

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

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.

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.

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.

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

St. Paul the Apostle

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The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross.

September 14th 2025

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. [John 3:16-17](#)

First Reading + Numbers 21:4-9
Second Reading + Phillipians 2:6-11
Gospel + John 3:13-17

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, September 15

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, September 16

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

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

Wednesday, September 17

8:00am+Deceased members of O’SULLIVAN family – T. O’Reilly

Thursday, September 18

8:00am+ Rev. Christopher BENNETT, RIP-Estate of

Friday, September 19

(Mass at Immaculate Conception)

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

Mary Griffith, Lorna Ballestoros, Tina Minicozzi

Saturday, September 20

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

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

5:00pm+Jaime DANIEL, RIP- N. Daniel

Sunday, September 21

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Rita Vandervoort, Per. Int- Vandervoort Family

6:00pm+Angela & Giovanni NOVELLI, RIP-Novielli Family

Saint of the Week:

On the last day, when the general examination takes place, there will be no question at all on the text of Aristotle, the aphorisms of Hippocrates, or the paragraphs of Justinian. Charity will be the whole syllabus.

- Saint Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621), Patron of Catechists,
Feast Day September 17

The Transforming Power of the Cross

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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If Jesus would never have given His life on a cross for the salvation of the world, then a cross would never have been seen in “exultation.” A cross, in and of itself, is an instrument of death, a horrific and violent death. It’s also an instrument of humiliation and torture. Yet, today, the Cross is seen as a holy and blessed object. We hang crosses in our homes, wear them around our neck, keep them in our pocket on the end of the rosary, and spend time in prayer before them. The Cross is now an exalted image by which we turn to God in prayer and surrender. But that is only the case because it was on a cross that we were saved and brought to eternal life.

If you step back and consider the amazing truth that one of the worst instruments of torture and death is now seen as one of the holiest of images on earth, it should be awe inspiring. Comprehending this fact should lead us to the realization that God can do anything and everything. God can use the worst and transform it into the best. He can use death to bring forth life.

Though our celebration today, the “Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross,” is first and foremost a feast by which we give glory to the Father for what He did in the Person of His divine Son, it is also a feast by which we must humbly understand that God can “exalt” every cross we endure in life and bring forth much grace through them.

What is your heaviest cross? What is the source of your greatest suffering? Most likely, as you call this to mind, it is painful to you. Most often, our crosses and sufferings are things we seek to rid ourselves of. We easily point to crosses in life and blame them for a lack of happiness. We can easily think that if only this or that were to change or be removed, then our life would be better. So what is that cross in your life?

The truth is that whatever your heaviest cross is, there is extraordinary potential for that cross to become an actual source of grace in your life and in the world. But this is only possible if you embrace that cross in faith and hope so that our Lord can unite it to His and so that your crosses can also share in the exaltation of Christ’s Cross. Though this is a profoundly deep mystery of faith, it is also a profoundly deep truth of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon your own crosses. As you do, try not to see them as a burden. Instead, realize the potential within those crosses. Prayerfully look at your crosses as invitations to share in Christ’s Cross. Say “Yes” to your crosses. Choose them freely. Unite them to Christ’s Cross. As you do, have hope that God’s glory will come forth in your life and in the world through your free embrace of them. Know that these “burdens” will be transformed and become a source of exaltation in your life by the transforming power of God.

My exalted Lord, I turn to You in my need and with the utmost faith in Your divine power to save. Please give me the grace I need to fully embrace every cross in my life with hope and faith in You. Please transform my crosses so that You will be exalted through them and so that they will become an instrument of Your glory and grace. Jesus, I trust in You.
Source: My Catholic Register

Information on sacraments for registered parishioners

Baptisms:

Parents/Guardians are required to attend a Baptism preparation class along with the godparents. Baptism classes are held on **first Thursday** of the month from **7:00-9:00 pm**. Baptisms take place on **second** and **fourth** Sunday of each month, following the **10:30 a.m.** Mass and are subject to prior registration and availability. Registration package may be picked up from the office during office hours. (Tuesday-Friday-9-4pm)

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

The deadline to register your child for sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for the 2025-26 school year is **September 17th**. Parents may register their child entering Grade 2 or older at the link or QR code below. The link is also posted on parish website. Details of parent meetings and class dates will be sent out to those who register. Registration fee of \$50/- and a copy of the child's baptismal certificate can be handed in the office or brought to the first parent meeting on **September 24th at 6:00pm at St Paul's**.
<https://forms.gle/aVcYAYPPBLxoXVJm9>



Confirmation

Confirmation registration is now open on our parish website and will close on **October 15th**. Parents only meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church on **October 15th at 6:45pm**.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (R.C.I.C.)

All children ages 6 years and over who wish to be baptized will be required to attend R.C.I.C. classes with their parents in September. The information meeting for these classes will be on **Saturday, September 20th at 3:30pm**. For more information please **TEXT ONLY** Claudette Morrison on **705-220-9451**.

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) - If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Catholic faith and possibly becoming a Catholic, please call Father Norberto at the parish office. This program is open to unbaptized adults; those baptized in other Christian churches and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

CWL Fall Dinner

The Catholic Women's League invites you and your husband or one other, to our Annual Fall Dinner **Thursday, September 25th**. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00. Catered dinner will be roast beef, vegetables, salad and dessert. Tickets are \$30/- and will be available at Masses starting September 13th. Deadline to purchase your ticket is **September 22nd**. Story reader, Darlene Manley will provide us with entertainment. Service pins will be awarded.

For information, contact Carla Beckett
beckettcarla@gmail.com



Serra's Vocation Seeds Exaltation of the Holy Cross

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. 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

St Paul's Fall Market – Sept. 27-9-4 pm (In St Paul's parking lot)

Come join us for our first fall market, embracing small town charm, our faith community and local vendors. Over 20 local vendors.....

Peameal bacon sandwich, pop, water, apple cider, corn on the cob available to purchase as well

Entry – By donation (money raised will go towards building fund)

Volunteers needed to man the entrance and pop, water stalls.

Youth - this qualifies towards school community hours.

Parish Ministry Fair – September 27th and 28th

'As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.' 1Peter 4:10

Are you looking for ways to give back to the parish community? Do you feel God calling you to share your faith, time, and talent? If so, come out the Parish Ministry Fair on *September 27 and/or 28th after each mass at St Paul's Church. The fair will take place in Fr Bennett Hall. The fair will showcase all our parish ministries and provide opportunities to see the various ways in which the parish and others need you! Refreshments will be provided. This is an event you don't want to miss. For more information you can contact Domenic Scuglia at dscuglia@archtoronto.org or Darlene Figueroa at dfigueroa@archtoronto.org. Hope to see you there!*

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals



WebSept27

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan the QR code
2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebSept27
3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar September 27" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

Save the date....

Oktoberfest Dinner - October 18th

Tickets on sale starting **September 20th** at all weekend masses and through the office.

Come join us for a fun evening and delicious food.

Thank-you for your support to our Youth Ministry.

Fall Marriage Preparation Course

Holy Spirit Parish, Barrie - Tuesday October 21, 2025

If you are preparing for the sacrament of Marriage, Holy Spirit Parish in Barrie invites you to participate in Joy-filled Marriage Preparation course for couples. Beginning Tuesday October 21, 2025 at 7:00pm in the parish hall and will run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays. Registration is required, to do so, please contact the parish office at 705-722-3771 or holyspiritba@archtoronto.org

You are Invited to the Stewardship & Parish Vitality Fair

Father Bennett Hall

Saturday, September 27 after 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 28 after 10:30 am Mass

Our parish needs you! Please consider joining one of the ministries below. Share your faith, time and talents with fellow parishioners! Come and learn more and see if any of these fit your schedule.

Altar Server

- perform tasks such as carrying the processional cross and candles, holding the liturgical books for the priest, assisting with the presentation of the gifts, and ringing the bell during the consecration

Baptismal Preparation

- Share in the Church's teaching on the Sacrament of Baptism in the preparation process based on materials provided, lead sessions with parents and godparents

Cemetery Committee

- responsible for all matters pertaining to the on-going operation and maintenance of our Catholic cemeteries

Children's Liturgy

- cover the Sunday Gospel and readings at a level that children can understand and enjoy, and enrich with discussion, prayers, and songs

Choir

- share your gift of song, and possibly play an instrument for the music ministry

Collection Counter

- Responsible for confidential, timely and accurate counting of weekly and special collections for the parish according to the procedures

Edge & Lifeteen for Youth

- Assist youth ministry at meetings and events, sharing the faith

Eucharistic Minister

- Assist in distributing the Eucharist during the Communion Rite of Mass

First Communion Preparation

- Share in the Church's teaching on the sacraments by preparing for, and leading preparation sessions

Lector

- Proclaim the Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word

Parish Council

- Assist and support the Pastor in the operation of the Parish

Parish Fundraising Committee

- Actively participate on a committee to coordinate events to assist in fundraising for parish goals

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Prepare adults for the sacraments by providing instruction in the context of adult faith development

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

- Prepare children for the sacraments by providing instruction in faith development

Usher

- Establish a climate of welcome, helpfulness and order in the assembly
- Take up collection and ensure security; ensure gifts are presented

Parish Lay Organizations

- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Columbian Squires
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Friendship Group
- Alpha Group

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