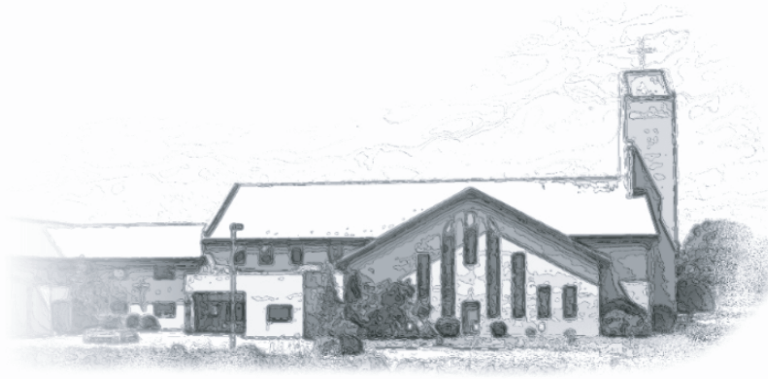


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 14 December 2025

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Matt 11:10-11

First Reading + Isaiah 35:1-6a, -10

Second Reading + James 5:7-10

Gospel + Matthew 11:2-11

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 15

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, December 16

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, RIP)

Kazimir MADYDA, Maribel GUINAND, Chiprien ILIE

Wednesday, December 17

8:00am+Sherrie CRAVEN, RIP- Antao Family

Thursday, December 18

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

Friday, December 19

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

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

Gino GISMONDI, William & Anne Marie BENNETT

Saturday, December 20

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Wayne SQUIRES, RIP- M/M Berberick

5:00pm+John KENNEDY, RIP- M. Kennedy

Sunday, December 21

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+ Lou BIFFIS, RIP-M/L Fanelli

6:00pm+ Mike FABRIZIO, RIP- A/A Prokopich

Saint of the Week:

Never was a whimpering bit of humanity so powerful that, while lying on His bed of straw, He could command the very stars to direct whom He wished to visit Him. Never a child so wise or so rich as this little Infant who was full of grace and incarnate truth. - *St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day December 21*

From the desk of Father Norberto

This weekend, as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, the Church invites us to pause and take a breath of joy. Gaudete Sunday, marked by the lighting of the rose candle, reminds us that even in the quiet waiting of Advent, God's light is already breaking through. We are not simply waiting for Christ to come. He is already among us, working, healing, guiding, and renewing our hearts.

This spirit of joy takes on special meaning for us as a parish community. We are drawing closer to the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our parish and the closing of our Jubilee Year, a time dedicated to remembering God's faithfulness and rediscovering our mission. For 150 years, this parish has been a spiritual home for families, newcomers, children, elders, and generations who have prayed, served, and grown together in faith. The history of our parish is a tapestry woven with sacrifice, devotion, and grace.

Gaudete Sunday gives us the perfect lens through which to look at this moment in our parish life: joy rooted in God's presence. Joy is not the same as simple happiness. It is deeper, steadier, and more enduring. Christian joy comes from knowing that God is with us in every season - both the seasons of flourishing and the seasons of challenge. As the prophet Isaiah proclaims, *“Shout for joy... for the Lord is in your midst.”* This is the joy we claim today.

As we continue toward Christmas and our anniversary celebration, let us reflect on the kind of joy we are called to live and share. First, *Joyful Gratitude*. We give thanks for the countless blessings God has poured into our parish over the past 150 years. Every sacrament celebrated here, every ministry that has served the poor, every hour spent in prayer or worship, these are moments filled with the grace of God. Gratitude opens our eyes to the quiet but powerful ways God continues to care for us today. Second, *Joy that Sends Us on Mission*. Our Jubilee Year has reminded us that we are not only receivers of God's blessings. We are also called to be instruments of His love. As we rejoice, may we also ask: How are we being called to serve? To welcome? To evangelize? Joy becomes complete when it is shared, especially with those who feel forgotten or burdened. And third, *Joy that Looks to the Future with Hope*. An anniversary is not only a celebration of the past; it is an invitation to dream about the future. The same Holy Spirit who inspired those who built this parish is guiding us now. What new possibilities is God opening for our community? What new ministries, friendships, or acts of service are waiting to blossom?

As we continue our Advent journey, may we embrace the joy of Gaudete Sunday with open hearts. Let this joy renew our faith, strengthen our unity, and prepare us for a Christmas filled with grace. May it also inspire us to step confidently into the next chapter of our parish's life.

Rejoice! The Lord is near, and He remains faithful to His people.

Father Norberto A Eyule
Pastor



Serra's Vocation Seeds

Third Sunday of Advent- December 14, 2025

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



Street Patrol

Life Teen are once again collecting clothing for the Homeless this year. Donations will be accepted **until Dec. 28**. (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.

Warm Up Wednesdays – Volunteers Needed!

As part of our commitment to giving back to the community, we are excited to announce the launch of a **Soup Kitchen**. This will be a trial run over the next couple of months.

We are looking for caring and enthusiastic volunteers to help make this project a success! Whether it's serving meals, preparing food, or lending a hand with organization, your support will make a real difference.

To volunteer, please contact: **Anne Newman- 705-435-5977** or **Theresa Pappas – 647-625-0937**

Together, we can spread warmth, kindness, and nourishment to those who need it most. All volunteers must complete a screening process before beginning their service.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year- (From Archdiocese of Toronto - Year of Jubilee Committee)

We wish to extend a warm invitation to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with **Cardinal Leo** for the **Closing Mass** for the **Year of Jubilee** on **Sunday, December 28, 2025**, at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5 p.m.** The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available with numerous priests present from **3:30 to 4:45 p.m.** All are most welcome.

Local pilgrimage churches will also observe the closing of the Jubilee Year at one of their Sunday Masses that day.

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 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!



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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