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 LiturgiesTuesday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul'sWednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul'sFriday: 12:10 noon at Immaculate ConceptionSaturday: 9:00a.m. at Immaculate ConceptionExposition of the Blessed SacramentExposition of the Blessed SacramentFriday of each month at Immaculate Conception Church from1:00pm 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	Baptism: Parents/Guardians should be registered parishioners and attend Baptism preparation class along with godparents. (Registration package available from church office).	
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:	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.	
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.	<u>Schools:</u> Holy Family Elementary School St. Paul's Elementary School St. Cecilia Catholic School St. Thomas Aquinas High School	705-435-3989 705-435-7211 705-530-9597 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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Immaculate Conception

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Then he said to Thomas, "put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" *John 20:27-28*

First Reading + Acts 5:12-16 Second Reading + Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Gospel + John 20:19-31

> Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, April 28 NO MASS SCHEDULED Tuesday, April 29 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

Confessions - 6:15pm – 6:45pm
7:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, RIP)
Deceased members of O'REILLY family, John ORR,
Joan MEGRAW
Wednesday, April 30

8:00am+Deceased members of MACKAY family-M/M Berberick Thursday, May 1

8:00am+Souls in Purgatory – M/M Berberick Friday, May 2

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church) 12:10pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, RIP) Rev. Monsignor Mariano POLITO, Jack FORD Saturday, May 3

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+William & Anne Marie BENNETT, RIP –Estate of

****Confessions- 4:00pm-4:45 pm**** 5:00pm+Berta MIGONE, RIP – Migone Family

Sunday, May 4

(09:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Maria GERONIMO, RIP-D. Geronimo 10:30am+Jack ELLIOTT, RIP-F. Elliott 12:30pm+FHC-For all Communicants 6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the week:

You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world! See to it that the people are edified by your example, by the purity of your lives, by the moderation of your conduct, and the brilliance of your holiness! God does not ask of you mere ordinary virtue. He demands downright perfection! - Pope Pius V, (1504-1572) Patron saint of First Communicants, Feast Day April 30

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, we gather on the Second Sunday of Easter -Divine Mercy Sunday - with both hearts full of faith and hearts heavy with mourning. As we celebrate the endless mercy of our Risen Lord, we also find ourselves united in sorrow over the death of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis.

It's a poignant moment in the life of the Church. On this day, instituted by St. John Paul II, we are invited to contemplate the boundless mercy flowing from the heart of Christ. And as the Church mourns the passing of her shepherd, we are reminded once more that mercy and hope are not abstract ideas - they are lifelines in times of grief.

Our liturgy today speaks directly into our moment. The Risen Christ appears to His disciples not as a distant, glorified figure, but as one who still bears His wounds. He walks into a room full of fear and doubt and speaks these gentle words: "Peace be with you." He doesn't scold; He doesn't demand perfection. Instead, He brings peace, shows His wounds, and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them.

Even Thomas, who struggles to believe, is met with mercy. Christ returns just for him, inviting him to touch His wounds and trust again.

This is the heart of Divine Mercy: Jesus meets us where we are - in our fear, our confusion, our grief - and He offers not judgment, but healing. He is the Lord who walks with us, even when we feel lost or alone.

It's in this spirit that we remember the Holy Father. His passing reminds us of the deep humanity of the papacy - that the one chosen to lead us is also one who suffers, hopes, and ultimately returns to the Father like all of us. The Chair of Peter now stands empty but not abandoned. Christ remains the true Shepherd of the Church, and His mercy sustains us through every transition.

As we look ahead to the Jubilee Year of 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," we are reminded that the Church is always on the move - not aimlessly, but toward a promise. A Jubilee Year is a sacred opportunity to renew our faith, deepen our unity, and rediscover the joy of the Gospel.

And hope is the path we walk. Hope doesn't deny suffering - it walks through it. Hope doesn't erase grief - but transforms it. Hope allows us to mourn the death of a pope and still proclaim with confidence: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

I think of the many people who feel like Thomas wrestling with questions, needing reassurance, looking for peace. If that's you, know that you're not alone. Christ still comes through locked doors. He still speaks peace into our hearts. And He still invites us to touch His mercy.

As we prepare our hearts for the Jubilee ahead, let us embrace the message of Divine Mercy as our guide: that no sin is greater than His forgiveness. No loss is beyond His comfort. No fear is stronger than His love.

Let us walk forward as Pilgrims of Hope - renewed, united, and rooted in the mercy of Jesus. May the soul of our Holy Father rest in the arms of Divine Mercy. May our Church be strengthened in faith. And may each of us continue the journey, trusting that Jesus walks with us - now and always. In the peace of the Risen Christ,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule



<u>Serra's Vocation Seeds</u> <u>Second Sunday of Easter - April 27, 2025</u>

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email:vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Pasta Dinner - May 3rd - 6:15-8:00pm

In Father Bennett Hall

Purchase and Reserve Tickets - available after weekend masses and through the office during the week.

Available until April 30th.

Adult - \$25, Kids under 12years-\$20, Pre-JK Free MENU

Penne Pasta - with choice of Sausage in onions & peppers Or Meatballs in tomato or cream sauce, PLUS - Garlic Bread, Fresh Garden Salad

AND coffee, tea, drinks, dessert

The Catholic Women's League Has Gone Social!

We are excited to announce that the Catholic Women's League is now on social media! Stay connected for updates, events, inspiration, and ways to get involved in our parish community. Scan the QR code below to follow us:



n your smart phone camera at the QR cod Don't forget to follow us and share!

Thinking about joining? We'd love to welcome you! We are growing together in faith, friendship, and service, and there's a place for **you** here — come see what's next.

<u>A Day With Mary – May 31</u>

Members of the Catholic family from all corners of the archdiocese are being invited to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, and grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults, powerful witnessings and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music, food and fellowship and we hope that you will consider joining His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.

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 **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 **\$11,400**/-. 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.

Under the spiritual leadership of **Father Norberto**, there is a 12-day **pilgrimage** to **France**, **Spain** and **Portugal** from **Sept 7-18**, **2025**. The cost is **\$4590.00** (including taxes & tips). Please see the flyer in the narthex for further information and registration. You may directly contact **International Heritage Tours** on numbers mentioned in the flyer.



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.

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Consider Volunteering to make Alpha happen in our parish. Attend lunch on **May 9th at 12noon** to explore how you can assist.

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



God has given each of us something to do that no one else on earth can do. Stewardship teaches to be grateful and responsible for the blessings we have received and gifts that God has bestowed upon us.

We are looking for **counters** to help a couple of hours each month to count the Sunday offerings.

Our **Cemetery Board** who meets once a month are looking for new members/**Cemetery rep** to join the board. Please call the office for more information 705-435-6325 x21 or email: <u>stpaultheapostleal@archtoronto.org</u>.

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/officesand-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimagechurches/

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

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 and are not automatically assigned upon registering with the parish. Please call the office for more information.

