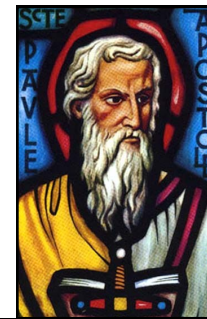


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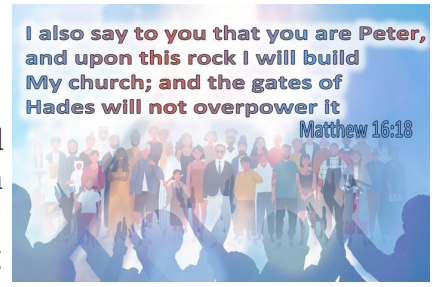
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**September 10
 2023**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Anniversary of our Parish
'You are the temple of God, and God's Spirit swells in you.'
 The readings used in today's celebration, serves to remind us that, although we are commemorating the consecration of a physical building, God's church is much greater than a mere building.
 In the First Reading, we see Solomon filled with doubts whether the temple he built was worthy of the almighty and all-powerful God. He offers heartfelt prayers to God, asking the Almighty to cast an ever-watchful eye on the temple, and a patient ear to the prayers arising from it.
 The Second Reading, from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, is more direct and sets down the meaning of what God's temple should be to the Christians: 'You are the Temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you ... Holy is the temple of God, which you are.'
 The Gospel reading from the 16th Chapter of Matthew is the incident when Jesus asks his disciples who people say that he was, and then who they, the disciples, thought he was. The immediate answer came from Simon: 'You are the Messiah, Son of the Living God'.
 Jesus immediately rewarded Simon's faith by changing his name to Peter - the Rock - and announcing that His Church will be built on this living rock.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9
 5:30pm
St. Peter Claver, Priest
 • +Nicolau Azevedo

Sunday, September 10
 9:00am
 • Missa Pro Populo

10:30am
 • +Joseph Farrugia
 • +John Clark
 • +Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
 • +Rita Chircop
 • +Frank Cini

12:00 noon
 • +Maria Fenech

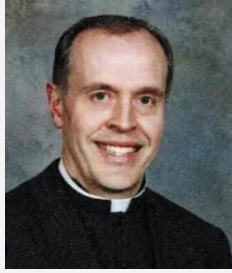
Monday, September 11
 • +Cutajar Family

Tuesday, September 12
 • +Paul Delicata

Wednesday, September 13
St. John Chrysostom,

Thursday, September 14
The Exaltation of the Cross
 • +Eugenio Sturino
 & Mariano & Amalia Stellato

Friday, September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows



It's the start of September, and the days are getting shorter and cooler. In the months of July and August, many of us yearn for a break and some much-needed downtime. While some prefer to travel abroad, others find solace in visiting family members in their homeland. I hope everyone has relaxed and recharge. Resting is an integral part of our spiritual growth, particularly as we learn to 'rest in the Lord'. The attainment of spiritual peace is desirable and leads us to God.

September signifies a time to pursue our goals while reflecting on them. The time has come for students to resume their studies. People return to their homes from their cottages and overseas holidays.

As a parish, the start of another pastoral year holds great importance. Throughout the summer months, we were consistently engaged in a variety of activities. We celebrated our usual Masses, quite a few funerals, a single wedding, and several baptisms. We embarked on a bus excursion to Niagara Falls that proved to be both enjoyable and restful, and we were delighted to have Bishop Giovanni and Fr. David with us.

Volunteers actively helped prepare the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, followed by a well-attended reception in the parish hall.

Thank you for your unwavering support. We journey in faith together towards September 8th, a day with religious and historical significance for the universal church and for our parish.

On this day, we also observe the birth of the Virgin Mary. However, for us, Maltese, it is an occasion of celebration known as "il-Vitorja."

Our Lady's intervention caused the Turks to flee from our shores after their defeat in the Great Siege of 1565. Our forefathers strongly defended their Christian faith. Providentially, September 8th, 1930 marks the founding of our parish church.

The 93rd Anniversary is an occasion to renew our commitment to our Catholic Christian faith at our parish. We achieved remarkable spiritual vitality in our parish. It is because of the tireless efforts and unwavering devotion of our parishioners. It's important that we acknowledge and commemorate this significant moment in our history. We can build a hopeful future for our parish by committing to attending Mass every Sunday and staying on our spiritual path.

The first day of September marked my appointment as a pastor by Archbishop Francis Leo. The thought of collaborating with you in the future is a great honour and privilege that I deeply cherish. As we embark on our journey to live our baptismal call, I humbly request that you keep me in your prayers.

Anniversary Prayer

O God, our Father, you have called us to be your holy people. We thank you for calling us to be part of the faith community St. Paul the Apostle Parish - those who celebrated your presence among us in the past, we who celebrate now and those who will celebrate in the future. Bless our efforts as we continue to journey as one family, our journey of faith. Nourish us with your word and sacraments and strengthen us as we share your love with all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Talba ta' l-Anniversarju

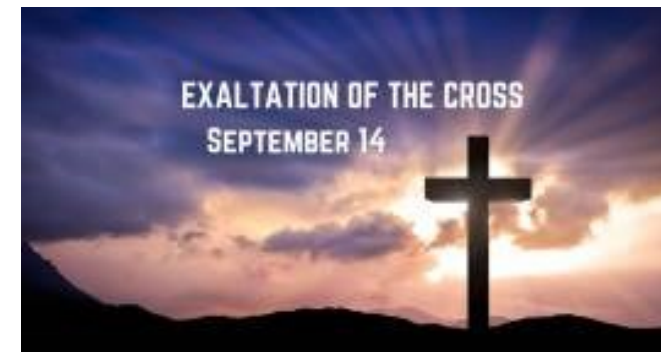
O Alla, Missierna, int sejjahtilna biex inkunu l-poplu qaddis tiegħek. Irroddulek ħajr li sejjahtilna biex inkunu parti mill-komunità ta' fidi, il-Parroċċa ta' San Pawl Appostlu - dawk li fl-imghoddi ċelebraw il-preżenza tiegħek fostna, aħna li qed niċcelebrawha llum u dawk li għad jiċcelebrawha fil-futur. Bierek, nitolbuk, l-isforzi tagħna filwaqt li nkomplu mexjin bhala familja waħda, il-mixja tagħna tal-fidi. Sostnina b'kelmtek u bis-sagramenti u saħħahna filwaqt li naqsmu mħabbtek ma' kull min niltaqgħu. Nitolbuk dan f'isem Ġesù Kristu Sidna. Amen.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

During this weekend, our Masses will also serve as a commemoration of our parish's anniversary.

On Sunday, we will be holding our first **Coffee Sunday** after all Masses.

Coffee and cake will be available in the lower hall after our **Sunday Masses**.



We Catholics make the sign of the cross when we enter or leave a church, when we eat our meals, when we go to sleep at night and when we wake in the morning. The cross is a constant reminder of God's love.

During our baptism, a priest marked the sign of the cross upon us. That stamped each of us as a Christian.

The Triumph of the Cross Feast is an occasion that was established in 335 AD to celebrate the dedication of churches in Jerusalem, which were constructed on the sites where Christ was crucified and then rose from the dead. It became a major feast, and any Christian who could make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem would try to be there for the celebration. The whole 40-day period between Transfiguration Day (August 6) and Holy Cross Day. Became a time of pilgrimage to welcome the autumn season.

Death on the cross reveals the love of God for us. From the Cross with love comes the saying: "In the Cross is Salvation"

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Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows



On September 15th, we continue the feast of the Cross in company with Mary, the sorrowful mother.

Mary lived in a country oppressed by the Romans. She knew how it felt to be an un-wed mother, a refugee, the mother of a

political prisoner and a condemned "criminal". She experienced poverty and she was a widow. Her sufferings resonate with many individuals across the globe, particularly those who experience political oppression, racial discord, and warfare.

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.

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