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REGULAR 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)

**** Please note that starting on Friday, January 6th, all Maltese Masses will be bilingual.**

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Every Wednesday at 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the Rectory.
 Baptisms are held every 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month 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, December 31

- 5:30pm**
- Eva & Radek Bielecki (Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

- 9:00am**
- Camilleri Family
- 10:30am**
- Silvana Dewe
- 12:00 noon**
- Joe & Apolonia Farrugia

Monday, January 2

Tuesday, January 3

- Camilleri Family

Wednesday, January 4

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, January 5

- Camilleri Family

Friday, January 6

MASS INTENTIONS

January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God- Year A

Sunday Reflection... written by Kate Larson

Today we celebrate the Motherhood of Mary, an aspect of the life of Our Lady that many of us can relate to. In today's Gospel, shepherds visit Mary, Joseph and Jesus and reveal to them that Jesus is the Messiah. Mary ponders this. She has known from the beginning who Jesus is, but now he is a newborn, her own child lying serenely beside her. It could have hit home that she doesn't really know what 'Messiah' means for him and for their family. She could have been afraid. She could have been worried. She could have immediately started to plan all eventualities. We all might have done these things. Yet, Mary ponders with her heart rather than her mind.

She is able to treasure the shepherds' words. She recognizes that God's plan is a beautiful gift. As she has always done, she looks to the future with peace and confidence despite not knowing all that it holds. She can do this because she trusts God and gives him his rightful place - as the one in control of the future.

Contemplating the future can be scary. God has a plan for each of us, but he unfolds it little by little. None of us know the full picture or implications. Let us pray to have Mary's trust, peace and confidence as we contemplate the year ahead.



*Taken from the Living with Christ booklet
Vol. 29, No. 1; Pg. 34*

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Due to the fact that the Missionary Society of St. Paul will no longer be active in the New Year here at St. Paul's, our present email address, stpaulmssp@gmail.com, will also become inactive in the new year. Please be advised that our new email address is: stpaultheapostleto@archtoronto.org

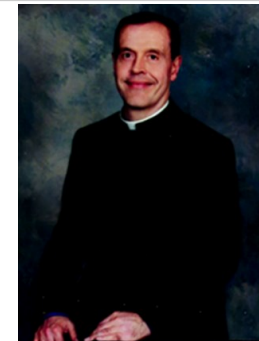
DONATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Because of the change of our email address, as of January 1, 2023, WE WILL NOT be able to accept e-transfers any longer. Those wishing to send donations or pay for Mass Offerings may do so by putting money in an envelope and dropping it in the offertory basket during Mass, dropping it off at the rectory during office hours, or by sending us a cheque. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and understanding.



On behalf of all the parishioners I want to thank Fr Dominic for sharing his time and pastoral experience these past two and a half months. He has been a great companion and has been a great help during this time of transition. Especially in keeping the Maltese mass going till the New Year. We wish you a safe journey home and a Happy and Grace filled New Year! I will miss you as I am sure will the parishioners.

We had a good visit with Fr Roy on Thursday, and he looks forward to meeting the parish community once he shifts to the parish this coming weekend. We continue to hold him in prayer in this time of transition.



Fr Ivano and Fr Dominic wish to thank parishioners for the gifts and Christmas greetings. We wish you all a safe and grace filled New Year!

A special thank you to everyone involved in our Christmas celebrations.

A special shout out for those who prepared a beautiful space for us to celebrate in, and the musicians and singers. In particular our Midnight mass choir and musicians that gave the celebration a deeper spiritual experience.

May our Emanuel bless you for sharing your time and talent.



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That is, Sundays at 10:30am, and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:15am.

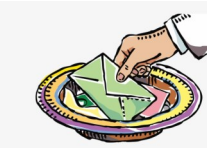


2023 CALENDARS

There is still a small number of 2023 Calendars available. Be sure to get yours before they are all gone! We request your cooperation, and ask that you take only one copy per household. You can obtain a copy from the back of the church or from the Parish Office.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please remember to pick up your 2023 Offertory Envelopes, as there are still some boxes of at the back of the church, that have not been picked up yet.



May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support for the parish, it is all very much appreciated.



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.