Gismondi 6:00 pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die.

- St Paul Mikki (1564-1597), Martyr, Feast Day February 6

The Culmination of a Life of Faith

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." <u>Luke 2:29–32</u> At the time of Jesus' birth, there was a man named Simeon who had spent his whole life preparing for one significant moment. Like all faithful Jews at the time, Simeon was waiting for the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would indeed see the Messiah before his death—and so this happened when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple to offer Him to the Lord as an infant.

Try to imagine the scene. Simeon had lived a holy and devout life. And deep within his conscience, he knew that his life on earth would not come to an end until he was privileged to see the Savior of the World with his own eyes. He knew this by a special gift of faith, an interior revelation of the Holy Spirit, and he believed.

It's helpful to think about this unique gift of knowledge that Simeon had throughout his life. Normally we gain knowledge through our five senses. We see something, hear something, taste, smell, or feel something, and as a result come to know it to be true. Physical knowledge is very reliable and is the normal way we come to know things. But this gift of knowledge Simeon had was different. It was deeper and was spiritual in nature. He knew he would see the Messiah before he died, not because of some external sensory perception he had received but because of an interior revelation from the Holy Spirit.

This truth begs the question, which type of knowledge is more certain? Something you see with your eyes, touch, smell, hear or taste? Or something that God speaks to you in the depths of your soul by a revelation of grace? Though these types of knowledge are different, it's important to understand that the spiritual knowledge that is given by the Holy Spirit is far more certain than anything perceived through the five senses alone. This spiritual knowledge has the power to change your life and direct all your actions toward that revelation.

For Simeon, this interior knowledge of a spiritual nature suddenly united with his five senses when Jesus was brought into the Temple. Simeon suddenly saw, heard and felt this Child Whom he knew he would one day see with his own eyes and touch with his own hands. For Simeon, that moment was the culminating moment of his life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has spoken to you in the depths of your soul. Too often we ignore His gentle voice as it speaks, preferring instead to live only in the sensory world. But the spiritual reality within us must become the center and foundation of our lives. It is there where God speaks, and it is there where we, too, will discover the central purpose and meaning of our lives.

My spiritual Lord, I thank You for the countless ways in which You speak to me day and night in the depths of my own soul. Help me to be always attentive to You and to Your gentle voice as You speak to me. May Your voice and Your voice alone become the guiding direction of my life. May I trust in Your Word and never waver from the mission You have given to me. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife

Collections for January 2025

Income	\$ 37782.45
Expenses	\$ 70075.95

Celebrate the Year of Jubilee and Elevation of Cardinal Leo- Regional Eucharistic Celebrations with Cardinal Leo & Auxiliary Bishops

All are welcome to attend Regional Masses that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto in the coming days.

There will be two groups of Masses – one Mass in each of the four regions of the archdiocese will launch the Jubilee Year and also provide an opportunity to give thanks for the elevation of Frank Cardinal Leo to the College of Cardinals. At these Eucharistic celebrations, Cardinal Leo will preside. Other celebrations will take place at the remaining pilgrim churches in each of the four regions of the archdiocese to launch the Jubilee Year. At these Eucharistic celebrations, the Auxiliary Bishop with pastoral responsibility for the region will preside.

Please note, for those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered at least one hour prior to all celebrations noted below – all Masses will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrations in the Northern Region will take place as follows:

Thursday, January 30, 2025 – St. Mary's Parish, Barrie (Bishop Boissonneau to preside)

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg (Cardinal Leo to preside)

Knights of Columbus Valentines Dinner/Dance ***CANCELLED***

Due to a poor level of sales the event on February 8th is cancelled. All those who purchased tickets will get a full refund. The Knights will be in touch.

The Grand Knight – Richard de Faria would like to thank all those who have already put hours of work into this, that their efforts were much appreciated. Seeing the feedback from those who attended in the past, we know it was and would have been a very enjoyable evening. We are disappointed.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri – Feb. 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025,** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via <u>livestream Mass</u>. Registration and other important information can be found at **www.archtoronto.org/marriage**.

Coldest Night of the Year 2025

In 2024 S.H.I.F.T. supported over 750 unique individuals; had 15,465 interactions; supported 69 people in finding permanent housing/housing alternatives; served over 10,229 meals,7500 snacks & 5,500+ hygiene items.

Kelly McGinty, a new CWL member, has joined a team into the walk on February. 22^{nd} .

Would you like to join the team? Contact Kelly at: 705-171-1128 or kcmginty2018@gmail.com.

A tax receipt for donations of \$20+ can be printed. Please see the link below:

<u>https://secure.e2m.com/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registra</u> <u>tionID=5472117&langPref-en-Ca</u>



Consider joining our Parish ALPHA Team

Anyone interested - discover more about Catholic faith. Learning & laughter - learn the why's of our faith at fun gatherings.

People meeting together - get to know others. Make good friends. **H**elp one another - small groups to discuss concepts from video talks.

Ask anything - a safe place where no question is too simple or too hostile

Consider volunteering to make **Alpha** happen in our **parish.** Attend a potluck lunch on **February 23rd at 1200 noon at St Paul's Church** to explore how you can assist.

https://alphacanada.org/catholic-context/

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 em

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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!

The **Cemetery Board** is looking for an able-bodied person, available weekdays, to volunteer at our St. Paul's Cemetery. This is a labour tensive volunteer position.

Please contact the office and we will connect you with the Board Member.

The **Parish Office** is looking for volunteers to assist in the office on a part-time basis. (Leading to paid time when covering for vacation/sick days). Training will be provided. Interested candidates may drop/email their resumé to the office. Those shortlisted will be contacted.

We are also looking for **Collection Counters** to volunteer once or twice a month. Please call the office for more information.

