

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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Fully Trained

Jesus told his disciples a parable, “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.” [Luke 6:39–40](#)

Are you “fully trained?” What does it mean to be fully trained? Jesus makes it clear that those who are fully trained will be like their teacher. Of course, we must become like our Lord, who is the one and only Teacher. So are you like Him in every way?

Being fully trained as a Christian is different than being fully trained in an occupation. For example, a doctor is fully trained when all the necessary lessons are learned and the practical aspects of medicine are put into practice. That is why that person becomes a doctor, just like the doctors who were their teachers. But the Christian life is not something we master by learning many teachings of the faith so that, by our expertise, we can then put them into practice using our natural talents. For a Christian to be fully trained, it is necessary that the Divine Physician fully possess them, live within them, and act through them. Thus, Christian training is the practice of allowing God to become one with you so that it is God Who acts in and through you.

This form of “training” first takes on the goal of freeing us from spiritual blindness. We must see Christ and come to know Him. Again, this is not a matter of simply learning various truths about God in an intellectual way. It’s a matter of coming to know the Truth Himself. We must see and know the Person Who is Christ Jesus. This is true sight. Blindness, however, can always set in again when we take the eyes of our soul off the Savior.

Seeing Christ, however, is not enough. Seeing must be followed by doing. That is why our Lord goes on to say in today’s Gospel that “every tree is known by its own fruit” and that a “good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good.” Seeing Christ Himself, within your soul, will produce that “store of goodness,” and this will make you more “fully trained.” Only then can you produce good fruit, for it will be Christ Himself producing the good fruit in and through you.

So back to our original question: “Are you fully trained?” Do you daily keep your eyes on a Person, Jesus Himself? And if so, do You allow Him to act in your life and, through you, in the lives of others? If you cannot answer these questions with a confident “Yes,” then you might have more blindness in the spiritual life than you realize.

Reflect, today, upon your mission to become a fully trained soldier of Christ. God wants to use you, to live within you, and to act through you. He wants you to be like Him in every way. This is only possible when you admit the blindness with which you struggle, turn your eyes to Him, and allow Him to become one with you. Start by turning to Him as He dwells within you. Search for Him, seek Him, and love Him. If you keep your eyes upon Him, He will carefully take care of the rest, leading you to a fully trained and fruitful life.

My divine Teacher, I turn to You, the Lord of all, and seek to fix my gaze upon You. As I see You, please remove my blindness and confusion. In place of these, give me wisdom so that I will always allow You to live in me and act through me, bearing an abundance of good fruit. Jesus, I trust in You.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd March 2025

“Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye, “when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?”’ *Luke 6:41-42*

First Reading + Sirach 27:4-7
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel + Luke 6:39-45

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, March 3

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 4

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

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

Carmine MARCELLA, Jack ELLIOT

Wednesday, March 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY

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

7:00pm+For the People of the Parish

Thursday, March 6

8:00am+Deceased members of BOZEK family-M/M Berberick

10:30am+ Mass at Kingsmere Retirement Home

Friday, March 7

12:10pm+Paul PENDERGAST, RIP– M. Lynch

Followed by Adoration @ Immaculate Conception Church until Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ St Paul’s

Saturday, March 8

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception Church*)

9:00am+Eugene DEVEREAUX, RIP–Devereaux family

4:00 pm-4:45pm+CONFESSIONS

5:00pm+Lou BIFFIS, RIP- M/L Fanelli

Sunday, March 9

9:00am+Joan Squires, Per. Int.

10:30am+Gilles LAPERRIERE, RIP–G. Cole

6:00pm+For the People of the Parish

Saint of the Week-If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.

- *St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), Patron saint of racial justice, Feast Day March 3*

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MARCH 2, 2025

Income and Expenditure for February 2025

Income: \$30,156.11
Expenses: \$34,589.35



Serra's Vocation Seeds

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 2, 2025

“In the Lord your labour is not in vain”. Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00p.m at St. Paul's from March 7th – April 18th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4th 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Fr. Bennett Hall

Join us for a delicious Pancake Supper **THIS COMING TUESDAY!!** Enjoy a delightful meal while supporting our **Youth Ministry** and the **Columbian Squires**.

This event is by donation. All proceeds will benefit our Youth Ministry and the Columbian Squires.

Come together for great food, fellowship, and a worthy cause. We look forward to seeing you there!



We will have a Ministry Fair at St Paul's Church on

March 16th, following the 10:30am Mass.

Come and meet fellow volunteers and see how you can help.

This will also be a Knights Muffin Sunday event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers Needed:

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus Spring Lottery:

Missed the Fall draw? Get your tickets now for the Spring Lottery! Grand Prize Draw in April. Tickets range in price from \$10-\$100. Purchase your ticket after Mass from one of the Knights of Columbus or online at knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca. A portion of the local sales remains in our community, allowing us to support local initiatives, fund charitable projects, and enhance community services.

~~~~~Reminder~~~~~ Daylight saving time - March 9, 2025



Clocks move forward at 2:00am



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 lunch on **March 9th at 1200 noon at St Paul's Church** to explore how you can assist.

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

Spring Gala – message from Fr John O'Brien (Director – Martyrs Shrine-Midland)

I am very excited to invite you once again to our Spring Gala! It will be an evening to remember; we will celebrate the theme of the Jubilee Year as “pilgrims of hope,” representing the truly universal journey through life, the ultimate pilgrimage! Guests will be invited to take a “pilgrimage” throughout the venue before our sit-down dinner, visiting various booths that showcase global pilgrimage sites. Obtain your passport and travel to our Pilgrim Stations where you will experience cultural displays, unique hors d'ouvres and giveaways, a souvenir photo, and the chance to win a memorable prize!

I am also delighted to announce that His Eminence, Cardinal Francis Leo, will be at the Gala as our guest of honour.

The Spring Gala will take place on **Wednesday, June 11th at the Bellvue Manor in Vaughan from 5:30-9:30pm.**

Tickets are now on sale and can be accessed via our website:

<https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala/>

We invite you to order your tickets now. Whether you are coming as one person or would like to reserve a table of ten, we will be delighted to host you at this historic event.

Thank you for your faithful support of your national shrine. May the Canadian Martyrs pray for you and your families.

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