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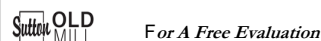


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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS
 Monday to Friday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

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, July 1
Happy Canada Day!
5:30pm
 • I - Vanessa Bielecki (birthday)

Sunday, July 2
9:00am
 • +Missa Pro Populo

10:30am
 • +John Sultana & Carmelo Vella
 • +Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
 • +Mary Mifsud
 • +Joseph Farrugia
 • +Joseph Micallef

12:00 noon
 • +Rosina Chiappetta & Franceska Capizzano

Monday, July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
 • +Doris Micallef

Tuesday, July 4

Wednesday, July 5
 • +Deceased members of the Camilleri Family
 • +Nina Schembri

Thursday, July 6
St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

Friday, July 7
First Friday of the Month

Sunday, July 2, 2023
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

MASS INTENTIONS



Let's look at some things in this week's bulletin.

Last week's bake sale by St. Paul's Kitchen committee was an incredible success. We made \$3,424.00! We threw together this event real quick since L'Imnarja got cancelled because of the chance of bad weather. A big thank you to the social committee for organizing this event and a big shout-out to all the parishioners for their baked goods and support.

As we all know, ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

Over 40 ShareLife agencies are aiding thousands of people locally and many more globally, no matter what religion. Given the growing needs in our communities, it is crucial we meet our Parish Campaign goal of \$13.8 million. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to: offer walk-in counseling to those facing mental health issues, help victims of domestic violence, ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten, deliver food to children in developing countries and form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes.

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

The archdiocese gave us a goal of \$10,100 and we currently have \$3540. The campaign ends on July 31st. If you haven't donated yet, you can do it online or put it in an envelope at the back of the church labeled. "ShareLife."

Wishing you and your families a great Canada Day! Let's take time to thank God and enjoy the summer. Our daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:15 am. The parish office is closed and will reopen on Tuesday, July 4 at 10: 00 AM.

VOCATION REFLECTION "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. If you feel you are being called 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



This coming Friday, **July 7 is the first Friday of the month.** We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, followed by some time of adoration and benediction.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION In today's first reading we hear of a wealthy woman who would stop and provide a meal to the prophet Elisha whenever she saw him walking by. She recognized him to be a holy man and decided to go even more out of her way by providing a furnished room from Elisha to stay. This woman used her gifts and possessions to serve others. This should serve as a model of stewardship for all of us. Let us ask ourselves, how do we use our gifts to serve others? The woman in the reading is described to be wealthy, so she was able to give from her material wealth to support the prophet. However, while we may not have the same material wealth as this woman, we all possess the wealth of our time. As stewards we should reflect on how we can use our time to serve Christ and the church. Perhaps one way is by offering our time to help with various ministries that take place over the summer months at the parish. The reading tells us that for her generosity, the woman was prophesized to soon bear her first child. We too as stewards can look forward to the reward of our labours. We will receive the gift of joy in this life as we work towards the ultimate reward of eternal union with God in heaven. Summary The woman in the first reading was able to give from her material wealth to support the prophet Elisha. However, while we may not have the same material wealth as this woman, we all possess the wealth of our time. As stewards we should reflect on how we can use our time to serve Christ and the church

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website

Gospel Summary

While Jesus' words may seem harsh in this Gospel where he tells his followers to leave their families in order to spread the Good News, he simply stresses the value of being a missionary. Whatever our sacrifice, our reward will be great beyond measure.

Reflection for Families

As parents we spend most of our missionary work offering a cup of cold water to our children. That is to say our actions are not great feats, rather they are the simple and ordinary ways we live our lives doing simple but good deeds that witness the present and coming Kingdom of God. We shouldn't worry that we don't know a lot of theology to pass on to our children. What we pass on to them in our everyday living out of our beliefs is far greater.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

For one week, have each family member keep track of strangers they encounter—either in check-out lines, waiting for something (elevator, bus, to cross the street, etc.). Be proactive in welcoming these people to God's Kingdom. Maybe you let them in, on, or across first. Perhaps you smiled and greeted them with friendly words. If they needed assistance, you came forward. At the end of each day, share these experiences as a family. Lift up those strangers in your family's evening prayers.

Discussion Starters

One thing our family always does to help people feel welcome is . . .
The person I love to visit most is . . . because . . .One person (or group of people) that is hard for me to welcome is . . . because . . .

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Help homeless youth through ShareLife.

Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It's located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese.

"The money raised by ShareLife directly impacts the youth at Covenant House because it goes to a wide array of programming," says the agency. "That funding goes directly to the youth to have them be able to reach out and get the support they need."

Thus far we have raised **\$3,540.00** towards our goal of **\$10,100.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Lord Jesus Christ, look on the people of our land and bless us all.

Help us to be brothers and sisters to all the world, and to work for peace and love.

Be with us, Jesus and bless Canada.

For you are our Lord and Saviour for ever. Amen. - taken from CCCB 'Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family'.