

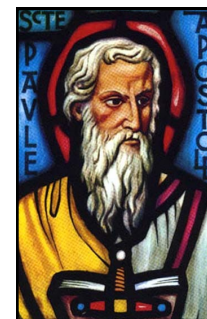
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily morning Mass:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 5:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)

Secretary

Mrs. Rita Apalit

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
 9:00am to 4:30pm
 (Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am

Marriages: Contact the priest one year in advance of the wedding. A marriage preparation course in mandatory.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am
 Saturdays: 4:45pm to 5:15pm
 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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Summary

In this gospel, Peter named Jesus as the Messiah. Later Jesus named Peter as the foundation of the earthly Church and gave him the keys of power. Peter was to be like the steward of a palace making decisions for the Church community. God promised to stand behind Peter's decisions.

Reflection for Families

Sometimes it seems like an awesome responsibility, but our children look to us as the rock on which they build many things: their trust in other people, their hope, and certainly their faith in God's promises. The way our children see us respond to others, what they hear us say, and what they see us do, will shape who Jesus is in their lives. Taking a moment to pray for guidance and wisdom before we act or react to a situation may be just enough to let Jesus in.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Take this opportunity to learn more about our pope. Find photographs of the Pope, where he lives, who helps him, and information suitable to the ages of all family members. Help each person understand that our pope has followed Peter as leader and decision-maker for the Catholic Church. While all people are human and capable of error, God promises to be with us in our responsibilities.

Discussion Starters

1. Sometimes I think about the question that Jesus asked Peter: Who do you say I am? I know how I would answer Jesus today. He is...
2. The most important thing for me about being Catholic is...
3. There are people who have authority over me. I pray for them that they...

**August 27
 2023**

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26

5:30pm
 • +Nick Azevedo

Sunday, August 27

9:00am
 • +Rita Caruana

10:30am

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

12:00 noon

- Missa Pro Populo

Monday, August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

- +Carmen Piscopo

Wednesday, August 30

- +Maria de Freitas Candelaria

Thursday, August 31

- +Vincenza Darmanin

Friday, September 1

- +Theresa Massa



Can I ask you a tiny favor? Are you aware of anyone who would like to become a Catholic or complete the initiation process? If you don't mind, could you pass this along or have them contact through email: fr.roy@rogers.com

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our RCIA (Rite of the Christian Initiation for Adults). This opportunity is available to those who are contemplating baptism in the Catholic Church or have yet to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, including Confirmation, and Eucharist. This opportunity is also available to those baptized in another Christian community and seek acceptance into the Catholic Church.

The RCIA program should aid you in your preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and to provide an open environment for discovering more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA sessions also offer an opportunity for you to inquire about questions you may have regarding the Catholic Church. These sessions will inform you about what the Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.

Following his initial encounter with Jesus, Saint Andrew in the Gospels extended an invitation to others to experience the Lord's company. These weekly sessions are being offered to those who aspire to deepen their faith and establish a strong family culture anchored in ethical, moral, and spiritual principles. It offers a beautiful way to connect with the Catholic Church and gain knowledge about its diverse teachings, including those related to Scripture, prayer, ethics, social justice, and other areas.

The RCIA program is also open for parishioners in the parish who seek to enhance their knowledge of their faith. I am currently determining when to begin these sessions.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION In today's Gospel, Jesus poses this significant question to His disciples. Having traveled with our Lord, witnessing His ministry to people for quite some time, observing His miracles, and listening to His teachings, the disciples were in a unique position to answer. Jesus asks, "Who do people say that I am?" They offer various opinions, reflecting the Israelites' comparisons of Jesus to different individuals. Then, Jesus poses the crucial query, "Who do you say that I am?" This question ultimately holds paramount significance. It disregards the opinions and beliefs of others regarding the person of Christ. When confronted with this inquiry, we may consider the teachings of renowned saints and their insights on the identity of Jesus or rely on the lessons imparted to us. Nevertheless, in the end, Jesus directly asks us today about our personal perception of Him. It is our individual relationship with Jesus and how we define His significance in our lives that shapes our discipleship. Jesus is indeed the Messiah, the Son of God, our savior, redeemer, and friend, just as He was to Peter. As such, Jesus reveals our purpose to us. Our task is to actively contribute to the growth of the church. This responsibility is bestowed upon us as stewards. Jesus instructs Peter that he will serve as the foundation upon which He will build His church, a community whose members may possess weaknesses but find strength through their relationship with Christ. Let us take a moment this week to contemplate the significance of Jesus in our lives. What are we doing to help nurture the Body of Christ? What gifts are we offering for the sake of building up the Church?

When contemplating Jesus Christ, who is He to you personally? Reflecting upon our answer to this question and our individual relationship with Jesus holds great significance as we embrace the responsibility of stewardship. Let us take a moment this week to contemplate the significance of Jesus in our lives. What are we doing to nurture the Body of Christ? What gifts are we offering for the sake of building up the Church?

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

VOCATION REFLECTION "For who has known the mind of the Lord?" Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord. If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

email vocations@archtoronto.org
website www.vocationstoronto.ca

CATECHISM CLASSES

Registrations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes are now open. Please take the appropriate form from the back of the church, or download it from our parish website:

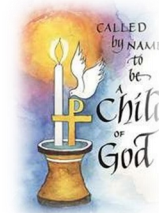
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Please return completed forms to the parish office. Those who register will receive all relevant information from our catechists. Alternatively, scan the appropriate QR code, which will enable you to register your child for the Sacrament online.

First Holy Communion



Confirmation



This past week we welcomed **Emry-James Shay Cappellano** who joined our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate his family, and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help their child grow into a mature Christian.

The church observes **THE MEMORIAL OF ST. AUGUSTINE** on Monday, August 29th. From 396 to 430, he held the position of bishop of Hippo. He is one of the Latin Fathers of the Church and perhaps the most significant Christian thinker after St. Paul. Augustine's achievements are noteworthy for both his actions and his literary works. Even if his written works hadn't survived, he would still have been a significant figure, albeit with a stature similar to some of his peers. His surviving writings surpass five million words, all of which showcase his mental acuity and sharpness. Some of these works exhibit an exceptional ability to captivate readers, both in his era and today. His unique theological style had a profound impact on Latin Christianity, which was only surpassed by Scripture itself. His work is still relevant today, in part because of his affiliation with a religious group that held dominance in the West during his time and still does. I strongly suggest reading his book, "Confessions of St." Augustine's." The content is both intellectually and spiritually enriching. Take your time to read it slowly and contemplate its meaning.

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