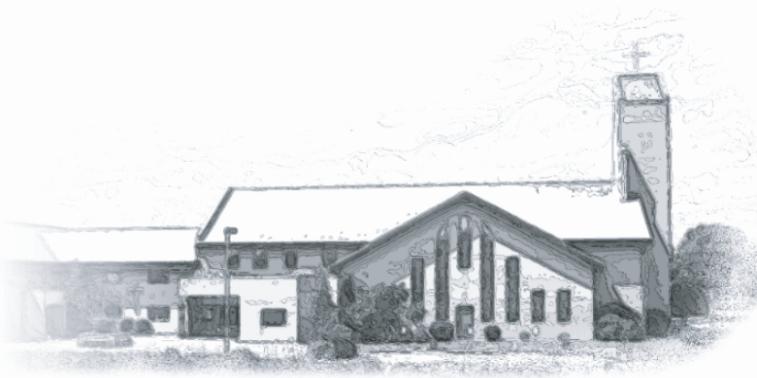


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



“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

St. Paul the Apostle

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 18 January 2026

"And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and remain on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'" *John 1:32-34*

First Reading + Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel + John 1:29-34

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, January 19

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 20

5:20pm+ Marian Cenacle
6:00pm+ HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+ Bolek & Lucia Bozek, Per. Int.-M/M Berberick

Wednesday, January 21

8:00am+ Bolek & Lucia Bozek, Per. Int.-M/M Berberick

Thursday, January 22

8:00am+ Paul & Claudette Morrison, Pers Int

Friday, January 23

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+ Charle O'REILLY, RIP- T. O'Reilly

Saturday, January 24

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+ Bolek & Lucia Bozek, Per. Int.-M/M Berberick

5:00pm+ John ORR, RIP – P/C Morrison

Sunday, January 25

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

10:30am+ Allison Lee, Per. Int. – C. Orr

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week

The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

- *Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Bishop & Doctor, Feast Day January 24*

The New Paschal Lamb

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" [John 1:29-30](#)

Central to the Jewish faith was the Feast of Passover, the commemoration of God's deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12). In Jesus' time, Passover was one of three major annual feasts during which the Jews made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. Additionally, the Feast of Weeks celebrated the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the first fruits of the harvest ([Leviticus 23:15-22](#)), and the Feast of Tabernacles recalled the Israelites' wandering in the desert and celebrated God's providence ([Leviticus 23:33-43](#)).

Recall the first Passover meal. Moses instructed the people to sacrifice an unblemished lamb, mark the doorposts of their homes with its blood, and eat the lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs in haste, ready to depart. This act of faith and obedience protected them from the angel of death who passed over the marked houses, sparing the firstborn of Israel, while striking down the firstborn of Egypt. The Passover thus became a perpetual memorial of God's saving power and His covenantal faithfulness to His people. Because of the Passover, the idea of a sacrificial lamb was intimately familiar to the Jewish people. The Jews were also familiar with the prophecy in Isaiah 53—often referred to as the Suffering Servant—in which the servant of the Lord is described as "a lamb led to the slaughter," who bears the sins of many ([Isaiah 53:7, 10-12](#)). Additionally, each morning and evening, a lamb was sacrificed in the temple as a continual offering for sin ([Exodus 29:38-42](#)).

As Jesus began His public ministry, the first thing said of Him came from John the Baptist: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." His words would have resonated within the minds and hearts of John's disciples. His disciples believed that John was a great prophet and the forerunner of the Messiah, sent to prepare the way for the Lord. They saw him as a holy man who called for repentance and renewal, and some even wondered if he himself might be the Christ, though John consistently denied this.

Because John's ministry was one of preparation for the Messiah, his disciples would have anticipated the Messiah's imminent arrival. Imagine the excitement, surprise, questions, uncertainty, and hope that would have filled their minds and hearts as they listened to John's prophecy about Jesus. John continued, "He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

Though John's proclamation about Jesus took on a powerful significance for his disciples that first moment that he revealed Jesus as the Lamb of God, John's words must resonate within each of us today. Now that the Christmas Season is complete and we enter into Ordinary Time, we are invited to embrace Jesus' public ministry, with all His teachings and Paschal Sacrifice, as something extraordinary in our lives. We must approach His ministry with the same hope, enthusiasm, excitement, and anticipation that John's disciples experienced.

Reflect today on the moment when John the Baptist's disciples heard him proclaim, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Like them, strive to see Jesus with new eyes and hopeful anticipation as we begin Ordinary Time. This liturgical season marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and it must also be a renewed beginning of His works in your life. Follow Him without reserve, allowing Him to take away your sins and share in His life and love.

Most holy Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, I choose to follow You, for You are the Messiah, the Son of God. As we enter into Ordinary Time, please give me the grace to embrace Your public ministry in an extraordinary way. May Your working in my life begin anew, transforming me and leading me to the freedom won by Your Paschal Sacrifice. Jesus, I trust in You.
Source: MyCatholicLife

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.

A Celebration of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John A. Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place **at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream Mass](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Slow Cooker Club

Are you 55+ and interested in learning new skills? Join Catholic Family Services Counselling and Wellbeing for a **FREE 6-week** cooking program at **St Paul the Apostle Parish**! You'll meet people from your parish community and learn how to make 6 different slow cooker meals. You will also receive a 2 qt slow cooker for you to keep, the ingredients for each recipe to take home, instructions on how to make the meal, and a free lunch to enjoy with your new friends. The program includes education on nutrition, shopping, budgeting and more. Slow Cooker Club will run from **10AM until 2PM on Tuesdays**, starting **February 10th until March 24th** (there will be a week off for Shrove Tuesday). Come and join us and let's get cooking!

If interested, please contact the office by **February 3**. You can call 705-435-6325 ext. 21 or email stpaultheapostle@archtoronto.org. For more information, contact jwickens@cfssc.ca.



Thank you

St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank parishioners for their generous donations during our December Christmas drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to deliver \$15,000.00 in Walmart & Giant Tiger gift cards to over 70 families and single individuals. You definitely assisted in improving the Christmas spirit for these local individuals.

Receipts are mailed directly from St. Vincent de Paul. When donating, please make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

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!

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March 7-8, 2026

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Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood?

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Contact us NOW: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 or 416-554-7062

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Weekend Information and Application Form: [Click here](#)



Ushers Needed for Weekend Masses

As our parish family continues to grow, we are looking for additional Ushers to serve at all weekend Masses. This ministry plays a vital role in ensuring that everyone who enters our church is welcomed with warmth, kindness, and support.

We invite parishioners who are **18 years of age or older** and who **attend Mass regularly** to consider joining this important ministry. If you can offer a friendly smile, extend a warm greeting, and assist fellow parishioners as needed, your presence would be a true blessing to our community.

If interested in volunteering, please contact **Ed Rooney** at rooneye34@gmail.com or **416-579-0859**. All volunteers will be screened in accordance with directives from the **Archdiocese of Toronto**.

Thank you for your willingness to help create a safe, welcoming, and faith-filled parish environment.

Save the date.....

August 30th, 2026

Conclusion of 150th anniversary of St Paul's Church. The 10:30am Mass will be celebrated by :-

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Leo.

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