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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 22

5:30pm

 +Carmena & Wenzu Bonnici, Joseph Farrugia

Sunday, April 23

9:00am

Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

+Carmen & Joseph Gové

12:00 noon

+Maria Fenech

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Monday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Tuesday, April 25

• +Paul Delicata

Wednesday, April 26

Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, April 27

- +Fr. Lawrence Bonavia
- +Doris Micallef

Friday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort • +Emanuel Grima

- Emanuel Grina

Sunday, April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter - Year A From the Desk of Fr. Roy...



Remarkably, I have been nearly at St. Paul's for four months. It has been a pleasure to collaborate with you. I would be delighted to hear your opinions.

I am continually excited to see the development of our community. I am interested in organizing day bus trips for the parish. If this is something that you would like to pursue, kindly inform me. A small committee would be necessary to organize such events effectively.

I am searching for additional members of the finance council. I am in search of volunteers to assist me in enhancing the rectory gardens. I am seeking aid to re-arrange and to remove the pews from St. Joseph's room.

I am keen to form a Marian prayer group, and arrange for a movie night to be held after the Saturday evening Mass at 5:30 pm each month.

With your help and support, I can make many of my ideas a reality. If you would like to assist me, please contact me directly.

Gospel Summary

Despondent and discouraged, two of Jesus' apostles walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They talked on their way about the events that had occurred in the past several days. A stranger joined them, actually Jesus, but they didn't recognize him at first. Jesus asked the apostles what they had been discussing, and they responded with a summary of the events surrounding Jesus' death. The disciples still did not understand the resurrection, but Jesus questioned their resistance to believe what the prophets had foretold. Despite their hopelessness the apostles invited Jesus to stay with them. He accepted. It was that evening, when Jesus broke bread with them, that the disciples finally recognized the stranger to be Jesus. The next morning, the disciples returned to Jerusalem.

Reflection for Families

To travel from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the disciples had to go west. But after their encounter with Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem, an eastward Journey. We often equate endings with sunsets and new beginnings with sunrises. It is helpful to recall that on the next morning, the apostles walked toward the rising sun. How many sunsets find us falling into bed collapsed from exhaustion? Isn't it true that after a good night's rest we meet the sunrise with new energy and hope? This Gospel gives us the courage to start again, each new day, with fresh enthusiasm and energy for ourselves, our families, and our God.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Bake bread together and consider each ingredient as you add it. For example, when you add flour, think of someone who holds things together for your family. When you add salt, consider a person who adds flavor to life, and when sugar is added, whose sweetness reflects God's love? Separately these ingredients are all good, but how much more are they when they are combined and baked? Help each member of the family reflect on this experience.

Discussion Starters

- 1. I had a sunset/sunrise experience once when . . .
- 2. There is a particular sunset I keep walking toward. I know I need to turn around and face the sunrise. I have a plan to do this . . .
- 3. The most important thing about our family breaking bread together is . . .

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: In today's Gospel we reflect on the Road to Emmaus. As the two disciples walk along, Jesus appears and breaks open the scriptures and breaks bread with them. This same structure is what we experience at Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Reflecting on their walk with Christ, the disciples were profoundly touched, exclaiming "were not our hearts burning within us?" So too, when we partake in Mass our hearts should burn within us from the glory and love of God. But what should we do with this burning? The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. They learned more about their faith and went in haste to share the good news and support the other believers. Likewise, after growing in our faith and being strengthened at Mass we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent. As stewards of Christ we should not delay in sharing our gifts from God with others but seek to help immediately. This Easter season, let us decide to renew our commitment to our parish by joining various ministries to help the good news of the resurrection be proclaimed. The Church needs us to be sharers of God's gifts. St Peter in his first letter says "as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Let us end by asking ourselves, how well do we cultivate our gifts and aid the spread of the Gospel?

Just like the disciples from the Gospel, our hearts should burn within us from the presence and love of God that we experience in Mass. The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. Likewise, after being strengthened at Mass we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent.

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

Dear Padre

Where was St. Joseph during Jesus' crucifixion?

It's impossible to know for certain when Joseph died, since the Gospels don't refer to it. By the time Jesus starts his public-life ministry, Joseph had disappeared. We don't know for sure that Joseph lived at least until Jesus was twelve (see Luke 2:42). While Joseph scholars have many ideas, most believe Joseph probably died around the time of Jesus' baptism and before the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was about thirty years old (see Luke 3:23). That's because Mary is mentioned at the wedding feast, but Joseph is not (see John 2:1-12). And, while Jesus is preaching, the only ones looking for him are his "mother and brothers" (see Matthew 12:46-49, Mark 3:32-34, and Luke 8:19-21).

Finally, while dying on the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to the disciple John, who took her to his home (see John 19:27). If Joseph had been alive at the time, this wouldn't have been necessary.

Thus, it's entirely likely that Joseph died with Jesus and Mary at his side, giving his death great significance in popular devotion. From ancient times, Christian traditions have held that Joseph died in the arms of the Virgin and Jesus. The origins of Joseph as the patron of a happy death can be seen as early as the second century.

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SL ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday Collections: April 30 | June 4

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A ShareLife Campaign Update.

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again. Thus far we have raised [insert total raised] toward our goal of [insert goal amount]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign.

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A Rose for Mom

To pay tribute to our mothers who have passed away during this Mother's Day weekend, we will be recording their names beginning on April 29th/30th at



the back of the church. Volunteers will be available to assist. On the weekend of Mother's Day, red roses will be put next to the Remembrance Book in the sanctuary to commemorate our deceased mothers. We kindly ask for an amount of \$5.00 per intention to help cover the cost.