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**Administrator:** Fr. Roy Farrell  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs. Rita Apalit

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday to Friday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

**MASS SCHEDULES & OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Weekday Morning Mass**  
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:15 am (Maltese/English)  
 (Fridays : Stations of the cross following morning Mass)  
 Tuesday & Thursday - 9:15 am (English)

**First Friday of the Month** (during Lent):  
 Bilingual Mass at 9.15 am followed by the Stations of the Cross  
 Adoration & Benediction from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Weekend Masses:**  
 Saturday 5:30 pm (English)  
 Sunday: 9:00 am (English)  
 10:30 am (Maltese/English)  
 12:00 noon (English)

**Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 Every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Please contact the Parish Office for more details  
 Every 1st Saturday of every month at 10:30am.  
 Excluding Holy Saturday  
 You can find the Registration Form on our website.

**Marriages:**  
 Contact the priest at least one year in advance of the wedding.  
 A marriage preparation course is required. You can find the  
 Registration Form on our website.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
 First Fridays from 8:40 am to 9:10 am  
 Saturdays: from 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm  
 Tuesdays at 8:30 am (during Lent only)  
 Anytime by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:**  
 Contact the priests. Parishioners are reminded that this is not a  
 sacrament that should be left for the last possible minute. It is a  
 Sacrament for the sick, not just for the dying.

**Mission Statement**

We, the community of St Paul the Apostle, are a Maltese-Canadian personal Parish, founded on September 8, 1930, and administered by the Archdiocese of Toronto. We are a faith community reflecting the gospel values of Christ according to the teaching and tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. We serve the Maltese community, welcoming also other people from other nationalities. Our mission is to follow Christ by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure: by imitating Christ; and by giving witness to our faith through our everyday lives..

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 11**  
**5:30pm**  
 • +Mary & Mark Baylis

**Sunday, March 12**  
**9:00am**  
 • +Rita Caruana  
 • +Carmen Muscat

**10:30am**  
 • Missa Pro Populo

**12:00 noon**  
 • +Salvina & Paul Ballucci  
 • +Frank Cini

**Monday, March 13**

**Tuesday, March 14**

**Wednesday, March 15**  
 • Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

**Thursday, March 16**  
 • Eugenio Sturino, Amalia & Mariano Stellato

**Friday, March 17**  
 St. Patrick

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Lent - Year A**

## From the Desk of Fr. Roy...



I would like to emphasize the educational importance of the upcoming Seder Meal, which is scheduled to take place on March 25th.

We are all aware that the Last Supper was the Passover meal. During their exodus from Egypt, the people commemorated the original Passover by sacrificing a lamb and marking their doorposts with its blood, so that the angel of death would "pass over" them. In the haste to leave, they could not let the dough for their bread rise and thus were forced to consume the unleavened kind.

Celebrating the deliverance of the firstborn, which then resulted in the Exodus, has become an annual tradition for the people of Israel. The Passover lamb had to be taken to the Temple and sacrificed, and then the people would eat of the sacrifice; it was a sacrificial meal.

Jews no longer partake of the Passover meal because of the Temple being destroyed. Because it is not possible to offer a sacrificial lamb today, Orthodox Jews will not eat lamb at a Seder.

Jesus turned the traditional Passover meal into a new ritual, known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Seder Meal was created in order to replace the Passover Supper after the temple was destroyed in 70 AD. Although we are Catholic, the aim of this meal is not to practice a Jewish ritual, since we are not of that faith. It is to show Old Testament symbolism and explain how their interpretation was realized in the offering of the perfect Lamb, which is reenacted for us in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

### Gospel Summary

Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.

### Reflection for Families

Jesus offers us living water just as he did the woman at the well. It is the water of salvation so when we stumble, we know that Jesus refreshes us with forgiveness. This is helpful to remember on days when we are disappointed by our anger, impatience, and discouragement.

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

When you go to mass this weekend, be sure to invite the whole family to bless themselves at the baptismal font. On the way home, share your ideas about "living water" and how the holy water of the font is living water for each person. Invite every member of the family to offer a way in which they can refresh someone at school, at work, or in the neighborhood by being 'living water' for that person.

### Discussion Starters

1. I know Jesus is living water in my life because...
2. I was surprised when someone unexpectedly offered me living water...
3. This reading calls me to evangelization. I will respond (or have already responded) by...

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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Third Sunday of Lent

*1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7 2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8 Gospel: John 4.5-42*

**Jesus and the Samaritan Woman Living in the Living Waters** In the Gospel today we reflect on the episode of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The passage recounts that Jesus was "tired", yet he still went out of His way to minister to the woman. Jesus tells her, "the water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." Through this image of water, Jesus is alluding to the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Lord wishes to lavish upon His children (CCC 728). As stewards of Christ, we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged, or resentful. It is important to have all of our charitable acts infused with the Spirit. This way it is not our own merits but the Lord's grace bringing about conversion in our parishes.

How often do we invoke the Holy Spirit before we serve the Lord as stewards? It is in this invocation that we humbly recognize that it is the Lord, through us, accomplishing great deeds. Let us begin each day with the traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us. Summary As stewards of Christ we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged, or resentful. Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

*Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.*

**VOCATION REFLECTION** "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 416-968-0997.

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This year's Passover Seder Meal will be held on **Saturday, March 25th**, after the 5:30 evening Mass.

**Tickets:** Adults - \$20.00/person

Children 12 yrs. & under - Free

For tickets or more information call Freda Mifsud at 416-762-1891

During this past week we had the funeral of **Russell Michael Adams**.

As a community of faith, we keep him in our prayers so that God will give him eternal peace with Him.

We also continue to pray for his family and loved ones, to find consolation and peace in their hearts.

