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:	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.	
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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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 16 February 2025

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled." *Luke 6:20-21*

First Reading + Jeremiah 17:5-8 Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Gospel + Luke 6:17,20-26

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 17 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, February 18** 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR **6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS** 7:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, RIP) Thérèse LEBLANC, Rev. Rodolfo IMPERIAL Wednesday, February 19 8:00am+Bozek Family Nieces & Nephews, Per. Int- M/M Berberick **Thursday, February 20** 8:00am+John Orr, Per. Int. – M/M Berberick Friday, February 21 12:10pm+Rev Daniel PALILIO, RIP - Arch TO Saturday, February 22 9:00am+Nancy O'Reilly, Per. Int.- T. O'Reilly **4:00-4:45 pm +CONFESSIONS** 5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Sunday, February 23 9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP- M/L Fanelli 6:00pm+Jose & Eduardo MEDEIROS, RIP-E/C Tranquada

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth.

- St. Peter Damian (1007-1072), Bishop, Feast Day February 21

Beatitudes and Woes

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." Luke 6:24-26

Luke 6:20–49 offers us a shortened version of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew's Gospel. Luke's version of this sermon takes place on a plain, "a stretch of level ground." The teachings in the two Gospels are very similar, despite their difference in length. Luke's teaching on the Beatitudes adds the "woe to you's" quoted above, which are not found in Matthew's version.

The early Church Father Saint Bede comments that Saint Luke's version of the "woes" are meant for those who are "uninstructed hearers" because they "must first be brought by terrors to good works." He goes on to say that the first part of the Beatitudes, the "blessings," are meant for the "perfect" because they "need but be invited by rewards" rather than fear of punishment. The fact that Saint Luke includes a teaching for both the sinner and the saint should lead us to the conclusion that we can benefit from both approaches in our spiritual lives. When your spiritual life is strong and you are consistently avoiding serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect regularly upon the blessings found in the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of drawing you into greater perfection as the desire for the reward of holiness becomes the object of your hope.

When your spiritual life is weaker and you are regularly struggling with more serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect upon the woes of the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of deterring you from the cycle of sin you struggle with, on account of the fear of the consequences of those sins.

In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts are detached from the desires identified in this sermon so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus' clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord of holiness, I do desire to follow You and become truly holy. Please free me from my sin so that I am able to avoid the consequences of those sins. Please help me to also desire the heights of holiness so that I will receive the great rewards that You promised to the saints in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2025

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. 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

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

The coldest night of the year is a winterific, family-friendly walk of **5 km** to raise money for S.H.I.F.T., our local shelter, which serves people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness in our community.

C.W.L. member, Kelly McGinty, has entered a team into the walk on **Saturday. February. 22nd**.

Call or email Kelly McGinty at **705-717-1128** (corrected #) or <u>kcmginty2018@gmail.com</u>.

Prefer to donate? A tax receipt for donations of \$20 or more can be printed off the website.

Thank you very much for your donation to the CWL Team.

Below is the **link** and **QR code**.

https://secure.e2m.com/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5472117&langPref-en-Ca



<u>Shrove Tuesday – Save the Date</u>

Mmmm! Pancakes, sausages and beans. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - March 4th, 4-7pm. By Donation.

Come Hungry and come support the youth and squires of the parish_

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.

<u>Toonies for the Lord</u>

We have an ongoing second collection at every weekend mass. The amount collected will go towards the $150^{\rm th}$ anniversary celebrations for St Paul's Church. To this date we have collected little over **\$4800**/-. Your generous donations are most appreciated.



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/.

C.W.L. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The **Catholic Women's League** congratulates the **winners** of the **Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest**, which was held on Thursday, January 30th in the Father Bennett Hall. **First place** winner **Stefan Tiburcio**, from **Holy Family School**, spoke on "How Failure is a Path to Success". and spoke at the C.W.L. Regional Level on Saturday. February 15, 2025, at St. Mary's Church, Barrie. *(Results awaited at the time of sending the bulletin to be published).*

Runner-up **Eliana Antar** from **St. Cecilia School** spoke on "Olden Days vs Modern Days".

Thank you to the judges, timekeepers, parents, impromptu coaching assistant and the ladies of the C.W.L. who provided the refreshments.

We congratulate all participants on their excellent presentations.

New to the Parish??

Welcome to the community!

You may sign up to register as a parishioner. The registration forms are in the narthex. If you wish to have offertory envelopes to receive year-end tax receipts for your donations, you may pick one that is marked, **'NEW 2025'**.

Offertory envelopes are on **request only** basis and are not **assigned automatically** upon registering with the parish.

Please call the office for more information.

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.



