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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 13
5:30pm

- +Joseph Farrugia
- +Fr. Gregory Imbroli

Sunday, May 14
Mother's Day
9:00am

- +Rita Caruana
- +Carmen Muscat

10:30am

- +Jane Farrugia
- +Ian Caruana

12:00 noon

- +Salvina & Paul Ballucci
- +Suzanne Camilleri

Monday, May 15

Tuesday, May 16

- +Eugenio Sturino, Mariano & Amalia Stellato

Wednesday, May 17

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- +Loreta Buttigieg

Thursday, May 18
St. John I, Pope & Martyr

Friday, May 19

- +Emanuel Cutajar

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A



Wishing you a day filled with special moments on Mother's Day! On this special occasion of Mother's Day, I would like to extend my best wishes to all mothers of the parish. You bring great joy and blessings to our parish community.

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?" When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word Mother.

While many of us may get a chuckle out of this brief story, we also agree that there is a powerful truth being shared here as well. There is something "magnetic" about a Mother, especially when that Mother is one who seems to put her family before so much of what she does in daily living. Of course, the same can be said about Fathers who are also sacrificial for their family in so many ways. What a tremendous blessing it is to have 2 people who are both in love with God, and are also deeply in love with each other, and sharing that love with their family and people around them.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:2; "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— and where is that promise found? We read it in Deuteronomy 5:16; "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

I love the following story that shows the simple love and appreciation a child can have for Mom: A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."

Of course, we know the Light of the World is Jesus, but He wants His light to shine in, and through, each one of us to a world darkened by sin and despair. The love of a Godly Mother can serve as a tremendous example of the love we all should share and living daily.

Moms, we appreciate everything you do for your families and the parish.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In today's first reading we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288). So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11). Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

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Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

Gospel Summary

At the Last Supper Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In today's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be alone. The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us. In the meantime, we continue to show our love for Jesus by following his commandments.

Reflection for Families

When children are orphaned, they often hold on to something to remind them of whose they are. Orphan Annie had a half of a locket, Oliver Twist had a letter, and some victims of the holocaust had smuggled photographs. Even without the physical presence of their parents, orphaned children very much felt connected to their parents. This is the image Jesus gives us in the Gospel as well. He explains that it is the Holy Spirit that is with us and helps us know we are God's. It is this Spirit that guides us to live the way God wants us to. The Spirit comes to us in a special way at our baptism and guides us, even to our surprise sometimes, and helps us follow the commandments of God.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Recall that wind is a symbol of the Spirit. Walk outside and feel the wind. Is it a gentle breeze today or is it gusting? Think about why the wind is considered a symbol of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit leads us and guides us like the wind, are we gently moved or sometimes does it take a hurricane wind to get us moving? Think of some things your family has been guided to do by the Holy Spirit. Also consider some things the Spirit might be calling you to presently.

Discussion Starters

1. I know the Holy Spirit was guiding me directly once when . . .
2. I have felt orphaned before, but I know the Spirit was with me because . . .
3. I have seen the Spirit at work in our parish when . . .

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**Next ShareLife Sunday
Collection: June 4
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Share your love on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon. "If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!"

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POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. The Papal Charities collection allows the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters.

Envelopes are included with this bulletin, and can also be found at the back of the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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.

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