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**Administrator:** Fr. Roy Farrell

**Deacon Assistant:** Deacon Raymond Frendo

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs. Rita Apalit

**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.

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

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, June 17**

*The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**5:30pm**

• +Edward Caruana & Michael Micallef

**Sunday, June 18**

*Father's Day*

**9:00am**

• +Carmen Muscat

**10:30am**

• +Joseph Farrugia

• +Nenu Dingli

• +Emanuel & James Magro

• +Frank Micallef

**12:00 noon**

• +Maria Fenech

• +Suzanne Camilleri

**Monday, June 19**

**Tuesday, June 20**

• +Paul Delicata

**Wednesday, June 21**

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*

• +Margaret Micallef

**Thursday, June 22**

**Friday, June 23**

**Sunday, June 18, 2023**

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

MASS INTENTIONS



I would like to extend my best wishes to all the dad's on this Father's Day. Through conversations I have had with fathers throughout the years, I have realized that the role of a father is exceptionally challenging. It requires a well thought out plan in order to be successful.

The foremost duty of a father is to be present. Being a father is more than just a biological function. Fatherhood is about providing the good soil for the seed to sprout.

It is important for fathers to consider whether they are satisfying God with their behavior and with the values they impart in their homes. Whom should we strive to please the most within our households? It is intriguing to contemplate what a home would look like if pleasing God was the controlling force for all aspects of it.

I came across a story that speaks for itself. A father was watching his young son trying to dislodge a heavy stone. The boy couldn't budge it. "Are you sure you are using all your strength?" the father asked. "Yes, I am," said the exasperated boy. "No, you are not," the father replied. "You haven't asked me to help you."

On this Father's Day, we reflect and pray for our fathers. We express our gratitude towards those who have had their joy enriched by their fathers. For those of us who miss our father's presence, we should take time to give thanks for all that they have provided.



**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** The Gospel begins by highlighting Jesus' reaction to the crowds who were "like sheep without a shepherd". Our Lord is moved with compassion for them and declares that the "harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few." Jesus invites us to lovingly share our time and talent to help build his kingdom within our parish communities, so that they may be joyful to live in and attractive to others. Stewardship is not overly complicated, but rather a humble offering of one's own time and talent in service to others, such as by joining a parish ministry we feel called to serve in, or even through the simple act of welcoming newcomers with a smile.

Through the Gospel reading, God brings our attention to the lost and all those in need of our time and talent to help guide them to the person of Jesus Christ. He promises to make us a "holy nation" if we keep His commandment to proclaim His goodness and become a living testimony to His sanctifying grace. By inviting us to partake in this mission, Jesus promises a bountiful harvest.

Our Church invites us to "care for the gathered and reach out to the scattered." An important step in accomplishing this, is to invite the Holy Spirit to more actively work in our lives. Then, by living a stewardship way of life, reach out and minister to people who are in need of our time and talent. One way we can do this, is by sharing our God-given gifts in one of the many parish ministries we may feel called to serve in.

**Summary**

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to partake in His mission of building up the kingdom of God while also lamenting the lack of labourers in His vineyard. In many ways, this reading captures the reality of parish life in our world today, highlighting that increased levels of parishioner engagement, in service of our Lord and out of love of neighbour, can help increase the spiritual well-being of our parish community. It is our duty as a "holy nation" to help bring people closer to the person of Jesus. Are we willing to help do this by becoming a more active labourer in God's vineyard by being more deeply engaged in our parish community?

*Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website*

**Gospel Summary**

Jesus called the twelve disciples and sent them as missionaries to continue the work God began in him. The disciples were to go out to the people and proclaim the Good News of the coming Kingdom.

**Reflection for Families**

No matter how large the world we call our own, no part of our contact is as important as our children. Not only are we called to share the message of hope with them, but they see by our actions how we live the Good News in the world with which we come in contact.

**Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family**

Each one of us is an apostle for Jesus. Think of the many gifts each person in your family has. Help point them out for one another. There may be examples of faith, service, caring and sensitivity. Identify for one another how these gifts help carry the message of the Good News into the world. Let each member of the family consider at least one new way he or she will use these gifts to take the Gospel message to one new person this week.

**Discussion Starters**

1. One time when I was hurting, someone brought me the Good News when they . . .
2. One of the most rewarding memories I have of helping someone when I received absolutely nothing in return was when . . .
3. Some of Jesus' apostles made mistakes in their own lives. This gives me hope when I think . . .

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Supporting refugees through ShareLife This coming **Tuesday, June 20, we observe World Refugee Day**, an international day to honour refugees around the world. Through your generosity, you are able to help the Office of Refugees (ORAT) save lives of refugees from different backgrounds and walks of life. In a special way, their work is directed towards assisting Christian refugees who have been marginalized and persecuted for practicing their faith. Thank you for giving them a new home here in Canada, for giving them hope, and for living the Gospel by giving to ShareLife.



The annual Imnarja Festival is going to be held n **Saturday June 24**, at Runnymede Park (Runnymede Rd./Ryding Ave.), between 2:00 pm and 10:00 pm. A celebration of Malteseness!! This is the traditional Maltese festival celebrating the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. Music and singing, food - plenty of it! - and games for the youngest ones . . . and for the not-so-young! Be sure to visit the St. Paul's Kitchen booth for some delicious Maltese dishes and baked goods!

**VOCATION REFLECTION** "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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*The Feast of  
the Immaculate Heart  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary - June 17*



**O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin. You know that all men sin. Give us, by means of your Immaculate Heart, spiritual health. and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart. Amen.**