

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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 9 February 2025

Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. *Luke 5:5-6*

First Reading + Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel + Luke 5:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 10

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 11

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7 :00pm+Maria Berberick, Per. Int- A Family

Wednesday, February 12

8 :00am+Rev. Christopher BENNETT, RIP – Estate of

Thursday, February 13

8:00am+William & Anne Marie BENNETT, RIP- Estate Of

Friday, February 14

12:10pm+O'Reilly Family, Per. Int.- T. O'Reilly

Saturday, February 15

9:00am+Ruby Bailey, Per. Int.– M/M Berberick

**4:00-4:45 pm-CONFESSIONS **

5:00pm+John & Anu Antao, Per. Int.- Antao Family

Sunday, February 16

09:00am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP – M/L Fanelli

10:30am+ Teresa VERRILLI, RIP-Verrilli Family

6:00pm+ For the People of the Parish

Saint of the Week:

We must direct all our thoughts, words and actions to His honor; and by prayer, counsel, and good example seek His glory solely, whether for ourselves or for others, so that through our means all may love and honor God.

- St. Catherine De Ricci (1522-1589), Prioress,
 Feast Day February 13

Overcoming Discouragement

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. *Luke 5:4–6*

Jesus had just cured Simon Peter’s mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter’s entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus. Today’s Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men.

There is much symbolism in this passage worth pondering. First, notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite Him to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He used his trade of fishing. This is similar to the way God used a star to draw the Magi, who were astrologers, to Bethlehem.

Another symbolic action Jesus uses is that of putting out “into deep water.” It was not enough to simply go a short distance from shore. Instead, the deep water was to symbolize the fact that the Gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

Finally, the fact that they “caught a great number of fish” symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter’s apostolic ministry. And the fact that the “nets were tearing” points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ.

Though the symbolic aspects of this Gospel passage are worth much prayerful pondering, there is another line within the Gospel that might speak to you just as powerfully. Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. The fact that he relates this to Jesus suggests that he was tired and perhaps even discouraged. Any fisherman could relate to this. But the important lesson Peter teaches us is that he does not give in to that discouragement. And the reason he doesn’t give in to discouragement is because it was Jesus Who commanded him to lower the nets.

In our own lives, we can all get discouraged at times. But the real test of our fidelity to God is whether or not we continue to listen to His commands of love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways.

Reflect, today, upon the voice of God in your life. What is it that you sense Him calling you to do? What is that “deep water” to which He is calling you? As you ponder this, reflect especially upon the words of Peter, “Master...at your command I will lower the nets.” Say “Yes” to the command of our Lord. Do so even if it is difficult, and especially if you do not feel like doing what He asks of you. If you do, you will find that in this act of fidelity, God will bring forth an abundance of good fruit.

My miraculous Lord, You gave a command of love to Saint Peter, and he obeyed You with generosity. As a result, You brought forth an abundant catch. Please give me the strength of will to obey all that You speak to me, so that You will bring forth an abundance of good fruit in my life also.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Source:MyCatholicLife

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2025

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Muffin Sunday

Please plan to spend some Family Day Weekend time with us attending the **Knights of Columbus Muffin Sunday on February 16th** following the 10:30 AM mass in **Fr. Bennett Hall**.

As a special treat, beside our normal fare of fresh baked muffins, tea, coffee and juice, we will be offering hot chocolate as well!

Donations gratefully accepted to defray costs and help in projects.

Join Us for the Columbian Squires Open Event!

Are you a Catholic male youth between the ages of 10 and 14? Come join us at our next Open Event. Bring your friends and join us for some fun games, activities and snacks.

Date: **Saturday February 22nd, 2025**

Time: **1:30pm to 3:30pm**

Location: **Fr. Bennett Hall @ St Paul's**

For more information, contact **Patrick Hayes** Counsellor, at **705-250-3472**.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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 22nd**.

Would you like to join the team? Contact Kelly at:
705-717-1128 (corrected #) or kcmginty2018@gmail.com

A tax receipt for donations of \$20+ can be printed.

Please see the link below or scan QR code:
<https://secure.e2m.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5472117&langPref-en-Ca>



Knights of Columbus Spring Lottery:

Missed the Fall draw? Get your tickets now for the Spring Lottery! Early Bird Draw this week, Grand Prize Draw in April. Tickets: \$10-\$100.

Purchase online at knightsforcolumbusalliston.ca or from any member. A portion of the local sales remains in our community, allowing us to support local initiatives, fund charitable projects, and enhance community services.



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.

Help 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/>

Jubilee of Youth 2025

Calling all young adults (ages 19 – 39years), join **Fr. Paul Magyar** and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a lifetime! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from **July 23rd to August 5th, 2025**. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.

For any questions or further information, please reach out directly to their Events and Program Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at avperiera@archtoronto.org.

Kindergarten Registration at SMCDSB

Is your child turning 4 in 2025? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten!

There is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. It is a blessing that the youngest members of our parish have the opportunity to grow in spirit and faith within a Catholic school community. Catholic schools offer distinct faith-filled learning experiences, with a combined focus on academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth. Together, our Catholic schools and our parish community will guide children in their ongoing growth in faith. We encourage parents who want to register their child for kindergarten to visit the website at smcdsb.on.ca for welcome videos and registration information.



2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts will be mailed out to your address on file with the Church directly by the Archdiocese of Toronto. If you do not receive your receipts by **February 29th**, please call the office.

Spiritual Bouquet for Our Future Priests

Each year, our Catholic Women's League of Canada council gathers a Spiritual Bouquet for seminarians preparing for ordination. This year, we invite you to offer prayers and devotions for them studying at St. Augustine's Seminary, who will be ordained in May 2025.

A Spiritual Bouquet is a collection of prayers—Masses, Communion, Rosaries, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, personal sacrifices, and other devotions—offered for a special intention. Each prayer is like a flower, and together, they form a bouquet presented as a gift to those being remembered in prayer.

How it Works:

Participants commit to offering specific prayers over time. These are then compiled and given to the Ordinandi, who cherish this annual gift, knowing they are being supported in prayer as they begin their ministry. There is no cost, and you don't need to share your name—just your time in prayer.

Examples of Offerings:

Masses: Attend Mass and offer it for this intention

Rosaries & Prayers: Say the Rosary or personal prayers like the Our Father

Eucharistic Adoration: Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament

Stations of the Cross: Pray the Stations for this intention

Sacrifices: Offering small personal sacrifices for their vocation

Before praying, you might say: "I pray for vocations and the soon-to-be-ordained priests."

The seminarians deeply appreciate this support, knowing they are being lifted in prayer as they answer God's call. Please consider signing up to pledge your prayers individually, or as a family.

Thank you for your generosity in prayer.



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