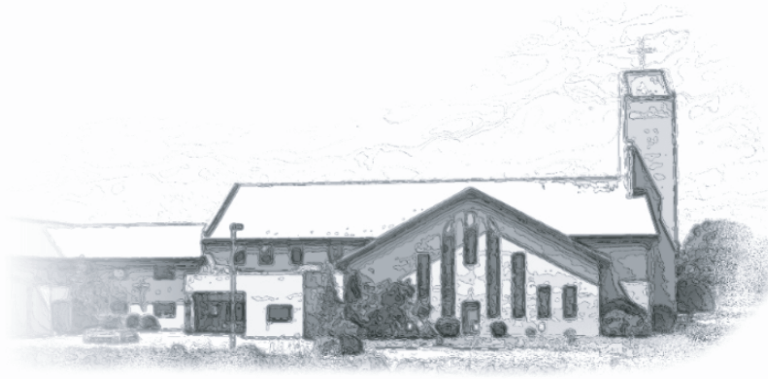


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



"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:

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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Second Sunday of Advent ~ 7 December 2025

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the Prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord,'" *Matthew 3:1a, 2-3b*

First Reading + Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading + Romans 15:4-9

Gospel + Matthew 3:1-12

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 8

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

09:00am+For Our Lady's Intentions

Tuesday, December 9

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+(Multiple Intentions, RIP)

John & Lorraine FISHER, Filomena MARACCO

Antonio MINICOZZI, Dean WILSON,

Wednesday, December 10

8:00am+Paul & Claudette Morrison, Per. Int- S. Stanley

Thursday, December 11

8:00am+Maria Berberick, Per. Int.- M. Berberick

Friday, December 12

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+(Multiple Intentions Mass, RIP)

Luigi CASTALDI, Rheal & Cecil VACHON, Denis LEMAY

Lucien & Jeanne d'Arc LEMAY

Saturday, December 13

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rev John HILMER, RIP – Arch TO

5:00pm+Lou BIFFIS, RIP- M/L Fanelli

Sunday, December 14

9:00am+John ORR, RIP- T/P Ladouceur

10:30am+Jaime DANIEL, RIP-N. Daniel

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this Second Sunday of Advent, the Church gives us a powerful vision through the words of the prophet Isaiah and the voice of John the Baptist. Isaiah proclaims a world transformed—a world where the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and where justice and peace blossom under the Spirit of the Lord. John the Baptist stands in the desert crying out, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." Together, they teach us that Advent is not passive waiting but active readiness—a hope that reshapes our hearts and our community.

This Advent holds special meaning for our parish. We are approaching the close of the Jubilee Year, a year in which the universal Church invited us to rediscover the mercy and tenderness of God. A Jubilee is always a time of release, healing, and new beginnings. As it draws to an end, we are called not to simply close a book, but to open a new chapter with gratitude and renewed purpose.

At the same time, our parish prepares for a blessed milestone: the 150th Anniversary of St. Paul Parish. For a century and a half, countless parishioners, families, pastors, and religious have prayed here, sacrificed here, healed here, and passed on the faith here. They lived the Gospel with generosity and courage. What we inherit today is not just a building, but a legacy of faithfulness—a living testimony that God has been walking with this community from its earliest days.

In this sacred moment, Advent, the Jubilee, and our anniversary converge into a single invitation: renewal.

John the Baptist's call echoes strongly for us:

"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Prepare your hearts.

Prepare your homes.

Prepare our parish community for the grace that God desires to pour out as we cross into our 150th year.

The Scriptures this Sunday remind us that renewal begins with humility. John urges conversion—a turning away from what is empty and a turning toward what gives life. Isaiah reminds us that true peace comes not from human plans but from the Spirit of the Lord resting upon us. And Advent teaches us that Christ comes quietly, gently, patiently—into hearts that make room for Him.

As we light the second candle of the Advent wreath—the candle of Peace—let us recommit ourselves to the mission entrusted to St. Paul Parish: to be a home where Christ is welcomed, worshipped, shared, and lived. Let us honor the generations who have gone before us by building a future that is even more rooted in prayer, generosity, and evangelizing love.

May this Advent be for each of us a time of deep spiritual awakening.

May the closing of the Jubilee Year seal in us the grace of conversion.

And may our journey toward 150 years make us a parish shining with hope for the decades to come.

Come, Lord Jesus. Prepare our hearts. Renew our parish. Guide us into a future filled with Your peace.

*Wishing you and your families a Blessed
Advent Season!*



Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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

***'Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary'***

Novena begins on Nov. 29th

Additional Masses will be celebrated on

Dec 1st and Dec 8th at 9:00am at

Immaculate Conception Church

150th Anniversary Pilgrimage

The 150th Anniversary Committee has organized a pilgrimage to visit shrines in Montreal and Quebec City. This 5-day trip is scheduled for **May 11-15, 2026**.

Registration is now open, but only until **31st January**. For more information, please see the 150th Anniversary bulletin board in the Narthex. Please contact **Paul Healy at (705) 435-4951** or email: pfhealy@yahoo.com.

Attention Offertory Envelope Users

2026 offertory envelopes are now available in the narthex.

- If you cannot find your assigned box, please contact the parish office.
- If you would like a box, you may take one marked "New 2026."
- Each **new box** includes a **registration form**. Please complete the form and return it to the office or place it with your offertory so the office can assign the box to your household.
- Please note - boxes are not assigned automatically.

Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

Special Anniversary Mass – February 14th at 10:30 AM

As part of our parish's 150th anniversary celebrations, we invite all couples marking milestone anniversaries in 2026 – 25 or 50 years (in multiples of 5) to join us for a Special Anniversary Mass on **Saturday, February 14th at 10:30 AM**.

Following the Mass, refreshments/cake will be served in **Fr. Bennett Hall** as we continue the joyful celebration together.

To participate, please call or email the parish office to register your anniversary.

If you would like us to apply for **optional papal blessing** on your behalf, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. We will provide you with full details regarding the application process, including requirements, timelines, and associated costs.

If interested, please contact the office as soon as possible. Applications must be submitted by **December 15th** to ensure the blessing arrives in time for our milestone celebration.

Let us come together in thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and celebrate this historic parish occasion with faith, joy, and community!

Let's show our appreciation by patronizing those who support our parish! Thanks to their generosity, the printing of our Parish Bulletin is provided **free of charge**. Please patronise our advertisers.

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 LIFE TEEN

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Street Patrol

Life Teen will once again be collecting clothing for the Homeless this year. Donations will be accepted now till **December 27th**. (Donation boxes are in the narthex at St Paul's).

Mostly men's wear needed.

Please see posters in the narthex for suggested items required.

Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Drive.

During the month of December, **St. Vincent de Paul** will be having a **Christmas Drive** to raise funds for those less fortunate members in our community. Please donate to our cause by using your green envelope found in your church envelope box or use the grey St. Vincent de Paul envelope found in the narthex or at the back of the church. **Please ensure your cheque is made payable to St. Vincent de Paul and add your name and address as your donation will be recognized with an income tax receipt from St. Vincent de Paul and NOT from the Church.**

We require assistance all year. If you can volunteer a few hours each month to help us out, please contact **Paul Healy** for more information at **(705) 435-4951** or pfhealy@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Volunteers making a difference to a VOLUNTEER-RUN
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The Cemetery Board is looking for volunteer caregivers/Board Members for our cemeteries. We need **2 members each** for St Paul and Immaculate Conception Cemeteries. Volunteers must be available on weekends/weekdays as required, able to do physical labour, attend Board meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please call the office for more information.

The Cemeteries are licenced & regulated by Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO).



Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Confessions: December 23- 6:15-6:45 pm

Wednesday- December 24th

8:00am – Daily Mass

5:00pm, 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm - at St Paul's

Thursday- December 25th

No 8:00 am Mass at St Paul's

9:00 am - at Immaculate Conception

10:30am and 1200 Noon - at St Paul's

Wednesday- December 31st

8:00am – Daily Mass

5:00pm - at St. Paul's

Thursday- January 1st

No 8:00am Mass at St Paul's

9:00am - at Immaculate Conception

10:30am - at St Paul's



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