

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



First Sunday of Lent ~ March 9, 2025

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Luke 4:1-3

First Reading + Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading + Romans 10:8-13

Gospel + Luke 4:1-13

Mass  for the Intentions Week

Monday, March 10

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 11

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass- Per. Int.)

Maria Berberick, Nancy O'Reilly

Wednesday, March 12

8:00am+William & AnneMarie Bennett, RIP-Estate of

Thursday, March 13

8:00am+Charles O'Reilly, RIP- T.O'Reilly

Friday, March 14

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Deceased members of O'SULLIVAN family-T.O'Reilly

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS - (At St Paul's)

Saturday, March 15

(Sat morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Jan Mastelarz, Per. Int.-M/M Berberick

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

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, March 16

(9:00 am mass at Immaculate Conception)

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

10:30am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP-M/L Fanelli

6:00pm+Carolyn BRYSON, RIP-P. Bryson

March 9 "The public ceremonies of the Church," the saint once remarked, "draw the people by their pomp and magnificence, and by degrees win them over in spite of their prejudices. The people hear with their eyes more than with their ears; they are at first captivated, then captured by the sight. - St. Clement Mary Hofbauer (1751-1820), Redemptorist priest, Feast Day March 15

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Parish Family,

As we begin the holy season of Lent, the Church invites us to journey into the wilderness with Jesus. This Sunday, we hear about Jesus' forty days of fasting and prayer, culminating in three temptations presented by the devil. This moment in Jesus' life sets the stage for our own Lenten observances, reminding us that this season is a time of testing, purification, and renewed trust in God's providence.

The Temptations and Our Lenten Journey

The first temptation Jesus faces is turning stones into bread. After fasting for forty days, He is undoubtedly hungry. The devil tempts Him to use His divine power to satisfy His physical needs. But Jesus responds, "**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**"

How often do we prioritize material comforts over our spiritual hunger? Lent calls us to fasting—not only from food but also from anything that distracts us from God. It is a time to ask: What are the "**stones**" in my life that I try to turn into bread? Where do I seek comfort apart from God? Jesus teaches us that true nourishment comes from the Word of God. This Lent, let us feed our souls with Scripture, prayer, and the Eucharist, trusting that God alone sustains us.

The second temptation is the lure of power and control. The devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, promising to give them to Him if He worships him. But Jesus refuses, saying, "**You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve.**"

In our own lives, we often struggle with the temptation of control. We want things to go our way, we seek recognition, and we sometimes prioritize worldly success over faithfulness to God. But Lent is a time to surrender. Through acts of charity and service, we remind ourselves that true greatness comes not from power but from humility. This season, let us practice letting go of control, trusting that God's plan is greater than our own.

The final temptation is the test of trust. The devil takes Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple, telling Him to throw Himself down, quoting Scripture that God's angels will save Him. But Jesus replies, "**You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.**"

How often do we test God, demanding signs or questioning His presence in difficult times? Lent is a season of deepening our faith, even when we do not see immediate answers to our prayers. Jesus invites us to trust in God's love, even in the wilderness. This trust is strengthened through prayer, patience, and a spirit of surrender.

Pilgrims of Hope in the Jubilee Year

As we journey through Lent, we also prepare for the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025, which invites us to be "Pilgrims of Hope." This theme aligns beautifully with our Lenten journey. Just as Jesus walked through the desert with trust in His Father, we, too, are called to walk this season of penance with hope.

Lent is not merely a time of sorrow but of transformation. We fast, pray, and give alms not just out of duty but out of hope - hope that God's grace is at work within us, renewing our hearts and leading us closer to Him. The Jubilee reminds us that our sacrifices are not in vain; they prepare us for the joy of redemption.

As pilgrims, we recognize that this life is a journey toward our eternal home. Lent reminds us that the road may be difficult, but Jesus has walked it before us. He overcame temptation so that we, too, might have the strength to do the same. This season, let us embrace fasting, prayer, and almsgiving with renewed hearts, trusting that through them, God is shaping us into the people He calls us to be.

As a parish, let us support one another in this Lenten journey. Let us encourage one another in our sacrifices, strengthen one another in prayer, and accompany one another in acts of charity. May this Lent be a time of grace, leading us ever closer to the joy of Easter.

With every blessing,

Fr. Norbert Eyule



Serra's Vocation Seeds
First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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 from March 7th to April 18th at 7:00p.m.** at St. Paul's

1st Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025

Your love is a guiding light during Lent

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

March Break FUN

First up - Movie Night Monday Mar 10- **EDGE** 630-9pm,
Life TEEN 630-930pm
2 different movies and rooms.
Please note the time change - starts earlier and ends later.

Next up - Wednesday Mar 12 **FUN DAY** 11am-3pm
GAMES, GAMES and more **GAMES**
Optional \$5 for pizza at noon



Thank You from the Columbian Squires!!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Shrove Tuesday dinner last week! The event was a great success, and we're happy to announce that part of the proceeds will help send our Columbian Squires to their Annual Provincial Convention in Ottawa this April. A special thank you to the Youth Ministry for including us in this event, and to the parents, volunteer parishioners, and members of the Knights of Columbus who all dedicated their time and effort to make this wonderful evening of food and fellowship possible.
God bless you all!



Ministry Fair at St Paul's Church on **March 16th**, following the **10:30am Mass**.

Come and meet fellow volunteers and see how you share the gift of your talents and time. We look forward to seeing you there!

This is also Knights of Columbus Muffin Sunday event.

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 knightsforcolumbusalliston.ca. A portion of the local sales remains in our community, allowing us to support local initiatives, fund charitable projects, and enhance community services.

Legacy gifts to any part of the archdiocese and Legacy Society

If you have included your parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your Will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to say a special thank you.

All Legacy Society members are invited to the Annual Legacy Society Lunch & Mass by the Archdiocese of Toronto. They also receive:

- A hand-crafted cross blessed by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Leo.
- A personal letter from Cardinal Leo and a certificate acknowledging your intention.
- Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events.

Let your legacy be a testament of your faith! All Legacy Society members have the option of remaining anonymous.

If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at development@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 519.

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

From: Michael Penafiel, Development Coordinator

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities.

To donate securities, follow this link: Archdiocese of Toronto - Gift of Securities (archtoronto.org) and download the "How to Gift Securities Info Sheet" and the "Letter of Direction."

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