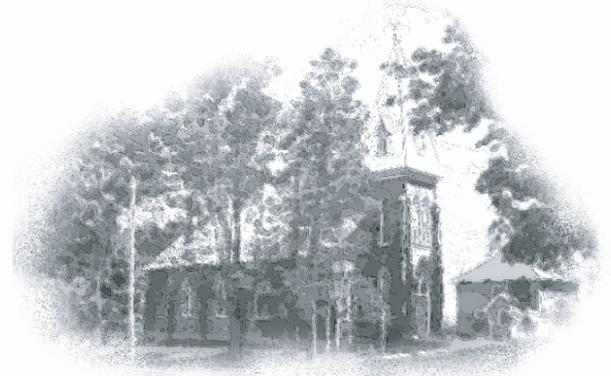
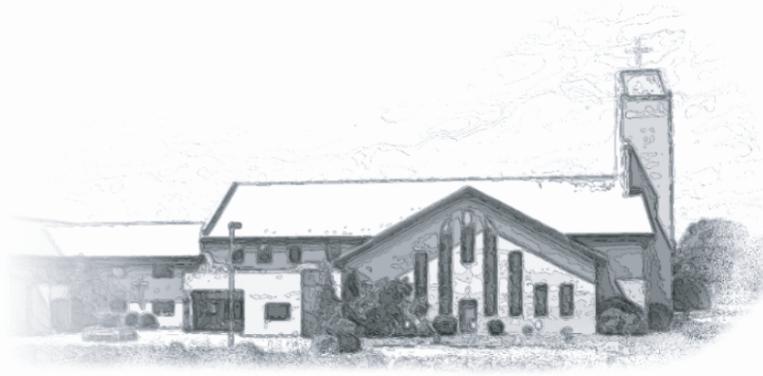


# St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



*“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](http://stpaultheapostleal.archtoronto.org)**

## **St. Paul the Apostle**

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 15 February 2026

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you: Do not swear at all. Let your word be ‘Yes,’ if ‘Yes,’ or ‘No,’ if ‘No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

*Mt 5:33-34a, 37*

**First Reading + Sirach 15:15-20**  
**Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**  
**Gospel + Matthew 5:17-37**

### Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday, February 16**  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, February 17**  
5:20pm+Marian Cenacle  
6:00pm+ HOLY HOUR

**\*\*5:30pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS\*\***

7:00pm+ (Multiple Intention Mass-Per. Int.)

Helen Cyr, Catherine Rusiecki, John Paul Rusiecki,  
Rev. Stan Witzczak

**Wednesday, February 18(Ash Wednesday)**

8:00am+Michael Berberick, Per. Int.-M. Berberick  
7:00pm+SOULS IN PURGATORY- T. O'Reilly

**Thursday, February 19**

8:00am+John & Anu Antao, Per. Int.- M/M Berberick

**Friday, February 20**

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12 :10pm+(Multiple Intention Mass-Per. Int.)

Andy & Anna Prokopich, John & Rosemary Farrugia,

**7:00pm- Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's**

**Saturday, February 21**

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+ Bob POLICH, RIP – M/M Berberick

5:00pm+Maurice Keogh, RIP

**Sunday, February 22**

9:00am+Michael O'REILLY, RIP – T. O'Reilly

10:30am+Lila O'REILLY, RIP-T. O'Reilly

6:00pm+ For the People of the Parish

### **The Law and the Prophets**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.” [Matthew 5:17-18](#)

For many, the Old Testament can be confusing, filled with laws, rituals, and prophecies that seem difficult to connect with the New Testament. Yet, Jesus' words remind us that the Old Testament is not merely a relic of the past but an essential part of God's divine plan. Furthermore, every law, prophecy, and detail, down to “the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter,” finds its deepest meaning and completion in Christ.

In a simplified way, the “Law and the Prophets” in the Old Testament can be summarized as moral laws, ceremonial laws, and prophetic teaching. The moral laws reflect God's eternal truths of right and wrong, the ceremonial laws govern Israel's worship and rituals, and the prophetic teaching calls the people to repentance, pointing to the coming Messiah. Together, these form the foundation of the Old Covenant, which is fulfilled in Christ, Who established the New and Eternal Covenant. Additionally, the Psalms and Wisdom literature enrich the Law and the Prophets, offering inspired prayers, meditations on God's faithfulness, and practical guidance for virtuous living.

Though it might be an arduous task to read through the entire Old Testament, those who do so with understanding discover the truth that everything finds its fulfillment in Christ. “Fulfillment” does not mean that Jesus altered or discarded the Old Testament; rather, He revealed its true and hidden meaning, bringing it to perfection. What the Old Testament could only foreshadow, Jesus accomplished, achieving the fullness of God's plan.

By analogy, consider an artist's sketch that depicts a beautiful mountain range and sunset. The Old Testament is like that sketch—it provides the framework, details, and foreshadowing of something greater. In Christ, the sketch is brought to life, becoming reality through God's creative act. While the sketch and the actual mountain range are the same scene, the reality is the perfect and complete expression of what the sketch anticipated. God, as the Divine Artist, first “sketched” what would come to be through the Law, Prophets, and Wisdom literature, and then brought it to fulfillment through Jesus' Incarnation, Life, Death, and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, after declaring that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, Jesus provided three examples of how He brings the Old Testament moral law to its fulfillment. The commandment “You shall not kill” is deepened to include the interior sin of anger; “You shall not commit adultery” is expanded to include lust in the heart; and “Do not take a false oath” is elevated to a call for sincerity, honesty, and integrity in all one says and does. The Messiah then pours forth His grace, enabling the faithful to live in accord with this high calling.

Though not included in today's Gospel, Jesus also brings the ceremonial laws to fulfillment by becoming the Lamb of God, offering Himself as the definitive High Priest on the new altar of the Cross. Furthermore, our Lord fulfills the prophets by establishing the New Covenant in His blood, as seen in Isaiah's vision of the Suffering Servant Who bears the sins of many (Isaiah 53), Jeremiah's promise of the new covenant written on hearts ([Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)), and Micah's prophecy of a ruler born in Bethlehem ([Micah 5:2](#)).

Reflect today on God's Eternal Law, established before the foundation of the world and brought to fulfillment in Christ. The human life of the Son of God is the center of time and eternity. Everything converges on Him, and new life flows from Him. Just as our Lord fulfills the Old Testament, He also is the only source of true fulfillment in our lives. Ponder His mission and renew your choice to accept His New Covenant, written on your heart by grace. Doing so is an exercise in Divine Wisdom, giving you a share in the new life of grace, made possible by His blood.

*Glorious Lawgiver and Messiah, Your Wisdom is perfect, eternal, and transforming. All things came to be through You and find their fulfillment in You. I thank You for the gift of Your Eternal Law and pray for the grace to live it to perfection, with the aid of Your saving grace. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife*

### **Saint of the Week:**

Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth.

- St. Peter Damian (1007-1072), Bishop, Feast Day February 21

*Happy Family Day to you and  
your families*



**Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

**Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

† **Please note that on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics are obliged to observe fasting and abstinence from meat.** The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. One way to fast would be to have one larger meal and two light meals. On Fridays especially during Lent, Catholics are also obliged to do something penitential. They can fast from meat or pray the Stations of the Cross or do charitable works or alms giving

**Confessions – Feb 17, from  
5:30pm-6:45pm at St. Paul's**

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**Ash Wednesday Masses**

**Feb 18 at St. Paul's  
8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.**

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**The Stations of the Cross** During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross every **Friday at 7:00p.m.** from February 20<sup>th</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**CWL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

The Mary Matthews Public Speaking competition sponsored by the C.W.L. will take place in the parish hall on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. ALL parishioners are welcome to come and support these young people from St. Paul's, Holy Family and St. Cecilia schools as they deliver their prepared speeches in front of an audience.

**Parish Lenten Mission**

**March 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>  
From 7-9 pm  
By  
Murray Watson**

***Save the date.....***

**August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Conclusion of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Paul's Church. The 10:30am Mass will be celebrated by **His Eminence Francis Cardinal Leo.**

More information to follow....

**COLDEST NIGHT of the YEAR- FEB. 28th**

The coldest night of the year is a winterrific family-friendly walk of 5 km to raise money for S.H.I.F.T., our local shelter, which serves people experiencing hunger and homelessness in our community. Members of the C.W.L. have once again entered a team into the walk.

Would you like to join the team in walking? There is no cost to sign up. Call or email Martha Whelton (the Team Captain) at 705-435-0991 or [me.whelton@sympatico.ca](mailto:me.whelton@sympatico.ca).

Prefer to donate? Donations may be made online by googling: Coldest Night of the Year 2026, click on donate, and enter the team's name (St. Paul's CWL). Then click on the arrow after the team's name, the names of Martha Whelton and Beatriz Baumfeld will be displayed. Click on donate to team. A printed tax receipt will be sent to your email address. Sometimes people write a short message to encourage the team.

Thank you very much for your donation to the CWL Team's efforts.

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR 2026 ORDINANDI**

A **Spiritual Bouquet** is a beautiful offering of prayers—Masses, Communion, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adorations, Sacrifices, Novenas, and other devotions—made for a particular intention. This year, we invite you to offer these prayers for the seminarians of St. Augustine's Seminary who will be ordained to the priesthood and make their vows in 2026. These offerings are **not monetary gifts**. They are the heartfelt prayers and devotions you personally undertake—such as attending Mass or praying the Rosary—and lovingly offer for this intention. Though the seminarians cannot hold this gift in their hands, they carry it deeply in their hearts and minds. We encourage you to participate by offering as many Masses, Communion, Rosaries, and other prayers as you are able. Any Mass or devotion you attend during the week or on Sunday may be offered for this intention, even alongside your other personal intentions. The Ordinandi consistently express how meaningful this Spiritual Bouquet is to them. They look forward to receiving it each year, grateful and strengthened by the knowledge that they are being held in prayer as they prepare to serve the Lord in their new vocation. **Sign-up sheets are posted at the back of the church.** Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of these soon-to-be ordained priests and seminarians.

**2025 Parish Tax Receipts** are being processed. You will receive them by mail at the address in our system, by Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive them by end of February, please contact the office.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Important Reminder - Offertory Envelopes**

Please do **not** use envelopes from previous years. If you cannot locate your assigned envelope box, contact the office for assistance.

If you pick up a new box, complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the office so the box can be properly assigned to your household. This process must be done manually in our system and is **not** automatic.

Using mixed or incorrect envelope numbers creates confusion and may cause concern about whether donations are being correctly credited to your account.

Your cooperation in helping us keep our records accurate and organized is sincerely appreciated.

**Pastoral Council Nominations- 2026-2028 term**

For February and March, we will have nominations for Pastoral Council members for the 2026-2028 term. Elections will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The nomination forms are placed in the narthex. You may nominate yourself or and of your fellow parishioners.

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