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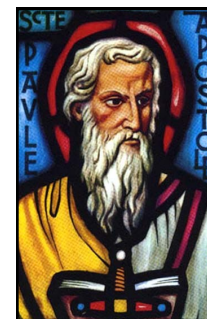


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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Summary

The vineyard owner hired five groups of labourers. Each subsequent group began work later in the day. When the owner hired the first group, they agreed on a fair wage. At the end of the day, he called in the workers and began paying them, the last ones first. Of course, the early morning crew saw the later ones getting a full day's wage and excitedly anticipated a bonus for themselves. When they were paid, they received only the negotiated amount. "It's not fair!" was their cry.

Reflection for Families

How many times a day do our children point out that someone got more than they did? Enough, I'm sure, for us to know that today's Gospel illustrates a human response! But our human ways are not God's ways. God's generosity is sometimes beyond our understanding. But imagine what a world it would be if we rejoiced in generosity and good fortune of others.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Make a list of the gifts God has given your family. They may be things that you can see and touch, or they may be intangible gifts like character, health, or intelligence. Ask yourselves: Do you think your family has more gifts than some other families? Do all the gifts have to have material value? Are there some families you know who have gifts that can't be measured in dollars and cents? What does all this say to you about God's generosity?

Discussion Starters

1. I remember once giving someone something (or doing something for them) without a specific reason. I remember feeling...
2. I can remember an incident where someone got something I didn't. It was when...
3. Once I got a full day's wage for only working part of the day. I think there is a connection between that time and this gospel because...

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 23

5:30pm
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 • +Mary Joyce Tonna Brown

Sunday, September 24

9:00am
 • +Missa Pro Populo

10:30am
 • +Natalino & Rose Taliana
 • +Charlie, Albert & Anthony Taliana
 • +Silvana Dewe & Grace Bugeja
 • +Emanuela Micallef & Joseph Bugeja
 • +Tony Aquilina
 • +Frank Micallef

12:00 noon
 • +Linda Apalit

Monday, September 25

• +Roy & Bridget Fernando

Tuesday, September 26

Wednesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 • +Doris Micallef

Thursday, September 28

Friday, September 29

• +Carmen Piscopo

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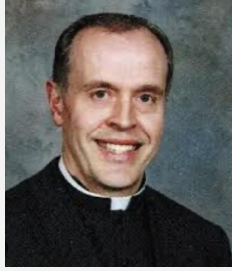


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**September 24
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From our Pastor's Desk...



I am delighted to share with you some important news and events that are happening in our parish and in our archdiocese.

First of all, I would like to thank you for your warm welcome and your prayers as I became the pastor of St. Paul's on September 1st. I am very happy and honoured to serve this wonderful community of faith. I look forward to getting to know you better and working with you to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Secondly, I would like to invite you to join me on Sunday, October 8th at the 10:30 am Mass, when Bishop Kasun will officially install me as the pastor of St. Paul's. This will be a special occasion for me and for our parish, as we celebrate our unity and our mission. After the Mass, there will be a reception in the parish hall, where we can enjoy some refreshments and fellowship. Please note that there will not be a noon Mass on October 8th.

Thirdly, I would like to encourage you to support the three special collections that are coming up over the next few weeks. You can find more information about these collections in this week's bulletin. Your generosity and solidarity are greatly appreciated.

Fourthly, I would like to inform you that on Friday, September 29th at 5:30 pm, there will be a special Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, when Archbishop Francis Leo will receive the pallium from the papal nuncio. The pallium is a woolen band that symbolizes the authority and communion of the archbishop with the pope and the universal Church. This Mass will also mark the feast of St. Michael, patron of the archdiocese of Toronto. All are welcome to attend this historic and joyful celebration.

In conclusion, I would like to express my personal devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux, whose feast day is commemorated on October 1st, falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, her memorial cannot be observed since Sunday takes precedence over the memorial of a saint. St. Therese is a doctor of the Church and a patroness of missions. She taught us the way of spiritual childhood and the little way of love and trust in God. To honor her, we will have a nine-day novena starting on Friday, September 22nd before the 9:15 am Mass. I invite you to join me in praying this novena and asking for her intercession. Thank you for your attention and your participation in our parish life. May God bless you and keep you always in His love.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Rejoicing in our Neighbour's Gifts In the first reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah we are reminded that God doesn't think the same way we do. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Not only are God's ways different than ours, they are higher and better. We see this in the Gospel where the landowner in the parable gives an equal wage to the labourers regardless of how long they worked for. The labourers who worked the longest felt that they did not receive what was just. As stewards, we too can sometimes fall into the temptation of feeling that the gifts God has given us is not to the level we would have liked. Similarly, we may sometimes feel that other people should not have the gifts that they have received. In doing this, we are subtly wanting God to think in the same way we do. Instead, we should strive to be stewards that are grateful for the gifts we have received. Moreover, we should even be grateful and praise God for the gifts of others. As we are all one Body of Christ, when one member has particular gifts, we all as a Church should celebrate and boast of that gift. St. Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians that within the Body of Christ, "if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." Let us take some time today to thank God for His many gifts in our lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners.

As stewards, we can sometimes fall into the same temptation of those in the Gospel of feeling that the gifts God has given us and our neighbour are not to our liking. However, we should strive to be grateful for the gifts we have received and even be grateful and praise God for the gifts of others. Let us strive to grow in gratitude to God for His many gifts in our lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH 93RD ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE on Saturday, September 30th (doors open at 6:30pm)

Menu

- ◆ Open-faced tuna Sandwiches (*Ĥobz biž-zejt*)
 - ◆ Penne Pasta in red sauce
 - ◆ Rotini Pasta in white sauce
- ◆ Chicken Piccata (roasted chicken)
- ◆ Roasted Cauliflower & Broccoli Florets
 - ◆ Baked Potatoes
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by Sunday, September 24th.**

INSTALLATION MASS

Please join us on Sunday, October 8th at the 10:30 Mass as Bishop Robert Kasun will officially install Fr. Roy as Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church.

After the Mass, there will be a reception in the lower hall, where we can enjoy some refreshments and fellowship. **Please note that there will not be a noon Mass on October 8th.**

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Help provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community.

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cereals, granola bars, jams, mayonnaise, mustard,
peanut butter, tea bags & coffee, bagged rice



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September 30/October 1, 2023 - Special Collection - Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

As part of our ongoing efforts towards healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised close to 40 percent of the \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops. The archdiocese will contribute \$6 million towards the national pledge. The collection on September 30/October 1 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: www.archtoronto.org/

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR MOROCCO & LIBYA

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: **St. Paul the Apostle Church, stating Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief on the memo line of cheque.**

For those wishing to offer support to the people of Libya, please consider a gift through the Canadian Red Cross in the following ways:

- Online through the Red Cross website – www.redcross.ca
- By phone through the Red Cross at 1-800-418-1111.

Please continue to pray for those who have died, for those who are missing or displaced because of these tragic disasters in both Morocco and Libya and for all who are working hard to provide relief and rescue in both locations.