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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 11
 Our Lady of Lourdes
5:30pm

- +Joseph Gauci
- +Rita, Leli & Sunny Camilleri
- +Suzanne Camilleri

Sunday, February 12
9:00am

- +Rita Caruana

10:30am

- +Anne Muscat

12:00 noon

- +Salvina & Paul Ballucci
- +Frank Cini

Monday, February 13

- +John Sultana

Tuesday, February 14
 St, Valentine, St. Cyril

- +Carmen Muscat

Wednesday, February 15

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- +Eduardo Couto

Thursday, February 16

- +Edmond & Carmel Scicluna

Friday, February 17

- + Frank Micallef

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A

From the Desk of Fr. Roy...

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle,

I'm thankful for the warm reception in the parish hall last Sunday and for the welcome that preceded it.

Prior to Fr. Ivano's February 15th departure, I would like to express my gratitude for his priestly ministry at St. Paul and for his many gifts. You were indeed blessed to have him here.

I'm eagerly anticipating the commemoration of the shipwreck of St. Paul at all the weekend Masses and to attend the dinner and dance. Father Massimo Buttigieg will officiate the 10:30 am Sunday Mass in Maltese. I proposed to take on the 11:30 am Mass at his parish, St. Francis of Assisi, since it was hard to locate Sunday replacements.

Wishing you a truly blessed feast day! February 10th has a special place in the Maltese calendar. Malta is the sole nation that commemorates this special event on this day.

The Maltese people's acceptance of Christianity is a one-of-a-kind event for us. In his love and providence planned that the Maltese people will become his followers. We should feel proud that through one of the greatest apostles, Paul of Tarsus, 27 years after Christ's death and resurrection we were added to his Kingdom—God's Kingdom.

Although we are distant from the shores of our Home Island, the Maltese Community continues to celebrate this special occasion. It is not a coincidence that the ONLY Maltese parish outside Malta is consecrated to St. Paul.

Therefore, let us honor this momentous occasion with joy and admiration, understanding its influence on both our hearts and history.

May the richness and depth of St. Paul's message, apostle and missionary help us experience our Catholic Christian faith more deeply in our parish community.

Il-festa t-tajba!

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.

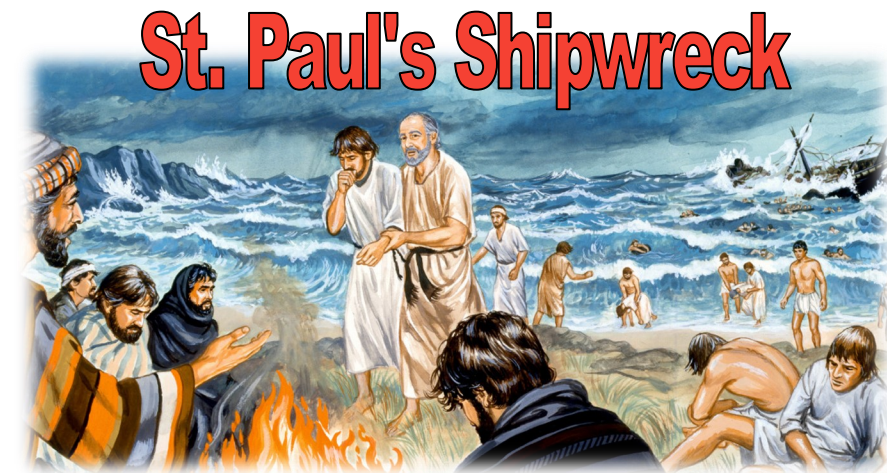
The Archdiocese of Toronto suggests people offer \$20, but individuals can give according to their means. We should understand that when a person offers a Mass, the Mass is not theirs alone, for the Mass has infinite grace and value; therefore, all can offer their own personal intentions at the Mass 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. **UPDATE: Last week, the archdiocese granted permission for up to 20 Mass intentions to be held at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.**

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.



*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them.
You have given them great joy, Lord: you have made them happy.*

First Reading:

Book of Wisdom 14:1-7 It is the will of God that steers us through the storms that rage around us, and it is in him that man should place his trust.

Second Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 27:16-28:6 This is the dramatic story, told in great detail, of St. Paul and St. Luke's terrifying experiences in the Roman vessel that was taking them, and the other prisoners, to Roma. Throughout the days of raging seas and howling winds, Paul remained calm, exhorting his fellow prisoners and the Roman officer who had a charge of them not to give up hope. He had received an assurance by an Angel that he would survive the storm, and all the others with him, but they were first to come 'ashore on some island.'

Gospel: Mark 16: 14-20 Jesus rebukes his eleven disciples for their lack of faith. He then told them to go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind, baptizing all those who believed. After saying this, he was taken up to heaven.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Each year, the World Day of the Sick is commemorated on February 11th, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Father invites "all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness."

How common is it in our current society for the ill to feel immense loneliness and lack of support? In our families and close-knit circles, we can be particularly confronted by our human fragility and vulnerability, especially when a loved one falls ill or grows older. Pope Francis, in his message for this year's World Day of the Sick, reminds us that it only "takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us" to overcome the throwaway culture and bring loving tenderness to someone in need.

The World Day of the Sick is a time to remember those who are suffering and do what we can to reach out to them.

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. The latest reports indicate that there are more than 40,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 11,000 people. At a 7.8-magnitude earthquake, this makes it one of the strongest to hit the region in 100 years. Toppling thousands of buildings throughout Turkey and Syria, creating even worse conditions for millions of Syrians already displaced by the ongoing civil war.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so through the parish, making cheques payable to: **Name of Parish – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief.** Envelopes for this cause are being provided.

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.