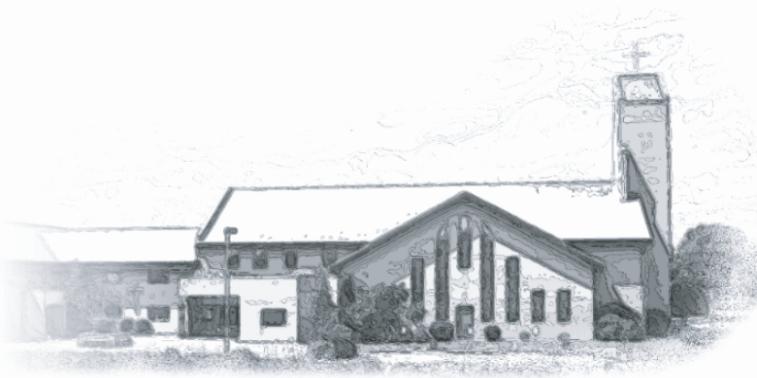


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



“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

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.

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.

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians should be registered parishioners and attend Baptism preparation class along with godparents. (Registration package available from church office).

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.

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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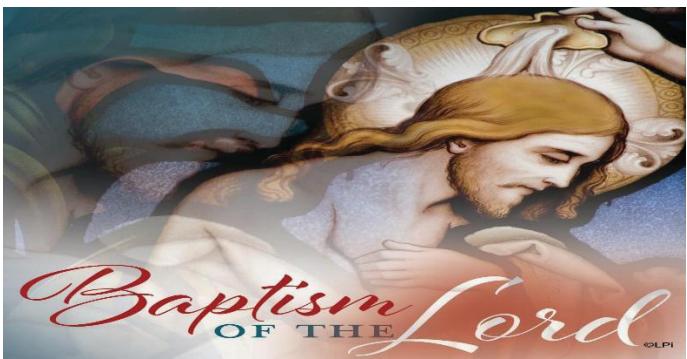
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Baptism of the Lord ~ 11th January 2026

First Reading + Isaiah 42:1-4
Second Reading + Acts 10:34-38
Gospel + Mt 3:13-17

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, January 12

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 13

10:30am-Mass at Good Samaritan

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Connie Orr, Per. Int. – P/C Morrison

Wednesday, January 14

8:00am+Rebecca Casaleno, Per. Int-M/M Berberick

Thursday, January 15

8:00am+Bolek & Lucia Bozek, Pers Int – M/M Berberick

Friday, January 16

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+ (Multiple Intentions Masses - Per. Int.)

Linda Beckstead, Michael & Maria Berberick,

Tim O'Reilly

Saturday, January 17

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Souls in Purgatory – T. O'Reilly

5:00pm+Connie Orr, Per. Int.- C. Orr

Sunday, January 18

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

10:30am+John Orr, RIP – C. Orr

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

An Indelible Spiritual Mark

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. [*Matthew 3:13-15*](#)

John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets, entrusted with the mission to immediately prepare the way for the Messiah. Today's feast marks a pivotal transition from the Old Law to the New. Prior to Jesus' baptism, John's mission was in full motion. With Jesus' baptism, the mission of the Old Testament prophets is fulfilled, and the New Law of grace begins.

Why did Jesus enter the waters of baptism? He was sinless and had no need of repentance. Yet, in His divine wisdom, Jesus chose to be baptized to sanctify the waters, opening the gateway of grace for all who would follow. By entering the waters of baptism, Jesus set a precedent. Every Christian who enters the waters of baptism meets our Lord there, sharing in His life of grace.

As we reflect on Christ's baptism today, we are invited to consider our own. Most of us were baptized as infants and have no memory of the event. Others came to baptism later in life, fully aware of the grace they were receiving. Regardless of when it occurred, baptism's effects are profound and enduring. That singular moment of sanctification forever changed us, and its transformative power remains active within us.

Through baptism, Jesus meets us under the waters. When baptism is performed by full immersion, it powerfully symbolizes the reality of this encounter. We enter the waters of repentance, as John offered, but we emerge united with Christ. Just as the Father's voice declared at Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved Son....," so too does the Father continually speak to us after our baptism, affirming our identity as His beloved children. The Holy Spirit descends upon us, and we are offered every gift of the Spirit, provided our hearts remain open.

Baptism occurs only once in our lives and imprints on our souls an "indelible spiritual mark (character)" (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1272 and 1274). This mark configures us to Christ and signifies our permanent belonging to Him and His Church. It cannot be lost or removed, even by mortal sin. However, while this character endures forever, the state of sanctifying grace within our souls can be lost through mortal sin. In such cases, the grace of baptism is restored through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which our souls are once again cleansed and brought back into full communion with God. Marked as members of Christ's Body, we are continually disposed to receive sanctifying grace through the other sacraments, as long as we remain in a state of grace. Baptism accomplishes this disposition, enabling us to participate fully in the life of grace that flows from Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, reflect today on your own baptism. You are forever marked as a child of God. You encountered our Lord under the waters of baptism, were cleansed of all sin, and were filled with sanctifying grace. Though sin diminishes or even extinguishes that grace when it is mortal, the Sacrament of Reconciliation restores it, and the Eucharist and other sacraments increase it. Always return to your baptismal grace, seeking to live out your identity as God's son or daughter, as this sacred mark intends.

My sanctifying Lord, through the waters of baptism, I encountered You and received the abundant grace You bestowed upon me. Please help me to keep my soul free from sin and to live with the true dignity of a child of God. Thank You for meeting me under those waters. May I remain with You, growing ever closer to You by the ongoing gift of all the Sacraments. Jesus, I trust in You.
Source:MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, "What can get through from such snares?" Then I heard a voice saying to me, 'Humility.'"

- St. Anthony of Egypt (251-356), Desert Father, Feast Day January 17



Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'

The Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2026

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Muffin Sunday

Start the new year on a warm and welcoming note by joining us for the first **2026 Knights of Columbus Muffin Sunday** in Fr Bennett Hall following the 10:30am mass on **January 18**.

Enjoy our selection of fresh-baked muffins along with tea, coffee, juice, and also hot chocolate. It is a great opportunity to meet, mingle, and reconnect with fellow parishioners. Donations to help defray the costs and assist in parish projects are gratefully appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Street Patrol Update

Due to the Barrie snowstorm, we had to reschedule our activity to Sunday, January 4. Thanks to the tremendous support of our parish community, we had three pickup trucks along with several additional vehicles filled with clothing, food, and essential supplies.

We prepared sandwiches and provided fruit, drinks, warm clothing, and gift cards. 13 of our teens and 7 adults, volunteered their time and assisted at these locations. Throughout the day, we met many wonderful individuals who were very grateful for our assistance shared their stories with us. Many blessings were received by all, and the experience touched everyone involved.

We served approximately 75 people on the street, with additional support provided through local shelters. All remaining items are now being distributed to organizations both locally and in Barrie to ensure nothing goes to waste. We are also grateful to St. Mary's Church, who welcomed us with Mass, warmth, and pizza shared with their youth group. Thank you sincerely for your generosity, assistance, and prayers. Your support made this outreach possible and meaningful for many.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Celebrates 150 Years

Join us for



Party in

Fr. Bennett Hall on Thursday January 29, 2026
Doors open at 6:30 pm, Games 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 14 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. Please note - **applications can only be submitted 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!

Pilgrimage to Montreal & Quebec City

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 **January 31st**. 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, but only if requested for.

Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

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.**



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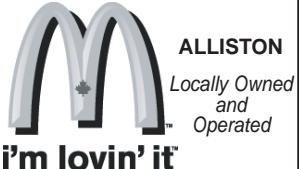
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