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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.

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 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

5:30pm

• +Margaret Micallef

Sunday, June 25

9:00am

• +Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

- +Natalino & Rosa Taliana
- +Charlie, Albert & Anthony Taliana
- +Silvana Dewe & Grace Bugeja
- +Emanuela Micallef & Joseph Bugeja
- +Tony Axiak

12:00 noon

• +Margaret Micallef

Monday, June 26

• I - Alroy Jacob

Tuesday, June 27

• +Doris Micallef

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

• +Maria Di Freitas Candelaria

Thursday, June 29

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

• +Maria & David Bugeja

Friday, June 30

• +Sam Fenech

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 25, 2023
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



I was looking forward to celebrating my first Imnarja this coming Saturday at the park. Because of the possibility of thunderstorms, the event has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Everything that occurs has a purpose.

Our social committee invites you to join us for a parish gathering on Saturday 2 PM - 9 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 2 PM. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the volunteers for their tireless efforts.

The word Imnarja is derived from the Latin term Luminare – to illuminate. This was how the Maltese people expressed their joy in recognizing the June 29th feast. Depending on the village, there were different customs and traditions, each with its own sights, smells, and sounds.

This annual feast has been a tradition in Malta and Gozo for generations. It began during the Middle Ages, before the Knights of St. John, honoring Saints Peter and Paul. These trailblazers enabled Christianity to spread quickly across the globe. St. Paul is held in high esteem in Malta and Gozo. St. Paul has acted as a protector and guardian for the island since he was shipwrecked there and introduced the Catholic faith.

This festival in Malta and Gozo is so important that it requires two days of celebration. Each year, locals and tourists alike look forward to the opportunity to indulge in the exquisite flavors of Maltese cuisine.

The parishioners speaking of past celebrations were filled with a joy that could be felt through their stories.

I am looking forward to having the pleasure of meeting everyone this weekend.



VOCATION REFLECTION “Have no Fear.” Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is calling you to. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION “Do not be afraid!” These words from Jesus in today’s Gospel should be a source of reassurance for all of His stewards. These same words were echoed by St. John Paul II at his inaugural homily as Pope. He said, “Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ’s power to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.” As stewards of Christ, it is easy to succumb to various fears. The fear of financial burdens, family crises, health complications as well as the spiritual fear of not being a “good” enough disciple. It is to these fears and more that Jesus, and St. John Paul II, says to be not afraid. But how do we fight these temptations of fear? We fight them through prayer and trust in God. Whenever fears or worries take hold of our lives, whenever we doubt the fruits or importance of our stewardship, let us run to prayer. It is in those quiet moments before the Lord that He will slowly reveal His love for us which “casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). Let us take a moment today to intentionally pray to God, asking Him to fill us with greater trust in His goodness.

Jesus in today’s Gospel, as well as St. John Paul II throughout his pontificate, encourages us to “be not afraid!” In our lives as followers of Christ and stewards many fears and worries may begin to take hold of us. Let us strive to fight these fears through the power of prayer and daily grow in greater trust in God.

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website

Gospel Summary

There are people who do not yet know the Good News. Jesus assured his disciples and us that we will bring the light of the Kingdom into their darkness by sharing Jesus with them. Even if some people, even our families, ridicule us for our proclamation, God will care for us until the end.

Reflection for Families

As an old saying goes, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." This is not only the message we need to convey to our children, but through our own actions, they will see that we believe this to be true. Sometimes we have to take an unpopular stand with our children when we know that they are being tempted by their peers and culture. You will find among parents of older children, that your children will one day express their gratitude for your courage.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

This Gospel is about giving up something for someone else. What do you have that someone else might need? Good health, material comfort, time, energy? Think of someone or a group of people in your community who are marginalized. What can your family do to help ease their burden? Perhaps you can make a meal, give away some of your possession, visit them or write them a letter or note.

Discussion Starters

1. Sometimes I have known what is right in a situation, but I have stopped short of expressing it because . . .
2. One time I remember feeling lost when someone turned against me. I now know that God was with me then because . . .
3. One person I really admire for standing up for what is right is . . .

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During these past few months, we had the funerals of **Edward Caruana, Mary Camilleri, Josephine Schembri, George Coleiro, Maria Di Freitas Candelaria, and Dorothy Hall.**



As a community of faith, we keep them in our prayers so that God will give them eternal peace with Him. We also continue to pray for their families and loved ones, to find consolation and peace in their hearts.



WELCOME SUMMER!!

As we enter into Summer, the lives of most of us change. Children have a break from school, some of us go to the cottage or overseas for vacation. A break from normal routine is needed by everybody.

Pope Francis reminds us that this can be a time when we can “rest and restore the spirit, especially through a more quiet reading of the Gospels”. It is a time when, “with the Bible in hand, in silence, we begin to feel this interior beauty, this joy that the word of God generates in us . . . It's important,” the Pope tells us, “that in the period of rest and breaking away from daily concerns, you restore the energies of your body and soul, deepening your spiritual journey.” In the meantime, whether it’s at St Paul’s or anywhere else, please remember that when we go to Church for Mass, we are entering God’s House for a moment of prayer. Please dress accordingly. What serves us well at home or at the beach might not necessarily be fitting for a liturgical celebration!

May whatever you do during Summer bring you rest in your body and peace in your soul.