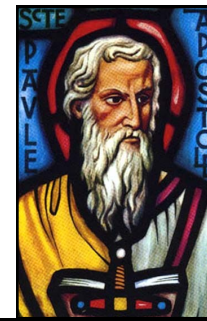


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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Summary

Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.

Reflection for Families

Sometimes our children drag their feet and say they don't want to go someplace where they've been invited. Many times we whisper to ourselves, "If only she would get there, she would have a great time." And sometimes she does get there and, sure enough, she does have a great time. If we're honest with ourselves, we may find that the same is true when we have gone reluctantly to an event that turned out to be quite a pleasure. Wouldn't those who received the original invitation to the wedding feast have enjoyed a splendid party! The words of today's gospel caution us not to miss out on a great celebration. We need to say "yes" to God's invitation.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Invite someone you know who has been away from the Church for a while, maybe a family member, a neighbor, co-worker or classmate to come to Mass with you this weekend (or sometime soon). Help them remember the joy of receiving Eucharist at the Lord's table by reaching out to them in love free from judgment.

Discussion Starters

1. I remember a time I received an invitation and did not go. Later I learned something about the event and regretted my decision because...
2. Once I was really hurt when someone refused my invitation...
3. I know that sometimes I am like the first people invited to the wedding celebration. I makes excuses to God when I...

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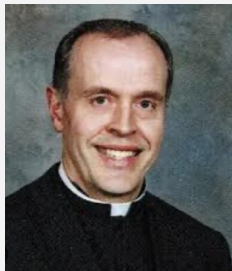
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Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am
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 First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am
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Anointing 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.

**October 15
 2023**

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, October 14**
5:30pm
 • +Mary Joyce Tonna Brown
- Sunday, October 15**
9:00am
 • +Carmen Muscat
- 10:30am**
 • +Pauline Migliore
 • +Emanuel, Carmela & Joseph Psaila
- 12:00 noon**
 • +Theresa Massa
 • +Salvina & Paul Ballucci
 • +Suzanne Camiileri
- Monday, October 16**
- Tuesday, October 17**
St. Ignatius of Antioch
 • +Antonio DaSilva & Maria Mendonça
- Wednesday, October 18**
St. Luke
- Thursday, October 19**
 • +Antonio DaSilva & Maria Mendonça
- Friday, October 20**
 • +Sam Fenech

From our Pastor's Desk...



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who attended my installation ceremony this past Sunday. It was a very special occasion for me and I was deeply touched by your presence and support. Bishop Kasun celebrated a beautiful and meaningful ceremony that reminded me of what it means to serve the community as a pastor and the commitment it entails. I look forward to working collaboratively with you and learning more about the Maltese culture, its history and tradition.

I also want to thank those who gave me gifts. They were very much appreciated. You are very generous and kind parishioners.

I would like to start a prayer group in our parish dedicated to St. Therese of Lisieux. Since I was a boy, I have had a strong devotion to her. I have witnessed many examples of her personal intercession and her promise to "let fall from heaven showers of roses." If you are interested in joining this prayer group, please let me know. Our first meeting will be on Monday, November 6th at 10:00am. This will allow us to have a coffee break after Mass and before our meeting.

Another way to build community and enjoy each other's company is to join our next bus trip. It will take place on Thursday, November 9th. We will visit St. Jacobs Farmers' Market in Kitchener, a charming village with a rich heritage and a vibrant arts and crafts scene. The cost of the bus trip is \$30.00. The Mass will be held at a nearby church, St. John's Roman Catholic Church. There are many places nearby for lunch. Each person can decide where they want to eat. There will also be an opportunity to shop for some unique and handmade items.

Please pray for me as I remember you in my daily prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION A steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord. As stewards we are called to be grateful disciples of Christ. Gratitude is at the very core of what it means to be a steward. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "the deepening of the 'attitude of gratitude' will enhance our commitment to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, to the flourishing of lay engagement in the mission of evangelization, to an increase in the response to the call to the priesthood and religious life, to a courageous and effective dedication to social justice, and so on." Essentially, it all begins with growing in gratitude. One practice that is often recommended to children is to "count your blessings." There is great spiritual fruit to be discovered through this practice, even as adults. Often times we place greater weight on the few negative things in our lives rather than focusing on the hundreds of blessings. Let us intentionally set aside a few minutes this weekend to concretely identify all of the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us this past year.

We can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity by offering up these blessings to our parish community.

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NEW OFFICE HOURS STARTING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

We are excited to announce that starting from next Sunday, October 22nd, the parish office will be open from 10 am to 1:30 pm on Sundays. This is a trial period to see if this change will benefit our parishioners and staff.

Many parishes in the city have found that opening the office on Sundays gives people more flexibility and convenience to book masses, make donations, register for events and do other tasks that may be harder to do during the week. We hope that this opportunity will also work for our parish and enhance our sense of community and service.

Please note that Sundays are busy days for our parish, so we ask for your patience and cooperation as we try this new arrangement. The opening of the office may also help us coordinate other activities and ministries more effectively.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on this change. Please feel free to contact us at stpaultheapostleto@archtoronto.org or 416-767-7054, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support and participation in our parish life. God bless you!



We are still taking registrations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes will begin in November.

Those who register will receive all relevant information from our catechists.

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. Alternatively, scan the appropriate QR code, which will enable you to register your child for the Sacrament online.

First Holy Communion

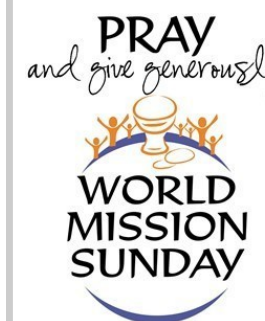


Confirmation



VOCATION REFLECTION How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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Next Sunday, October 22nd, is World Mission Sunday. On this day we remember in a special way, and thank God for, the many people (lay people, priests, Religious sisters and brothers) who leave all their comforts to bring God's message of love to others

around the world. Many of them live in poor and difficult situations.

For this year's World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis has chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.

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