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ADVENT



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 21 DECEMBER 2025

An Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." *Matt 1:20-21*

First Reading + Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading + Romans 1: 1-7
Gospel + Matthew 1: 18-24

Mass  for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 22

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 23

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+(Multiple Intentions, Per. Int.)

Gavin Tan and Family, O'Reilly Family

Wednesday, December 24

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

5:00pm+For the People of the Parish

7:30pm+ For the People of the Parish

9:30pm+ For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 25- Christmas Day

8:00am+No Morning MASS

9:00am-Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

9:00am+For the People of the Parish

10:30am+ For the People of the Parish

12:00Noon+ For the People of the Parish

Friday, December 26

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

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

Alex & Sarah Bruce, Colleen Johnston

Saturday, December 27

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+O'Reilly Family, Per.Int.- T. O'Reilly

5:00pm+Kasimir MADYDA, RIP – T. Madyda

Sunday December 28

9:00am+Carolyn MURRAY, RIP-P. Murray

10:30am+Norma LADOUCEUR, RIP-T/P Ladouceur

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

Not in a servant did He dwell, but in His holy tabernacle not made with hands, which is Mary the Mother of God. - *St. Pope Dionysius (d. 268), Pope, Feast Day December 26*

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather on this blessed Fourth Sunday of Advent and joyfully step into the celebration of Christmas, our hearts are filled with gratitude, hope, and deep reverence. These sacred days meet at a beautiful crossroads: the quiet, expectant waiting of Advent embraces the radiant joy of Christmas; the closing of our Jubilee Year opens our eyes to grace received; and our journey toward the 150th anniversary of our parish reminds us that God has been faithfully walking with His people across generations.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Church places before us Mary - humble, trusting, and courageous. Her "yes" to God was not loud or dramatic, but total and sincere. In her womb, hope took flesh. In her faith, God found a dwelling place. As Christmas dawns, we are reminded that God does not enter the world through power or spectacle, but through love, vulnerability, and presence. Emmanuel - God with us - is born in the simplicity of a manger, inviting us to welcome Him into the ordinary spaces of our lives.

This celebration is especially meaningful as we come to the closing of our Jubilee Year. A Jubilee is always a time of remembering, returning, and rejoicing. We remember the countless blessings God has poured upon our parish: the sacraments celebrated, the lives baptized into Christ, the tears comforted, the faith passed on from one generation to the next. We return to the heart of the Gospel, renewed in mercy, reconciliation, and mission. And we rejoice - not because we are perfect, but because God has been faithful.

As we close this Jubilee Year, we do not close a chapter of grace; rather, we are sent forth renewed. The Jubilee has reminded us that the Church is not merely a building or an institution. It is a living community of believers called to reflect Christ to the world. The mercy we have received is now meant to be shared. The hope rekindled within us is meant to shine in homes, workplaces, schools, and streets.

At the same time, we joyfully look forward to the 150th anniversary of our parish. One hundred and fifty years of faith is a remarkable gift. It speaks of ancestors who dreamed, sacrificed, prayed, and built - not only walls and altars, but a community rooted in Christ. Their faith is now entrusted to us. The question before us is not only how we will celebrate our history, but how we will shape the future.

Christmas gives us the answer. God begins anew not with grand plans, but with a child. Renewals always begin small: in hearts softened by grace, in families choosing love, in parishioners offering their time, talents, and compassion. As we prepare for our anniversary, let us recommit ourselves to being a welcoming, missionary, and hope-filled parish—one that listens, serves, and walks together in faith.

Dear friends, Advent teaches us how to wait; Christmas teaches us how to receive. The Jubilee teaches us how to give thanks; our anniversary journey teaches us how to move forward. All of these finds meaning in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who dwells among us still.

May this holy season fill your homes with peace, your hearts with joy, and your lives with renewed faith. May the Christ born in Bethlehem be born anew in our parish community, guiding us as we close this Jubilee Year and walk together toward our 150th celebration—with gratitude for the past, courage in the present, and hope for the future.

A blessed Fourth Sunday of Advent and a truly joyful Christmas to you and your families.

With prayers and gratitude,
Fr. Norberto A. Eyule



Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 21, 2025

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? 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

Thank you from - Knights of Columbus Council 9352

To the children of the parish of St. Paul's and Immaculate Conception Churches who were able to attend our Children's Christmas Party, **Thank You**. Having you at our little party made the day so wonderful. To all the Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles, I hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did. To Father Norberto and the Parish office staff, thank you for all your help leading up to and on the day of the party. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council and their families for their amazing support of this event.
John Blacklaws



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

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Celebrates 150 Years

Join us for a:



Party
In

**Fr. Bennett Hall
Thursday January 29, 2026
Doors open at 6:30 pm**

Games will be played from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Players will move from table to table as the games unfold.
A general knowledge of the rules of the game would be beneficial.
There will be prizes and light refreshments.

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. **Applications can be submitted only three months from the anniversary date.**

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

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**.

UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before the **2025 tax receipts** are issued, we kindly ask all parishioners to **update their contact information**. Please ensure your name and current address are clearly written on the envelope. This will allow us to prepare and issue your tax receipt accurately and without delay. **The tax receipts will be mailed out to the address on file.**

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



CHRISTMAS HOURS:

**Office will be CLOSED from
December 24 - 12:00noon to January 1, 2026**



to you and your families!!



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.
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