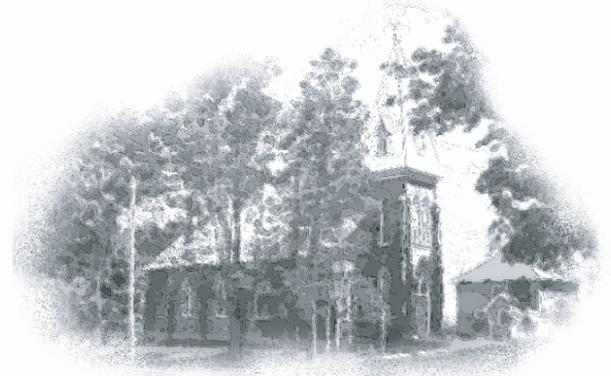
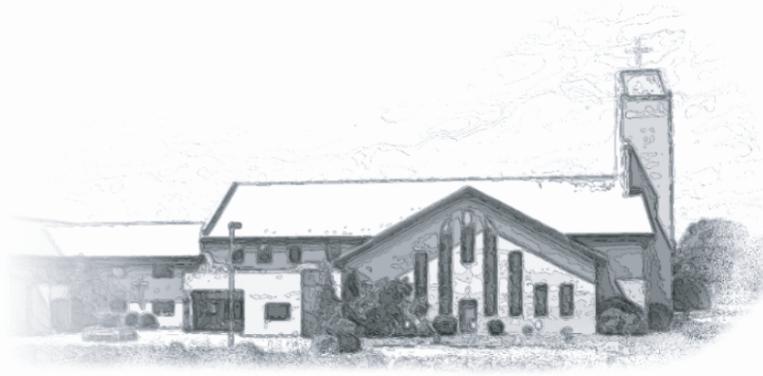


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



“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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



3rd Sunday of Lent ~ 8 March 2026

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink.' You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." *John 4:7-10*

First Reading + Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel + John 4:5-42

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, March 9

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 10

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+ (*Multiple Intention Mass, RIP*)

Joan SQUIRES, Kazimiera DROZDZ

Wednesday, March 11

8:00am+Gilles LAPERRIERE, RIP- G.Cole

Thursday, March 12

8:00am+ Margaret LENNON, RIP- J/N Lennon

Friday, March 13

(*Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

12:10 pm+ *Multiple Intention Mass, Per.Int*)

Peter & Carol Vanderpost, Dom & Marilyn

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

at St. Paul's

Saturday, March 14

(*Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+SOULS IN PURGATORY –T. O'Reilly

5:00pm+Maribel GUINAND, RIP – V. Guinand

Sunday March 15

9:00am+Mike & Maria Berberick, Per. Int.

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

6:00pm+ John & Anu Antao & Family, Per. Int.- P/C Morrison

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Word of God invites us to reflect on one of the most powerful images in Scripture: **WATER**. Water is essential for life. Without it, the earth becomes dry, plants wither, and life fades. In the same way, without Christ, our souls grow thirsty, restless, and weary. Lent reminds us that Jesus is our true and life-giving water.

In the Gospel of Gospel of John, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and tells her, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." He speaks not of ordinary water, but of the living water of grace, mercy, and eternal life. He speaks of the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts. He speaks of Himself.

How often do we try to quench our spiritual thirst with other things? We search for satisfaction in success, possessions, recognition, or distractions. Yet these can only satisfy us for a moment. Soon, the thirst returns. Deep within every human heart is a longing that only God can fill. Augustine of Hippo beautifully wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Jesus alone is the water that truly satisfies.

Lent is a season to recognize our thirst. It is a time to admit that we need God. When we fast, we experience physical hunger and thirst that remind us of our deeper spiritual longing. When we pray, we bring our dryness and emptiness to the Lord. When we go to Confession, we allow His mercy to wash over us like cleansing water.

Water not only gives life; it also purifies. Through the waters of Baptism, we were reborn as children of God. That baptismal grace continues to flow within us but sometimes sin and indifference block its stream. This holy season helps remove those obstacles so that grace may flow freely again. Christ does not condemn us in our weakness; He invites us to come and drink.

Dear parish family, perhaps some of us feel spiritually dry. Maybe prayer feels difficult. Maybe we are burdened by worry, disappointment, or fatigue. The good news is that Jesus waits for us at the well. He is not distant. He meets us in our ordinary routines, in our struggles, even in our doubts. He gently says, "Give me your thirst. Let me fill you."

As a parish community, let us approach the fountain of living water together. Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Reflect on Scripture. Receive the Sacraments with renewed faith. Teach our children to turn to Jesus in trust. When we drink deeply from Him, we become refreshed and renewed.

And something beautiful happens: the water we receive does not remain only for us. It flows outward. We become channels of encouragement, compassion, and hope for others. A kind word, a patient heart, a generous act. These are signs that living water is flowing within us.

May this Lent draw us closer to Christ, our life-giving water. May He quench our deepest thirst and renew our hearts. And may we rejoice at Easter, refreshed and strengthened, ready to share His life with the world.

In Christ,
Your Pastor

Saint of the Week

"The public ceremonies of the Church," the saint once remarked, "draw the people by their pomp and magnificence, and by degrees win them over in spite of their prejudices. The people hear with their eyes more than with their ears; they are at first captivated, then captured by the sight. - *St. Clement Mary Hofbauer (1751-1820), Redemptorist priest, Feast Day March 15*

MARCH 8, 2026

Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'

Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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

www.vocationstoronto.ca

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we pray The Stations of the Cross every
Friday at 7:00p.m.
February 20th - April 3rd
at St Paul's Church

Columbian Squires 30th anniversary

We celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Columbian Squires, St. Paul the Apostle Circle #4328, on March 8th. For three decades, these young men have lived out faith, leadership, and service – and now look forward to forming the next generation of leaders in our community and surrounding area. *Esto Dignus – Be Worthy.*

Know a young man ages 10–18 who would like to join?

See us after Mass!

St. Patrick's Day Parish Breakfast

(Hosted by the Columbian Squires & Youth Ministry)

Join us next Sunday, March 15

Come enjoy a hot and delicious St. Patrick's Day Breakfast in Fr Bennett Hall- prepared and served by our parish youth.

Doors Open: 10:00 a.m.

Final Serving: 12:30 p.m.

(By Donations)

Seats are filling quickly – reserve yours today by signing up in the Narthex. This helps our Breakfast Team prepare and ensures there is plenty for everyone.

All are welcome - bring your family, invite a friend and don't forget to wear green!

We look forward to celebrating with you.

Volunteer Lay Ministers

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 at 705-220-1309.**

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

Parish Lenten Mission

March 29 and 30th

From 7-9 pm

By

Murray Watson

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.**

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.

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

From: Peter Okonski, Manager, Planned Giving & Personal Gifts
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• How to Gift Securities Info Sheet AND

• Letter of Direction

For more information, contact:

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A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported the CWL's participation in the Coldest Night of the Year walk. Our team completed the 5 km route on February 28, and together we raised over **\$5,700** for **S.H.I.F.T.**, our local homeless shelter. Your generosity truly makes a difference in our community!

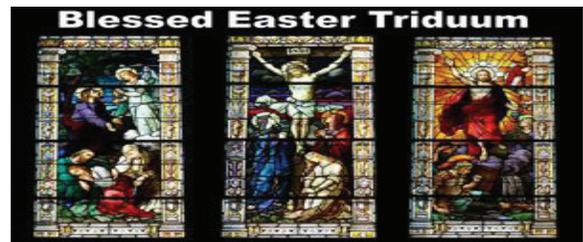
Holy Week & Easter Schedule

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays at 6:00p.m. - 6:45p.m. and

Saturdays at 4:00p.m.- 4:45p.m.

EASTER TRIDUUM



Holy Thursday – April 2

No Morning Mass

7:30 p.m. + Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 1200 midnight

Good Friday – April 3

No Noon Mass

3:00 p.m.+ Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:00 pm + Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 4

No Morning Mass

12:00 noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Vigil + 8:30 p.m. – April 4

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Easter Sunday – April 5

9:00 a.m. + Immaculate Conception Church

10:30 a.m.+ St. Paul's Church

6:00 p.m. + St. Paul's Church

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