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OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES & OTHER ACTIVITIES
Weekday Morning Mass
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:15 am (Maltese)
Tuesday & Thursday - 9:15 am (English)

First Friday of the Month:
Mass in Maltese at 9.15 am,
followed by Adoration & Benediction

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

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

• **SACRAMENTS**
Baptism: Please contact the Rectory.
Baptisms are held every Saturday at 10:30am.

Marriages:
Contact the priest at least one year in advance of the wedding.
A marriage preparation course is required.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Any day, by appointment; call the office.

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 Missionary Society of St Paul. 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..

Saturday, September 24

- Joseph & Carmen Theuma
- Roy & Leticia Fernando

Sunday, September 25
9:00am

- For the People of the Parish

10:30am

- Silvana Dewe
- Grace Bugeja
- Charlie & Albert Taliana
- Tony Axiak

12:00 noon

- Linda Apalit
- Maria Fenech
- Joe & Apolonia Farrugia

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27


- Doris Micallef

Wednesday, September 28

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Joseph Fenech

Thursday, September 29

Friday, September 30



September 25, 2022
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

MASS INTENTIONS

Pastor's thoughts ...



Do rich people go to heaven?

I heard someone ask this question once, apparently sparked by the importance the gospel seems to give to the poor. Before going any further, it is important to remind ourselves from the beginning that nobody, absolutely nobody, is denied the possibility to go to heaven. Passport to heaven is not based on social status or one's bank account. What matters is what we do with what we've got.

In a very well-known passage in chapter 25 of Matthew's gospel, Jesus sets the criteria for taking our "inheritance, the kingdom prepared for us since the foundation of the world." I was hungry, and you gave me to eat, he tells us. Thirsty and you gave me to drink, naked and you clothed me, and so on. This is what really matters. Jesus' words leave no room for doubt.

Today's gospel passage presents us with two very different people. One of them is rich. We don't know his name. All we know is that he organized banquets every day, and dressed himself in linen and purple—stuff of royalty! The other one is poor, named Lazarus - yes, he might be poor, but Jesus gives him dignity by giving him a name! He had nothing to eat. Moreover, the rich man never thought of helping out the poor one. Jesus graphically tells us that, after their death, the poor man goes to heaven, consoled in Abraham's arms, while the rich man found himself in the flames of Hades. Nothing is said about whether they were good or bad people, whether they obeyed all the laws, whether they went to the temple to pray or obeys the laws about the Sabbath. The rich man is not necessarily evil. He just locks himself in his mansion, enjoying his luxurious lifestyle. The only criteria for the rich man's condemnation was his indifference towards the plight of the poor man Lazarus.

Sometimes we might think that to hate someone is the worst evil we can do. I strongly believe that indifference is worse than hatred! When you hate someone, you are at least acknowledging that person's existence, giving him some importance in your life. When you are indifferent to someone, on the other hand, it is as if that person did not even exist for you. You are depriving him not only of love and attention, but even of the very right to exist! Like the rich person in today's parable, you would be closing yourself up in your own mansion, totally oblivious of the other person at your doorstep. No wonder Jesus made sure that the poor man of the story be given a name.

Indeed, the problem is not money or riches. The real question is, "What do I do with what I have?" Do I lock myself up in my own little mansion? Or do I use what has been given to me to help others?

Fr Mario



On Thursday, September 29, we honor the heavenly patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Michael the Archangel.

On this solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we pray that through his intercession we may be given wisdom and courage to faithfully give witness to the Lordship of Jesus in



MALTA DAY

This Sunday, September 25

10:00 am - Raising of the Flag at Malta Park

10:30 am - Mass as thanksgiving and prayer for our country

11:30 am - Refreshments in Parish Hall

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 1/2, 2022

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held next weekend to support the **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund**. The collection is a national effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture. This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of Pope Francis made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey.

FR MARIO

As we have announced last week, Fr Mario will have to leave Toronto soon. While we do not have an exact date of his departure yet, it will be in the first half of October. Since the weekend of October 9th is **Thanksgiving, we have decided to organize a farewell next Sunday, October 2nd.**

Next Sunday, therefore, we will celebrate Mass together at 10:30am. This will be bi-lingual (Maltese and English). It will be followed by light refreshments at the Parish Hall.

THERE WILL BE NO 12:00 MASS NEXT SUNDAY.

PARISH DINNER DANCE

Saturday, October 22, 2022

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HELP ARRIVING

Following last week's announcement that Fr Mario will have to leave the Parish soon, we are happy to announce that **Fr Dominic Cachia** will be coming to St Paul's to help Fr Ivano for a period of time. Undoubtedly Fr Dominic is looking forward to see all of us again.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Friday, September 30, 2022

Cardinal Collins will preside at the 7:30 am Mass from St Michael's Basilica, with the participation of indigenous members of the community. All are welcome in person or via live-stream at:

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/



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