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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) Tuesday & Thursday - 9:15 am (English)

First Friday of the Month:

Bilingual Mass at 9.15 am (Maltese/English) 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

Every1st 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..

Saturday, April 15

5:30pm

Radek Bielecki (birthday)

Sunday, April 16

Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00am

Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

- +Alfred Galea
- +Moses & Elizabeth Mifsud
- +Nenu Dingli
- +Anthony & John Sultana

12:00 noon

- +Salvina & Paul Ballucci
- +Frank Cini

Monday, April 17

Joseph & Doris Pirotta (health issues)

Tuesday, April 18

+Eugenio Sturino; Mariano & Amalia Stellato

Wednesday, April 19

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- +John Azzopardi

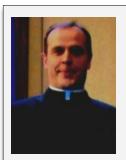
Thursday, April 20

+Michael Muscat

Friday, April 21

St. Anselm

Sunday, April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter - Year A From the Desk of Fr. Roy...



Expressing gratitude is often not enough when one has been given something, particularly if the giver does not need or want recognition.

On behalf of all parishioners, I would like to express my gratitude to those who helped to make this Holy Week a time of prayer and solemnity.

I am grateful to the liturgical ministries, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Choirs, Church Cleaning Group, who have

devotedly and reverently provided us with their time and talent.

During the Holy Week and Triduum, those who beautified our church with the other ministries created a sacred and attractive space for our liturgies. The level of service and music was incredibly pleasing and a joy to experience.

I earnestly wish for everyone to have a tranquil Easter Season, overflowing with life and joy as we make our way to the celebration of Pentecost.

Gospel Summary

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way when Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

Reflection for Families

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal in academics, relationships, sports, or whatever. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Using the newspaper, news broadcasts, or situations you know about, share ideas about people in the world or in your community who might be discouraged. Suggest ways either in prayer or by action that your family might bring hope to these (or some) people.

Discussion Starters

- 1. I remember once I was really discouraged but I found peace when . . .
- 2. I was a source of peace for someone when . . .
- 3. I can relate to the "doubting" Thomas, but I have learned . .

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VOCATION REFLECTION: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION In 2000, when Pope John Paul II was canonizing St. Faustina, he declared that the Second Sunday of Easter will be called Divine Mercy Sunday for the entire Church. This Sunday, let us reflect on Jesus who longs to forgive us and to shower His love and mercy on us. We should never tire of running to Him for healing. St. Therese of Lisieux says "even though I had on my conscience all the sins that can be committed, I would go, my heart broken with sorrow, and throw myself into Jesus' arms, for I know how much He loves the prodigal child who returns to Him." As good stewards of Christ we should first accept the mercy of God in our lives and then share it with others through our acts. Some spiritual works of mercy we can begin to cultivate are to "instruct the ignorant" and "counsel the doubtful" by helping with parish catechesis ministries. We can also "forgive offenses" and "pray for the living and the dead" through personal prayer as well as by joining various prayer groups within the parish. Some corporal works of mercy we can adopt is to "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" by taking part in parish organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul society. We can also "visit the sick" and "visit the imprisoned" by seeking ministries that care for the sick and elderly. This Divine Mercy Sunday let us seek to be filled with God's mercy. Let us then let His mercy overflow into our deeds within the parish so that we may become stewards of God's merciful love.

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY

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Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

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QUOTATION FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." (No. 1507)



Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699) He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

On Sunday afternoon **April 16th at 3pm**, the parish will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a Holy Hour and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Confessions will begin at 2:30 p.m.