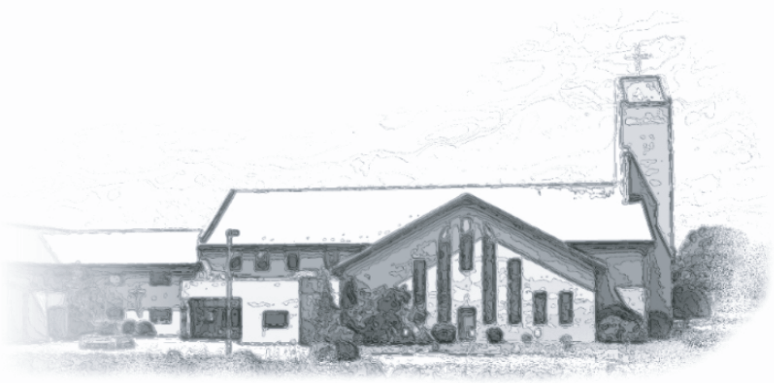
St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches





"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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
Last Sunday of Month 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall

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

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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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ALL SAINTS ~ 1 November 2026

First Reading + Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Second Reading + 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel + Matthew 5:1-12a

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 2
7:00pm+All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

Tuesday, November 3
10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Senior Living
5:15pm+Marian Cenacle
6:00pm+*HOLY HOUR*
6:00pm+Confession
7:00pm+ *(Multiple Intentions Mass)*
Clayton Jobity & Family – Personal Int.
Vince & Irma ATTISANO, RIP – Vince Attisano Jr.
Lou BIFFIS, RIP – Biffis Family

Wednesday, November 4
8:00am+Rosemary FARRUGIA, RIP – M&M Berberick
(Rosary to follow after Mass)

Thursday, November 5
8:00am+Albert JUHL, RIP – C&P Morrison
(Rosary to follow after Mass)
10:00am Rosary followed by Mass at Kingsmere Ret. Living

Friday, November 6
(Mass at Immaculate Conception)
12:10pm+ *(Multiple Intentions Mass, Personal Int.)*
Michael Berberick, Chithral Pereira, & Lynda Tyler
Mike FABRUZIO, RIP – A&A Prokopich

Saturday, November 7
(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)
9:00am+Stanley & Teresa KOTWAS, RIP – Kotwas Family
5:00pm+Vito MONASTERO, RIP – I. Monastero

Sunday, November 8
9:00am+Mario GERONIMO – D. Geronimo
10:30am+Stefan COLALILLO, RIP – M. Meghory
6:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

"Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bed covers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harshness toward the unfortunate would create."

- Saint Martin de Porres (1579-1639), Religious Brother, Feast Day November 3

The Solemnity of All Saints is a celebration honoring all men and women who have entered Heaven. While this includes every soul in Heaven, the focus is particularly on those who led extraordinarily holy lives on earth and that the Church has canonized as saints. These individuals honored God in a variety of ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Some saints were powerful preachers or miracle workers. Others were leaders, some lived in obscurity, and still others experienced exile or made significant personal sacrifices for their faith. In various ways, these saints glorified God during their lifetimes.

By honoring this host of saintly witnesses, we honor and glorify God through their lives. By honoring them, we honor Him Who made them holy. This liturgical solemnity is but a foretaste of the eternal Solemnity of Heaven. Heaven will be the eternal glory of God through the lives of all His saints. In Heaven, the virtues, sacrifices, prayers, and selfless service of all the saints will radiate as beacons that eternally manifest the great mercy and goodness of God. The life of every saint in Heaven will become a continuous chorus of praise and worship of God, intertwined with the nine choirs of angelic hosts. With the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones, the saints will cry "Holy, Holy, Holy…" With the Dominions, Virtues, and Powers, the saints will participate in God's providential care of the New Heavens and Earth. With the Principalities, Archangels, and Guardian Angels, the saints will celebrate God's protection and continuous communication with all of His sons and daughters. Heaven today, as well as the New Heavens and Earth at the end of time, will be nothing other than a continuous solemn celebration of all that God is in His essence and all that God has done in the lives of those who responded to His grace.

Honoring the saints also becomes an invitation to each one of us on earth to strive after the holiness the saints attained. The saints give us an example; their lives are a "how to" book in holiness. The lives of the "super saints"—such as the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saints Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Ávila, Thérèse of Lisieux, Augustine of Hippo, and Thomas Aquinas—should be studied and pondered so that we can learn from their example.

We must also remember that, from Heaven, the saints become powerful intercessors for us on earth. It is true that God could deal directly with us without using the mediation of angels and saints. He chooses to use secondary causes, while He always remains the First Cause and Source of all grace. The saints and angels are among those secondary causes God chooses to mediate His grace. For that reason, we should rely upon their intercession. Doing so is an act of faith by which we profess our belief in God, using the saints and angels as His instruments.

All saints in Heaven, I thank you for the holy witness you each have given to the Church and rejoice in the blessings you now enjoy in Heaven. Please pray for me and for all people, that every one of us will become holy, bearing witness to Christ with our lives, and one day enter Heaven. May God pour forth an abundance of grace upon the world through the example you set and the prayers you now pray before His throne. All saints of God, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. (Source: MyCatholicLife)

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR
Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Online webinar on Zoom

All are welcome to join this free webinar hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Participants will learn about:
• How to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Trustee selection
• How to create your own Catholic legacy
• Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals

To register:

1. Scan the QR code:
2. Or visit **qrco.de/WebNov14**
3. You may also register by email by contacting **Development@ArchToronto.org**. Please write **"Webinar November 14"** in the subject line and include your name in the body of the message.

Friday Evening Eucharistic Adoration

As part of our weekly ALPHA evenings, Eucharistic Adoration will be held every Friday until December, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., concluding with Benediction.
Come and spend a few quiet minutes—or the entire evening—with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome.



All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes are now available in the narthex and at the back of the church. Please get one and return it on or before November 1, 2026. You can put the envelope in the basket at the right of the altar or drop during offertory collection.

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION



There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service,
but the same Lord;
there are different workings,
but the same God who produces
all of them in everyone.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

On October 24, 2026, we were pleased to recognize the following recipients of our Parish Volunteer Awards:

- Beatriz Baumfeld
- Mike Crowley
- Clayton Jobity
- Larry Keogh
- Frank McPherson
- Claudette Morrison

We congratulate this year's recipients and thank all our volunteers for their faithful service and generous dedication to our parish community. May God bless you for sharing your time and talents.

Shine a Light for Persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday – November 18

On November 18, 2026, join Red Wednesday, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Red Wednesday began officially with ACN UK in 2016, and has grown into a global movement with events in over 20 countries raising awareness of Christian persecution. This year's theme asks: "Who stands with persecuted Christians?" In Toronto, where Red Wednesday has been commemorated since 2018**, a Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica with Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto presiding**. As in previous years, the Cathedral's facade will be illuminated in red. Participate by attending the Mass, wearing red, or organizing local activities. More info: acn-canada.org/red-wednesday or contact Evellyne Lemos at el@acn-canada.org. An ACN Canada initiative with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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St. Paul the Apostle & Immaculate Conception Parish

Planning Feasibility Study — Parish Summary
June 2026

Purpose of the Study

St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Parish commissioned M&M International to assess the feasibility of a proposed $3.4 million Master Facility Plan and Reserve Fund. The study examined parishioner priorities, willingness to support a fundraising campaign, potential volunteer leadership, and whether the proposed financial goal was achievable over five years.

The consultation included 34 confidential interviews involving 47 participants, as well as Open Forums attended by approximately 46 parishioners. Participants represented both worship sites and a range of involvement within parish life.

What We Heard About Our Parish

The study found a parish community with significant strengths. Parishioners described St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception as welcoming, vibrant and active, with strong ministries and committed volunteers. Fr. Norberto's leadership was repeatedly identified as a major strength, particularly his welcoming presence, spirituality, community involvement and connection with young people. Parishioners also value outreach, social gatherings, music and the growing number of children and families. Immaculate Conception's history, rural setting and traditional character were particularly valued.

Important challenges were also identified: aging facilities and accessibility issues, particularly at Immaculate Conception; limited parking and some facility needs at St. Paul's; difficulty recruiting new volunteers; a need for more programming for youth, young adults and young families; and a sense among some parishioners that the two worship sites do not yet function fully as one parish community.

Which Projects Have the Strongest Support?

A clear pattern emerged: parishioners strongly support projects addressing demonstrated needs, particularly accessibility, repairs and responsible long-term maintenance. They are considerably less supportive of expansion or primarily aesthetic projects.

- St. Paul the Apostle: accessible washrooms received the strongest support (85%), followed by the proposed maintenance/reserve fund (79%). Support was substantially lower for second-floor finishing, additional office/storage space, signage and exterior improvements, and the proposed statue.
- Immaculate Conception: the strongest priorities were a proper washroom (88%), repairs and maintenance (88%), and exterior/brickwork repairs (84%). An accessible entrance also received substantial support (72%). There was less support for reconfiguring pews, adding offices, storage or a multipurpose room.

The overall message was consistent: take care of what we have, make our churches accessible and welcoming, and address essential maintenance before undertaking major expansion. The report recommends connecting these investments directly to the parish's mission rather than presenting them simply as building projects.

What Does This Mean for a Capital Campaign?

There is significant goodwill toward undertaking a campaign. 94% of respondents were at least somewhat supportive of the parish's overall priorities, and 88% believed the parish should proceed with a fundraising campaign. However, that support does not translate into comparable support for the original $3.4 million proposal.

Only 33% believed the parish could raise $3.4 million. Concerns included the economy, pressure on family finances, donor fatigue following the 150th anniversary campaign, the size and scope of the proposed project, and uncertainty regarding the future of Immaculate Conception.

Willingness to participate financially was nevertheless encouraging: 84% indicated that they would contribute to a campaign above their regular offertory, and most who identified a gift intended to pledge it over five years. Study participants collectively indicated approximately $120,000-$262,000 in potential gifts.

No identified commitments of $25,000 or more emerged among study participants, although potential donors at that level were named. Based on the findings, M&M International concluded that a campaign of approximately $350,000-$500,000 is presently attainable, provided the parish follows the study's recommendations and receives professional campaign support.

Important Questions to Resolve

Parking also emerged repeatedly as a concern, particularly at St. Paul's. Parishioners expressed concern about projects that would further reduce existing parking. The study also found indications that deferred maintenance requirements may be greater than currently documented.

Recommended Path Forward

The report does not recommend proceeding with the original $3.4 million campaign in its current form. Instead, it points toward a more focused and phased approach.

- Concentrate first on essential repairs, accessibility and an appropriately sized reserve/maintenance fund.
- Reconsider or defer expansion and lower-supported projects until there is stronger parish support and greater donor capacity.
- Obtain a professional building-condition/engineering assessment of both churches and reassess the amount required for a 5-10 year reserve fund.
- Develop a five-year parish mission plan and communicate clearly what is proposed, why it is necessary, what it will cost and how decisions are being made.
- Identify potential major donors before a public launch, cultivate additional volunteers, use a five-year pledge period, and consider memorial, honour and planned-giving opportunities.

Moving Forward Together

The central finding is that there is genuine willingness within the parish to move forward, but the plan needs to be more focused, financially realistic and clearly communicated. Parishioners strongly support responsible stewardship of the churches, improved accessibility and essential maintenance, while also asking for transparency and confidence that proposed projects are genuinely necessary.

The recommended next step is therefore not simply to begin fundraising. It is to discern the findings as a parish, clarify the future of Immaculate Conception with the Archdiocese, establish the true condition and needs of both buildings, refine project priorities and costs, and then communicate a clear plan to the entire parish.

The goal is ultimately larger than renovating buildings: it is to ensure that St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception continue to grow together as one parish—welcoming, worshipping and serving the community for generations to come.

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