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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
 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
 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..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 6

- 5:30pm**
- +Nina & Carmena Schembri
 - +Frances & Concillia Grech

Sunday, May 7

- 9:00am**
- +Benedict & Josephine Grech
- 10:30am**
- +Emanuel, Carmela & Tessie Psaila
- 12:00 noon**
- Missa Pro Populo

Monday, May 8

Tuesday, May 9

Wednesday, May 10

- St. John of Avila*
- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
 - +Joseph Farrugia

Thursday, May 11

- +Rita Caruana

Friday, May 12

St. Nereus & Achilles, Martyrs

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A

From the Desk of Fr. Roy...



I wish to dedicate this week's thoughts to the Blessed Virgin Mary and her specific role in salvation history.

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love paid to the Queen of Heaven... Since this is a perfect occasion, do not fail to put repeated emphasis on the recitation of the Rosary, the prayer so pleasing to Our Lady. (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May).

The Pope established the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary in 1716. While reflecting on this memorial, I discovered two intriguing facts about the power of the Rosary.

William Ampere, the scientist, transformed Frédéric Ozanam (the founder of St. Vincent de Paul Society) through his daily recitation of the Rosary at a grotto. The final words of the renowned scientist, Louis Pasteur, to his nurse prior to his death away from his home were: "inform my wife that I expired while reciting the rosary."

The Blessed Virgin has a special role in salvation history. We recall Mary changed the world by her simple "yes." She agreed to do the will of God. She gave Jesus to the world, and the world has never been the same since.

Mary's example inspires and challenges us to live our Christian faith. She encourages us to be people of prayer. The great prayer of Mary, her Magnificat, is a prayer that sings gloriously to God's presence in her life.

As Catholics, we have a particular devotion to the rosary. As we know, the rosary is a meditation on New Testament Scripture events in the life of Jesus and Mary. It uses our basic Catholic prayers as a framework: the Sign of the Cross, the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.

The key in saying the rosary well is to recite slowly enough to make its recitation meaningful.

Distractions while praying the rosary come our way only when we give in to them. When we begin the rosary with the idea that we will imitate what they contain and get what they promise, the Holy Spirit will help us with our weakness.

Let us open our hearts to the various graces and blessings that Mary, the Mother of God, the first and most loving disciple of Christ, wished to offer us.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: "Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood." These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king" (CCC 1546). What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship. To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that "part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible." Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

The Catechism says that "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king." The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

Gospel Summary

During Jesus' Last Supper, Jesus explained to the disciples what was to happen next in God's plan. Jesus would no longer be visibly among them, but would return to the Father. In heaven, Jesus would prepare a place for each of us to come when he returned to get us. In his discussion, Jesus also made it clear that if we know him, we would also know God, and that they are one in the same. The way for us to be with the Father is to follow Jesus.

Reflection for Families

Often it is easier for our children to trust the words of Jesus than it is for us. Like the disciples, we can be a bit apprehensive not seeing Jesus. After all, it would be easier to follow someone if we could actually see where he is going! Instead, the words of Jesus challenge us to have faith in him and trust where the journey leads. The example of our lives should always point us and our children toward the rooms Jesus prepares for each of us.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Think for a moment about a road map. You may even like to draw one on a large piece of paper. Consider the "You-Are-Here" point on your map. How would you define the spirituality of your family? At an opposite point on the map, write "destination." Where are you going? Consider some of the things you will need to do along the way. There might be some mountainous roads with stopping points such as forgiveness, honesty, sharing. You may find some detours called righteousness, greed, anger. Where are the rest-areas, and what do you do while you're resting? What will you take with you on the journey and how will you nourish yourselves? Look in your parish bulletin for ideas on how your church helps you persevere on the journey.

Discussion Starters

1. The person who has guided me the most on my journey toward Jesus is . . .
2. As a family we need to pay attention mostly to the detour of . . .
3. One time the only way I could see through a difficulty was to trust. It was hard but in the end

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ShareLife Sunday Collection: June 4

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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VOCATION REFLECTION: "The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

WELCOME

This weekend we welcomed **Theodore Creador, Leo Weichel, Henry Weichel, Adrian Xerri and Thomas Berardi**, who joined our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate their families, and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help their children grow into mature Christians.

CONGRATULATIONS

This past weekend we celebrated the marriage between:

**Vorona Mykhaylo
& Sierra Camilleri**

Congratulations and God's blessings to the newly married couple.

