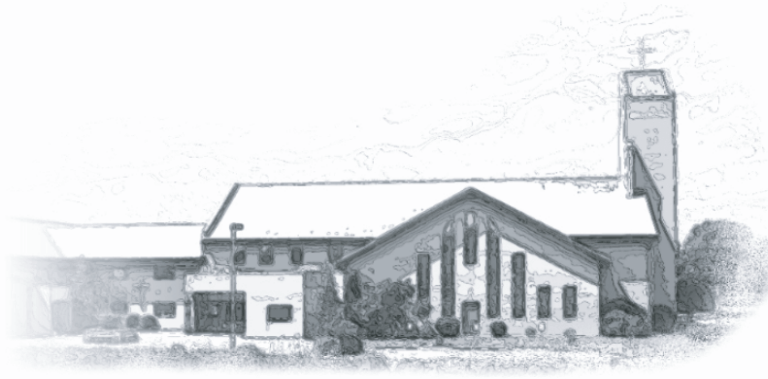


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



"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

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 5th October 2025

First Reading + Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Second Reading + 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel + Luke 17:5-10

"Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'" *Luke 17:9-10*

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, October 6
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, October 7
 5:20pm+Marian Cenacle
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+(*Multiple Intentions Mass- RIP*)
 William & Anne Marie BENNETT, Lou BIFFIS

Wednesday, October 8

8:00am+Deceased members of O'SULLIVAN Family-T. O'Reilly

Thursday, October 9

8:00am+SOULS IN PURGATORY-T. O'Reilly

Friday, October 10

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception Church*)
 12:10pm+ (*Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.*)
 Mike Murray, Michael Berberick, Ken Squires,
 Rebecca Casaleno

Saturday, October 11

(*Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception*)
 9:00am+Robert Berberick, Per. Int –M/M Berberick
 5:00pm+Pat DEVEREAUX, RIP – Devereaux Family

Sunday, October 12

9:00am+Nicholas KRZYWONOS,RIP-D. Geronimo
 10:30am+Bill SKELTON, RIP – D. McKendrick
 6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

It is now for the Catholic Church to bend herself to her work with calmness and generosity. It is for you to observe her with renewed and friendly attention." - *Pope St. John XXIII (1881-1963), Pope of Second Vatican, Feast Day October 11*

Nourished by Faith

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." [Luke 17:5-6](#)

Is it possible to completely uproot a tree and plant it in the sea? It's certainly hard to imagine how. It is especially hard to imagine doing so with a simple command of faith. Uprooting a tree is hard enough to imagine, but it is even more difficult to imagine a tree being planted in the sea. Though water is necessary, one cannot plant a tree in the sea and expect it to grow. But that's partly the point. We often underestimate the power of true faith. Saint Matthew's Gospel says that faith can move mountains. Saint Luke's says it can uproot a tree and replant it in the sea. All it takes to do so is faith the size of a mustard seed.

How much faith is equal to a mustard seed? A mustard seed is small, very small. It measures only about one millimeter in length. People who worked the soil at that time would have known that it was among the smallest of seeds they planted. For that reason, Jesus uses this familiar image to teach the apostles that faith, even a little faith, is powerful.

Jesus' teaching comes in response to a prayer on the part of the apostles. "Increase our faith," they said. Jesus' response, inviting them to have only a little faith, implies that their faith was quite weak. To increase their faith to the size of a mustard seed suggests that they did not even have a little faith yet. Most likely they were aware of that fact, and that was the reason they asked Jesus to increase their faith. They perceived their lacking and turned to Him Who could help.

One of the first steps to increasing faith is to humbly admit our lack of faith. In our pride, we often want to convince ourselves and others that we are filled with faith. But if that were the case, God would be doing incredible things through us. He would be doing that which is otherwise humanly impossible.

Obviously, faith does not give us magical powers by which we can literally command a tree to uproot itself and plant itself in the sea. This imagery is meant to tell us that faith will work miracles of faith, not necessarily physical miracles. In fact, if God ever did use us and our faith to work a physical miracle, it would only happen because it was a motivation for the far more important gift of the increase of faith.

What, then, can a little faith do? It can uproot sin from your heart and from the hearts of those around you. It can nourish you and others in ways that seem impossible. Just as a tree cannot normally be planted in the sea and survive, the gift of faith, even a little faith, will enable the soul to be nourished and strengthened in ways that otherwise seem impossible. A martyr perfectly illustrates this fact. Normally, persecution and death are not considered to be nourishing to a person. But when a person has faith and suffers martyrdom on account of Christ, then their soul will be fed by the persecution itself. And that is among the greatest of miracles possible. Suffering, persecution, illness, poverty, and every other difficulty imaginable are transformed by God into a source of nourishment when we endure them with true faith.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of the apostles: "Increase our faith." Some of the greatest mystics taught that faith darkens the intellect. By this darkening, they mean that, by faith, God will lead us into the unknown, on a path that He alone is aware of. We will become instruments of His transforming grace in ways that are completely beyond our natural abilities. Pray for an increase of faith. When our Lord hears your humble prayer, by which you also confess your lack of faith, He will increase that faith, uproot sin and evil, and plant your soul in places in which you become nourished in ways that you could have never imagined possible.

Most glorious Lord, Increase my faith. Give me a pure faith—a faith that enables You to lead me down the unknown path to Your glory. With this gift of faith, please use me to bring forth Your miraculous power by which sin is uprooted and souls are nourished by You alone. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: *MyCatholicLife*

Campaign Life Coalition presents LIFE CHAIN

Sunday – Oct 5, from 2-3pm – Corner of Church and Victoria Street.
Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration.

150th Parish Anniversary Community Meal – Volunteers & Donations Needed!

As part of our parish's monthly celebrations for the 150th Anniversary, we are preparing a **Thanksgiving meal for the needy in our community**, sponsored by **St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul**.

Meal Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at St. Paul's Parish
We invite you to **join us in giving back** by: **Volunteering** to help prepare the meal, **Donating** any of the following items:

Boxes of stuffing mix, Canned cranberry sauce, Cans of apple pie filling, Brown sugar, Butter, Oatmeal, Bottled water

Donation Drop-Off: Containers will be available in the **Church Narthex** during the weekend of **October 18 & 19**.

Questions or to Volunteer: Please contact **Paul Healy** at (705) **818-0060**

Let us come together in gratitude and service to make this Thanksgiving a warm and nourishing one for all.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

September 27 - October 15

The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires are working together to make Thanksgiving a little more blessed for local families! Collection bins are in the Narthex at both churches.

Most Needed: Granola bars, apple sauce & fruit pouches, cookies & snack packs, instant oatmeal, Stove Top stuffing, canned stews & soups, instant potatoes, canned vegetables & fruit to name a few.

The need in our community is greater than ever! Thank you for your generosity!



High School Teens - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 9pm		Grades 6 to 8 - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 8:30pm	
Oct 18	Oktoberfest	Oct 18	Oktoberfest
Oct 20	Life-Teen	Oct 22	Edge Meeting

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.

Oktoberfest Dinner - October 18th

Tickets on sale now at all weekend masses and through the office. Please see the poster in the narthex for more information. Come join us for a fun evening and delicious food.

Thank you for your support to our Youth Ministry.

Thank You for supporting the **Fall Market** last Saturday! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to its success. After covering expenses, all proceeds will go directly towards our Building Fund – We thank you!

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.

Ministry Fair Success!

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'
1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Last weekend, our parish hosted a **Stewardship and Parish Vitality Fair**. On behalf of our pastor, **Father Norberto Eyule**, and all the ministry coordinators, we want to sincerely thank you for sharing your time and talent as a member of our parish community. If you are still thinking about joining one of our ministries, there is still time! For more information, you can contact **Domenic Scuglia** at dscuglia@archtoronto.org or **Darlene Figueroa** at dfigueroa@archtoronto.org.

Finally, we want to extend our thanks to **Samantha**, who owns **Banners by Simma**, for creating the beautiful hand-painted banner for St. Paul and vibrant poster for Immaculate Conception. Please contact her at bannersbysimma@gmail.com if you are interested. Below is the QR code.



Caring for Our Community

The Catholic Women's League invites you to an Information Night on **Thursday, October 16th, 6:45–8:00 p.m., Fr. Bennett Hall**. Learn about the redevelopment of **Simcoe Manor** in Beeton and hear from **S.H.I.F.T.** on supports and services in South Simcoe.

Everyone is welcome.

Weekend Mass Attendance Survey – October 18 and 19 & October 25 and 26

Please note that this year's annual weekend Mass attendance survey for all parish and mission communities will be held on the weekends of **October 18 and 19, 2025** and **October 25 and 26, 2025**.

Cardinal Leo encourages you to reach out to your neighbour in need "We cannot turn away from the suffering around us, especially when so many struggle just to eat. Our Catholic family is called not only to witness God's love but to live it boldly: feed the hungry, restore dignity, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need. As Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 58:10, 'If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.' Together, through these grants and our generous hearts, we bring hope where despair threatens to take hold." Please give generously and wholeheartedly through sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat – October 31 – November 2, 2025, at St. Augustine's Seminary

From: Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations
The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, October 31 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 2 (2 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. We encourage you to promote this event in your parishes, during your announcements as well as including this event in your respective parish bulletins, it would be greatly appreciated. We have also included a poster and ask that you kindly display it on your respective bulletin boards. Thank you in advance for your assistance as we work together to build a culture of vocations.

Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee

For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.



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