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Administrator: Fr. Roy Farrell
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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/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday - 9:15 am (English)

First Friday of the Month:
 Bilingual Mass at 9.15 am,
 followed by Adoration & Benediction until 11:00 am

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
 As of April 2023, Baptisms are held 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

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, February 4
5:30pm
 • +Nina & Carmena Schembri
 • +Charles & Christina Cini

Sunday, February 5
9:00am
 • +Charles & Christina Cini
 • +Calci Tanti
 • +Mary Sammut

10:30am
 • +Emanuel, Carnela & Tessie Psaila

12:00 noon
 • Missa Pro Populo (For the parishionters of St. Paul)

Monday, February 6
 • For the intention of Joe & Doris Pirotta

Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, February 8
 • Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, February 9
 • +Anne Muscat

Friday, February 10
 • + Amante Camilleri & Lina Bonello

February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A

Fr. Roy writes...

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle,

Thank you so much for the lovely, warm welcome you gave me since my arrival on January 6th. Over the years I have forged many strong connections with Maltese people and feel very much at home here.

It really touched me from the minute I arrived and experienced Fr. Ivano's hospitality and approachability.

And so, we are off on a new chapter in the life of St. Paul the Apostle parish community. I am indeed grateful for the Missionary Society of St. Paul priests' dedicated service for the past twenty-four years. Such a successful long-term ministry is a wonderful testimony to your work together.

As we begin, please know that I am committed to helping the church be, above all else, faithful to Jesus Christ, teachings of the Church and the traditions of the Maltese community. Besides performing all the usual tasks of ministry, I'll be working closely with the parish on all aspects of parish life.

I will be available to you by the parish phone number (416-767-7054) and e-mail at fr.roy@rogers.com

One of my favorite sayings is "There is much work to be done in the church!" I look forward to doing that work together with you!

In Christ's love,

Fr. Roy

MASS INTENTIONS

We can offer Masses for any reasonable intention that is in line with God's will for those living or those deceased, whether Catholic, Christian or non-Christian. The tradition of Masses offering Mass for the deceased goes back to the times of the ancient church. The Church teaches that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of intercessory prayer for someone living or deceased. It related the tradition of making an offering for the Mass to the idea of a person giving up something of their own to parallel Christ's giving of Himself on the Cross. The priest may use the offering given to the priest for his personal needs/upkeep or for charitable causes at his discretion.

The Archdiocese of Toronto suggests people offer \$20, but individuals can give according to their means.

We should understand that when a person offers a Mass, the Mass is not theirs alone, for the Mass has infinite grace and value; therefore, all can offer their own personal intentions at the Mass anytime for any need, apart from making a formal offering.

A priest must say that Mass themselves once it is accepted, or have it said by another priest. Priests may not have more than one intention at Mass; likewise, if a priest has more than one regular Mass (excluding funerals/weddings which are special occasions), the priest can only take one paid intention per day. When it occurs from time to time that I have more than one Mass on a day with a stipend, the extra money goes to the parish.

It is also church law that one of the Masses every weekend must be offered for the intentions of all parishioners to ensure that people always have the priest intercede for their own needs on a weekly basis. Therefore, not all weekend Masses are available. I try to rotate the Mass for all parishioners to make it fair to the entire community.

The only time of year where I do not accept Mass intentions are Holy Week, Easter and Christmas and New Year's, to avoid division amongst parishioners, since at Christmas, New Year's and Easter many more people come who do not always come to church. (In fairness, I will honor all the Mass bookings for 2023) I hope that this will be helpful as I begin my ministry here at St. Paul the Apostle parish. If you have questions, regarding this information speak to me.

Gospel Summary

It is common for us in our times to be careful about the salt we use. However, in Jesus' day, salt was a very important commodity. It was used to pay salaries. Like us, people used salt to flavor food. But, because there was no refrigeration, salt was also used to *preserve* food. That is why, when Jesus called his disciples "salt" and "light," he declared their great importance. What was of significant importance to Jesus was the enthusiasm with which the disciples spread the Good News.



Reflection for Parents

Imagine taking your child(ren) on a hike in the woods at night. A small flashlight will never do. Not even the type that takes "C" batteries will give enough light. No, you will need the heavy-duty-light-up-the-next-mile type of camping lantern. This is so you and your children don't trip on any roots or uneven ground or lose the trail. In just the same way, we are light for our children. What they see us do and how we live our faith exhibits the magnitude of the flashlight we choose.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Gather all the candles in the house and set them on the table at meal time. Try to have enough candles burning so that theirs is the only light you have in the room. As you eat, talk together about how each member of the family is light to one another and to others. You might get the conversation going by asking what difference the candlelight makes in your otherwise dark room.

Discussion Starters

1. As a Christian witness, I could use a little more salt in . . .
2. I know I am a light to others when . . .

The greatest challenge I have ever faced in my call to be a light for Jesus was when . . .

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FEAST OF THE SHIPWRECK OF ST. PAUL



On February 10th, the Catholic Church in Malta celebrates the Feast of the Shipwreck of St. Paul. This marks the day when Paul brought the Christian faith to the Maltese Islands after being shipwrecked.

This day is also the principal feast of our parish. We will be celebrating it as a community during all weekend Masses; Saturday February 11th and 12th.

Furthermore, in honour of this great feast, we will be having a Dinner-Dance on Saturday, February 11th at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 for Adults, \$20 for children 5 to 12 years of age; and children under 5 years old can enter for free. For tickets or more information, please call Freda Mifsud at 416-762-1891.

To reduce waste and unnecessary expenses, you must book and pay for your tickets no later than Wednesday, February 8th.