

# 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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**23 March 2025 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" — Lk 13:2-3

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First Reading + Exodus 3:1-8a  
Second Reading + 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12  
Gospel + Lk 13:1-9

### Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, March 24  
NO MASS SCHEDULED  
Tuesday, March 25  
5:20pm+Marian Cenacle  
6:00pm+HOLY HOUR  
\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS  
7:00pm+Bolek & Lucia Bozek, PIO-M/M Berberick  
Wednesday, March 26  
8:00am+Maribel Agoncillo, PIO- M. Agoncillo  
Thursday, March 27  
8:00am+William & Anne Marie BENNETT, RIP-Estate of  
Friday, March 28  
(*Mass at Immaculate Conception*)  
12:10pm+Deceased members of MALBOUF-TRUMBLE family  
7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS (at St. Paul's)  
Saturday, March 29  
(*Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception*)  
9:00am+ Teresa VERRILLI, RIP - Verrilli Family  
\*\*4:00pm – 4:45pm + CONFESSIONS  
5:00pm+Kevin McCOOL, RIP – L/C Laciak  
Sunday, March 30  
(*9:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception*)  
9:00am+ Stanislaw MASTELARZ, RIP-M/M Berberick  
10:30am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP-M/F Fanelli  
6:00 pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week

A servant of the Lord stands bodily before men, but mentally he is knocking at the gates of heaven with prayer. - *St John Climacus (579-649), Author of Ladder of Divine Ascent, Feast Day March 30*

*From the desk of Father Norberto*

Dear Parish Family,

As we continue our journey through this sacred season of Lent, we are invited to reflect on the themes of repentance and bearing fruit in our spiritual lives. The call to conversion is at the heart of Lent - a time to turn back to God, renew our faith, and grow in holiness.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, it presents us with the parable of the barren fig tree (Luke 13:1-9). The owner of the vineyard finds a tree that has failed to bear fruit for three years and considers cutting it down. However, the gardener pleads for another chance to cultivate and fertilize it, hoping it will become fruitful. This parable beautifully illustrates God's patience with us. He gives us time and opportunities to grow, but He also expects us to use that time wisely.

Lent is like that extra year given to the fig tree. It is a season of grace when we are invited to reflect, repent, and renew our commitment to Christ. However, just as the fig tree cannot remain barren forever, we too must bear fruit. Our faith is not meant to be stagnant - it must be lived out in love, mercy, and service to others.

#### Repentance and Spiritual Growth

Repentance is more than just feeling sorry for our sins; it is a call to action. It means making concrete changes in our lives so that we can grow closer to God and become better witnesses of His love. This happens when we:

- Deepen our prayer life, making time to speak with and listen to God.
- Practice self-discipline, fasting from what distracts us from His presence.
- Live out our faith through acts of charity and service, reaching out to those in need.

#### Bearing Fruit as Pilgrims of Hope

As we celebrate our Jubilee as Pilgrims of Hope, we are reminded that our journey of faith is not just personal - it is communal. We are called to bring hope to others, to be a source of encouragement and inspiration. Hope is not just a feeling; it is something we live out by sharing our faith, strengthening our families, and building a parish community that reflects Christ's love.

This Lent, let us make the most of the time and grace God has given us; let us grow in faith and love. Like the fig tree, we have been given another season - let us use it well. May we walk this Lenten path with renewed commitment, so that when Easter comes, we will rejoice not only in Christ's resurrection but in the transformation that Christ has worked in us.

May the Lord bless you and guide you on this journey of repentance, renewal, and hope.

In Christ,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule

MARCH 23, 2025



Serra's Vocation Seeds  
Third Sunday of Lent - March 23, 2025

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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)

ShareLife

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - March 23, 2025

Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."

Thus far we have raised \$10,141.00 toward our goal of \$55,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### 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

Coming Soon: [Columbian Squires Spring Raffle!](#)  
Get ready for the Columbian Squires Spring Raffle!  
This exciting event will support our Circle and local charities.

Stay tuned for ticket sales and prize announcements!  
Exciting prizes to be won!  
Draw Date & Location: To be announced soon!

Your participation helps us give back to the community while giving you a chance to win big!

For more details, contact us [events@squires4328.ca](mailto:events@squires4328.ca)  
Thank you for your support!



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 30<sup>th</sup> at 12noon to explore how you can assist.  
<https://alphacanada.org/catholic-context/>

### LENTEN RETREAT

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE invites men and women to our 2025 Lenten Retreat on

When: SATURDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.

Where: 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Cost: \$50.00 and includes coffee/tea with muffins and a hot lunch.

Registration is at 8:30am and the retreat runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

A mass will be celebrated during the day.

Please email : [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca) or call us at (905) 278 5229.

### Knights of Columbus Ontario State Charity Appeal

Time is running out! Only one month left to get your tickets for the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Charity Appeal.

Your support helps children with special needs, families in crisis, and local charities.

Tickets start at just \$10!

Purchase after Mass from any Knights of Columbus member or call Patrick Hayes at 705-250-3472.

Don't miss your chance to give back and win big!

Thank you for your generosity.

### 150th Anniversary Celebrations Update

Mark your calendars for June 22<sup>nd</sup> as celebrations begin for our Parish 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Bishop John A. Boissonneau will be here to celebrate our 10:30 am Mass to launch our official celebrations. We are pleased to share that our schools have submitted artwork to prepare an official logo in recognition of 150 years. Posters have also been created by the students to honour the journey of St. Paul and the growth of our Parish. A special prayer card is being designed, and monthly events are being planned. To date our toonie collection has raised \$8000. This money will be used to offset the costs of the celebrations. Thank you for your generosity. We look forward to celebrating our faith and the pride that is shared in our journey of 150 years.

### St. Vincent de Paul:

Beginning January 1, 2025, St. Paul's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul was requested to count the monthly donations and issue our own receipts to parishioners at year end. Previously your donations went through the church and then to St. Vincent de Paul so the church issued your receipt. St. Paul's St. Vincent de Paul Society, as a registered charitable organization, will provide you with a taxable receipt beginning this year and going forward. Please make your donation payable to St. Paul's St. Vincent de Paul or St. Paul's SSVF.

Thanks for your continued support.

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