

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:

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| 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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



5th Sunday of Lent ~ April 6, 2025

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8:6b-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

First Reading + Isaiah 43:16-21
Second Reading + Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel + John 8:1-11

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 7

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, April 8

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

5:20+pm -Marian Cenacle

Confessions – 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

7:00pm+William & Anne Marie BENNETT, RIP- Estate of

Wednesday, April 9

8:00am+John KENNEDY, RIP – M. Kennedy

Thursday, April 10

8:00am+rev. Christopher BENNET, RIP – Estate of

Friday, April 11

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+ *(Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.)*

Sr. Sheila O'Sullivan, Personal Intentions of all Volunteers

7:00pm+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 12

(Sat. morning mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

9:00 am+ Nancy O'Reilly, Per. Int.-T. O'Reilly

CONFESSIONS 4:00-4:45pm

5:00pm+Susan TIVERON, RIP- G/J Gillis

Sunday, April 13

(9:00 am mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

9:00am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP – M/L Fanelli

10:30am+Raïden Toma, Per. Int.- Agoncillo Family

6:00 pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the week – If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. - *St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), Bishop of Seville, Feast Day April 4*

Income/Expenses for March 2025

Income - \$40,197.49
Expenses - \$35,566.70

From the desk of Father Norberto:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the final weeks of Lent, we are reminded of God's constant call to mercy, renewal, and hope. These three themes are at the heart of our faith and are especially relevant as we prepare for the great Jubilee of 2025, embracing our call to be Pilgrims of Hope.

Mercy: God's Endless Gift

Mercy is the foundation of our relationship with God. No matter how far we may have strayed, God's love remains constant, always ready to embrace us with compassion. Lent is a time to reflect on this divine mercy—not only to seek it for ourselves but to extend it to others.

Too often, we hold onto past hurts, judgments, and resentments. But true mercy calls us to forgive as we have been forgiven. When we choose mercy over condemnation, we break free from the chains of bitterness and allow God's grace to heal our hearts. This is the mercy that Jesus exemplifies—a mercy that does not ignore sin but seeks transformation, a mercy that does not condemn but calls to new life.

Renewal: A Fresh Start in Christ

God is always doing something new. As Isaiah proclaims, "Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19). The season of Lent is a journey of renewal, an opportunity to leave behind what weighs us down and embrace the new life God offers.

Renewal does not mean forgetting our past but allowing God to transform it. It means recognizing our weaknesses and sins, not with despair, but with the confidence that God's grace can make us whole again. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter—a joy that comes from knowing that death, sin, and suffering do not have the final word.

Hope: Walking Toward the Future with Trust

As we prepare for the Jubilee 2025, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. A pilgrim is someone who keeps moving forward, trusting in the journey even when the road is uncertain. Hope is what keeps us walking in faith, even in difficult times.

Hope is not simply wishful thinking. It is the deep assurance that God is with us, guiding us toward a future filled with His love. In a world where so many struggle with fear, doubt, and despair, we are called to be witnesses of hope. This means encouraging one another, supporting those in need, and living in a way that reflects our trust in God's promises.

As Pilgrims of Hope, let us walk together, as a parish and as a Church, toward the great celebration of the Jubilee, with hearts open to God's mercy, ready for renewal, and filled with the hope that comes from Christ.

May this Lenten season bring you closer to the love of God and may we all journey together as Pilgrims of Hope.

In Christ,
Fr. Norberto Eyule



Serra's Vocation Seeds
Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 6, 2025

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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

Lenten Food Drive: A Call to Share and Care – (Organized by the Columbian Squires)

This Lenten season, let us come together as a community to support those in need. The Columbian Squires are hosting a Lenten Food Drive to collect non-perishable food items for our local food bank.

When: **April 5th to April 21st** - Drop-Off during office hours Tuesday to Friday – 9-4pm or at Mass times at both parishes.

We invite all parishioners to contribute generously. Your donations will help bring hope and care to families in need as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Together, let's make a difference!

Knights of Columbus Provincial Charity Lottery – Final 2 Weeks!

Time is running out to get your Knights of Columbus Provincial Charity Lottery tickets! With only two weeks left, don't miss your chance to support great causes and win over \$8,000

Tickets start at just \$10

Proceeds help fund charities across the province and right here in our local community. Your support makes a real difference!

To purchase tickets, see any member of the Knights of Columbus after Mass or call Patrick Hayes at 705-250-3472.

Thank you for your generosity, and good luck!

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate 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 an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and many others.

For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561 or send email to development@archtoronto.org.

Jubilee 2025: Lenten Pilgrimage

Why not consider a Lenten Pilgrimage to one of our 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: www.archtoronto.org/jubilee. The site also provides information for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church. Please note that it is not necessary to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the same day as your visit to the Pilgrimage church, but can be celebrated in your own parish "within several days before or after your visit."

150th Anniversary Celebrations Update

Mark your calendars for **June 22nd** as celebrations begin for our Parish **150th Anniversary**. Bishop John A. Boissonneau will be here to celebrate our 10:30 am Mass to launch our official celebrations, followed by Corpus Christi procession and light refreshments in the hall there after.

To date our toonie collection has raised little over **\$9800/-**. 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.



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 lunch on **April 13th at 12noon** to explore how you can assist.

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



Palm Sunday

Saturday – April 12

****Confessions- 4:00-4:45 pm****

Mass- 5:00 pm

Sunday – April 13

9:00 am – Immaculate Conception

10:30 am and 6:00 pm – St. Paul's

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday – April 17

No Morning Mass

7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

Good Friday – April 18

No Noon Mass

3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 19

No Morning Mass

12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

8:30 pm+ Easter Vigil

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Easter Sunday – April 20

9:00 a.m. - Immaculate Conception

10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. - St. Paul's

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