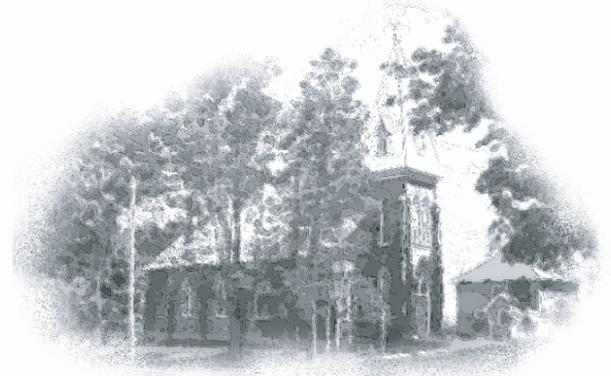
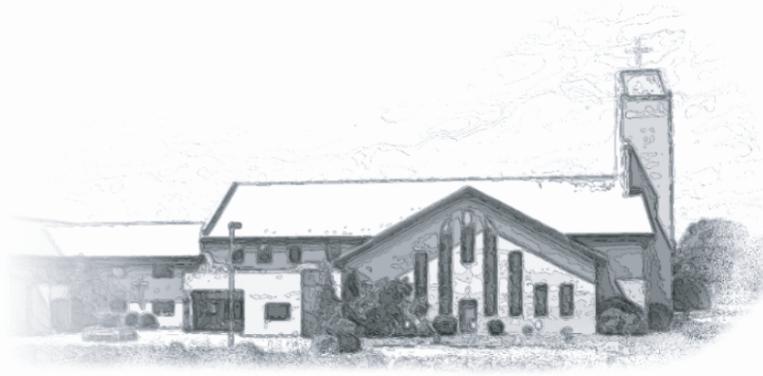


# St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



*“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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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 22 February 2026**

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you Satan!” *Matthew 4:8-10a*

**First Reading + Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7**  
**Second Reading + Romans 5.12-19**  
**Gospel + Matthew 4.1-11**

**Mass  for the Intentions  Week**

**Monday, February 23**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, February 24**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**\*\*5:20pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS\*\***

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

Elisa, Daniela & Marcus Zarpellon, Paul & Fatima Healy, Christina Webber, Don & Grace Lim, Marciso & Marlou Liwag

**Wednesday, February 25**

8:00am+Jan Mastelaz, Per. Int.-M/M. Berberick

**Thursday, February 26**

8:00am+Jerome Lennon, Per. Int.- N. Lennon

**Friday, February 27**

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

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

Michele & Kevin McGuire, Tim & Pattie Ladouceur, Tim & Lorena Adams

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

**Saturday, February 28**

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+ Anu, John & Amice Antao, Per. Int.

5:00pm+For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 1**

9:00am+O’Reilly Family, Per. Int. – T. O’Reilly

10:30am+ Angela & Giovanni STEA, RIP-N/T Novielli

6:00pm+ Emmanuel LEGACE, RIP- M. Legace

*From the desk of Father Norberto*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, the Church invites us into a grace-filled journey—a journey of reflection, renewal, and return to the heart of God. Lent is not merely a time on the calendar; it is a spiritual pilgrimage of forty days in which we walk more closely with the Lord, preparing our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Too often, we may think of Lent only in terms of giving something up. While sacrifice is certainly part of the season, Lent is much more than external practices. It is about conversion of heart. It is about allowing God to reshape our priorities, heal our wounds, and deepen our relationship with Him.

The Church gives us three pillars to guide our Lenten journey: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are not separate practices but interconnected paths leading us closer to God and to one another.

First, **PRAYER**. Lent is an invitation to deepen our conversation with God. In the busyness of life, prayer can easily become rushed or neglected. This season encourages us to slow down and create sacred space each day to listen to the Lord. Perhaps it means attending daily Mass when possible, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Stations of the Cross, or simply setting aside quiet moments at home with Scripture. Prayer strengthens our relationship with God and reminds us that we are never alone in our struggles. When we pray, our hearts become more attentive to His voice and more sensitive to His will.

Second, **FASTING**. Fasting is not just about food; it is about freedom. When we fast, we learn self-discipline and detach ourselves from things that may control us. We create room in our hearts for God. Fasting teaches us that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the Lord. It can also include fasting from harmful habits - negative speech, impatience, excessive use of technology, or anything that distracts us from love. Through fasting, we become more aware of our dependence on God and more compassionate toward those who lack basic necessities.

Third, **ALMSGIVING**. Love of God naturally flows into love of neighbor. Almsgiving calls us to share our time, talent, and treasure with those in need. It challenges us to move beyond comfort and convenience. This may mean supporting charitable works, volunteering in the parish, visiting the sick, or reaching out to someone who feels forgotten. Generosity opens our hearts and reflects the mercy God continually shows us. In giving, we discover that we receive far more than we offer.

Dear parish family, Lent is a gift. It is a time to examine our lives honestly. Are there areas where we need healing? Are there relationships that need reconciliation? Is there a call from God that we have been postponing? The Lord does not ask for perfection; He asks for openness. Even small steps taken with sincerity can lead to profound transformation.

Let us not waste this holy season. Let us embrace it with courage and hope. The ashes we receive remind us of our human frailty, but they also mark us as people who trust in God’s mercy. The cross before us is not a sign of defeat but of love that leads to resurrection.

May this Lent be a time of grace for each of us and for our entire parish community. Together, let us pray more deeply, fast more intentionally, and give more generously. If we walk this journey faithfully, we will arrive at Easter renewed in faith, strengthened in hope, and overflowing with love. May the Lord bless you and your families as we begin this sacred season.

In Christ,  
Fr. Norbert

**Saint of the Week:**

“Now may the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the eternal high priest himself, the Son of God Jesus Christ, build you up in faith and truth and in all gentleness and in all freedom from anger and forbearance and steadfastness and patient endurance and purity.”

*St. Polycarp (75-156), Bishop Martyr, Feast Day Feb. 23*



**Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'**  
**First Sunday of Lent- February 22, 2026**

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him 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.vocationtoronto.ca**

† **Please note that on 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

**The Stations of the Cross**

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

**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.

**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

**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 19th. The nomination forms are placed in the narthex. You may nominate yourself or and of your fellow parishioners.

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR 2026 ORDINANDI**

A **Spiritual Bouquet** is a beautiful offering of prayers—Masses, Communions, 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, Communions, 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.

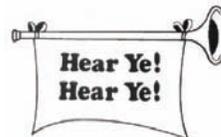
**Important Reminder - Offertory Envelopes**

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.



**Our Parishes of St. Paul & Immaculate Conception**

are looking for Lay Readers. If anyone is interested in either the Saturday or Sunday masses, please call the office or contact Mike Crowley @ 705-220-1309.

Please note - all volunteers will be screened per directives from the archdiocese of Toronto.

**LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT**

When: **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm Lunch will be served

Where: **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**, 1617 Blythe Rd, Mississauga

**For more information please contact:**

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