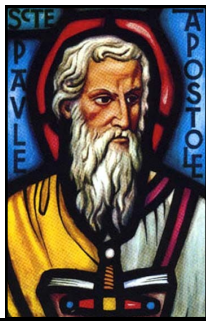


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 Tuesday & Thursday
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Saturday: 5:30pm (English)
Sunday:
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 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)

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 Monday to Friday
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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.

**August 27
 2023**

Gospel Summary
 Jesus set for his followers a three-step procedure for reconciling differences among the community. In the first step we are told to go one-on-one to the person and try to work out the problem. If that doesn't work, we are to take some witnesses, or in the final case, bring the offender before representatives of the Church. If reconciliation does not occur in the end, there is nothing more we can do and are told to walk away from the person.

Reflection for Families
 Reconciling differences is one of the most challenging jobs of parenthood. When our children jump immediately to step three (we sometimes call it tattling), we need to remind them and guide them through the first steps. Our children need to see us model this as well. How often do we fly off the handle and accuse someone of wrongdoing rather than approach him/her rationally. When our children see us calmly, but firmly, address someone, naming the infraction and saying how the action made us feel, they learn that there are other ways besides hostile confrontation to work out differences.

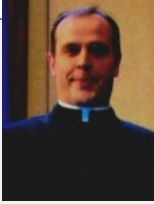
Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family
 The next time there is an argument or injury in your family, try this formula: In a normal tone of voice, let the person who was injured say to the one who inflicted the hurt, it hurts me (or makes me feel . . .) when you . . . If the perpetrator is genuinely willing to ask for forgiveness, they may say something like, I'm sorry for hurting you by . . . I will try not to . . . in the future. Will you forgive me? The injured person must decide if he/she can accept the apology and truly forgive the other person. If not, a time should be named when they will try this formula again. If reconciliation does occur, the formula should end with some gesture of peace.

Discussion Starters

1. There was a time when I had to correct someone who did something wrong. This gospel would have helped me...
2. There is a situation I know of where this formula will help me. I plan to use it by...
3. I know it was hard for someone to correct me once when...

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From our Pastor's Desk...



On Labour Day, let us reflect on work's importance and thank the Almighty for letting us contribute to his vineyard as co-labourers. It is very important that we see the work we do, no matter what type it is—in relation to God's plan for His unfinished world. Our work really when you think about it is a partnership with God, nature and our fellow human beings.

Someone should never view simply work as the expenditure of energy to complete a task.

Work is a profound way into a relationship with God and life around us. Thus, there is a fundamental spirituality associated with all human labour. All work has dignity, assuming it does not conflict with God's will and every worker is to be respected as a human being made in the image and likeness of God.

St. John Paul made several important points about work that we should reflect upon today:

- (1) each person is called by God to contribute to the ongoing work of the new creation.
- (2) In our working with others, we become more human and develop the many gifts God has generously poured into our hearts.
- (3) It is crucial to acknowledge that work surpasses the physical level of existence. It must refresh our souls.
- (4) Justice demands that each worker receive a just salary and perform a just day's labour.

On this Labour Day, we pause and give thanks to those who work to enhance the quality of everyday life. We pray for those who are unemployed.

Let us look to Jesus, who went about working for the kingdom. He accomplished that by being a humble servant. In our lives, we must put on the same attitude. Whether we earn our daily bread as a bank president, college professor, or farmer, each of us is called to build up the Kingdom of God. Our actions of doing so serve as a tribute to our beloved Savior, who initially showed us the way of doing good work.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Who truly is the Christian disciple and what does it take to become one? Jesus addresses this question in today's Gospel by stating, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." To truly embrace discipleship in the Lord, we must begin by denying ourselves. This act of self-denial involves placing complete trust in Jesus, recognizing that He has a purpose and plan for our lives. Moreover, it requires acknowledging our weaknesses and humbly acknowledging that all the blessings we receive come from the Lord. Then, we take up our cross, which entails accepting the various sufferings we encounter and uniting them with the sufferings of Jesus on the cross. In doing so, we grow in awareness that He bears our sufferings with us. Lastly, we commit to following Him wherever He may lead us. This may involve stepping outside of our comfort zones, but being a disciple means having faith that Jesus will be with us every step of the way. This is the path to which all stewards are called – a life characterized by sacrifice, service, and love. Stewards willingly offer their gifts and talents, even at the cost of their valuable time, recognizing that these abilities are bestowed by Jesus Himself. Their deep affection for Him and His Church compels them to share these gifts with others. It is only by denying ourselves, shouldering our individual crosses, and faithfully following Jesus that we can extend the same selflessness to others and actively contribute to the growth of God's kingdom.

To fulfill our role as disciples and stewards, Jesus invites us to engage in three fundamental actions: self-denial, carrying our cross, and following Him. As we do this, we gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and become more attuned to His voice, discerning the myriad of different ways He calls us to share our time and talent. Embracing a life of sacrifice and love, which is inherent to stewardship, empowers us to actively contribute to the advancement of God's kingdom through our actions.

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

93th Anniversary of the Parish

Friday, September 8th is a special day for St. Paul's Church, as it marks the 93rd anniversary of its consecration. The universal church remembers the birthday of the Blessed Virgin on that same date. Both St. Paul's Church and the memorial of the birthday of Mary are significant and hold a special place in many people's hearts. To mark the occasion, I have invited Fr. Pierre Farrugia, O.F.M., to offer the 9:15 am Mass in Maltese. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the parish hall, which I cordially invite you to attend.

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:

stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org

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



SENIOR



CALLING ALL SENIORS!!! The Seniors' Bingo will restart this coming Wednesday, September 6th at 12:30 pm.

VOCATION REFLECTION "For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

PARISH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

We will be holding our first **Coffee Sunday** on September 10th after all Masses.

During the weekend of September 9th/10th, our Masses will also serve as a commemoration of our parish's anniversary.

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Congratulations Fr. Roy!!!

As of this past Friday (September 1st), Fr. Roy Farrell has been appointed Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church by Bishop Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto.

We pray that the Lord continue to grant Fr. Roy health and wisdom to lead our parish, and to continue the good work carried out by his predecessors.