

# 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](http://stpaultheapostleal.archtoronto.org)**

## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent- March 16, 2025**

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" *Luke 9:34-35*

**First Reading + Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**  
**Second Reading + Philippians 3:17-4:1**  
**Gospel + Luke 9:28b-36**

**Mass  for the Intentions Week**

**Monday, March 17**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, March 18**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

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

John Orr, Patrick Flynn

**Wednesday, March 19**

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

10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home

**Thursday, March 20**

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

**Friday, March 21**

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

12:10pm+ Rev. Pierre WOOD, RIP- Arch Toronto

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS (at St. Paul's)

**Saturday, March 22**

(*Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Maria Berberick, PIO – M. Berberick

**\*\*4:00pm – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

5:00pm+Richard & Yvonne Galezowski, Per.Int - M. Sheridian

**Sunday, March 23**

(*9:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Emilia TORCATO, RIP-Torcatto Family

6:00 pm+Lou BIFFIS, RIP-M/L Fanelli

Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill.  
 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day March 18

**From the desk of Father Norberto**

Dear Parish Family,

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we journey with Jesus and His closest disciples—Peter, James, and John—to the mountaintop, where He is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun, and His clothes become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear, and the voice of the Father declares, "**This is my beloved Son; listen to Him.**"

The Transfiguration is one of the most profound moments in Jesus' earthly ministry. It offers a glimpse of His divine glory, reinforcing that His path to suffering and death will ultimately lead to resurrection and triumph. It is also an invitation to reflect on our own transfiguration - our own journey of transformation in Christ.

**The Call to Transformation**

Lent is a season of conversion, a time when we are called to be changed, renewed, and transfigured by God's grace. Just as Jesus was revealed in His glory on the mountain, so too are we called to reveal God's presence in our lives. But transformation is not always easy. Like Peter, James, and John, we may be tempted to remain in moments of spiritual comfort, wishing to build tents and stay on the mountaintop. However, true transfiguration happens when we descend from the mountain and live out our faith in the valleys of daily life.

What does this transformation look like? It is the daily work of turning away from sin and embracing holiness. It is allowing God to change our hearts, heal our wounds, and make us new. It is choosing love over indifference, mercy over judgment, and faith over fear.

**Listening to Jesus**

The Father's words from the cloud - "**Listen to Him**"—are central to our Lenten journey. Transformation begins when we truly listen to Jesus, not just with our ears but with our hearts. He speaks to us in Scripture, in prayer, and in the needs of those around us. Lent is a time to quiet the distractions of the world so we can hear His voice more clearly.

How are we listening to Jesus this Lent? Are we making time for prayer? Are we opening our hearts to His guidance? Are we allowing His Word to shape our thoughts and actions? True transfiguration happens when we surrender to His voice and allow His grace to work in us.

**Pilgrims of Hope: Preparing for the Jubilee**

As we reflect on the Transfiguration, we also look ahead to the Jubilee Year 2025, a time when the Church invites us to be "**Pilgrims of Hope.**" This theme connects beautifully to Jesus' Transfiguration. It was a moment of hope for the disciples. It reassured them that, despite the suffering and trials that lay ahead, Jesus was indeed the glorious Son of God.

In our own lives, we, too, need moments of transfiguration - glimpses of God's presence that strengthen us in difficult times. Lent can be challenging, but it is a journey toward Easter joy. Our sacrifices, prayers, and acts of charity are not ends in themselves but steps toward a greater hope - the hope of resurrection, the hope of new life in Christ.

As pilgrims of hope, we are called to carry this light of Christ into the world. Just as Jesus' face shone brightly on the mountain, we are called to reflect His light in our families, our workplaces, and our communities. We do this by acts of love, by living our faith with joy, and by being witnesses of God's mercy.

**Descending the Mountain: Living Our Transformation**



**Serra's Vocation Seeds**  
**Second Sunday of Lent - March 16, 2025**

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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**You extend the hands of Christ to those in need**

ShareLife Sunday is March 30.

**Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need:** the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

**The Stations of the Cross**

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

**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](http://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.

**Save the Date: On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship, and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

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**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.

**Jubilee 2025: Lenten Pilgrimage**

In his homily at each of the Jubilee Regional masses Cardinal Leo strongly encouraged each individual/family to consider a visit/pilgrimage to one or more of the designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings. A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

In addition, for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church, further information can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/plenary-indulgence/>

**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](mailto: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](http://archtoronto.org)) and download the "How to Gift Securities Info Sheet" and the "Letter of Direction."

For more information, contact our office at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).



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