

St. Paul the Apostle Maltese-Canadian Parish

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27 4:30pm

+Doris Micallef

Sunday, January 28 9:00am

• Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

- +Antonia & Publius Micallef
- +Joseph Farrugia
- +Mary Rose Kriewaldt
- +Joseph & Carmen Gové
- +Tony Axiak
- +Natalino, Rosa & Anthony, Charlie & Albert Taliana
- +Sylvana Dewe, Emanuella Micallef, Grace & Joseph Bugeja

12:00 noon

Hario Capizzano

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30

• +Michael Muscat

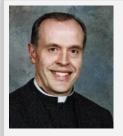
Wednesday, January 31 St. John Bosco. Priest

• +Joyce & Janice Tonna

Thursday, February 1

Friday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord +Doris Micallef

From our Pastor's Desk...



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who volunteer your time and talent to serve our parish in various ways. You are the living examples of stewardship, generosity, and hospitality that make our parish a vibrant and welcoming community.

As your pastor, your recommitment during the 4:30 pm Mass deeply moved me last Saturday. It was a truly beautiful demonstration of your strong faith and love for God and His Church. I am truly thankful to God for the many gifts and blessings He has given to both you and our parish community. I would also like to express my heartfelt

appreciation of the delicious potluck and the inspiring volunteer testimonies. We have a lot of dedicated volunteers who love God and our parish. They serve with great devotion.

I also want to invite and encourage those who have not yet joined any ministry to consider doing so. There are many opportunities for you to share your gifts and talents with others, and to grow in your relationship with God and the parish family. Whether you are interested in liturgy, music, catechesis, outreach, or social activities, there is a place for you in our parish.

If you are interested in joining a ministry, please contact the parish office to complete the screening process and to meet with me, Fr. Roy. I would love to get to know you better and to help you discern what ministry is best suited for you.

A parish that welcomes is a parish that grows. We are a welcoming community that reflects the love of Christ to all. Thank you for being part of this wonderful parish and for your generous stewardship. May God bless you and your families.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus delivering a man with an unclean spirit. When the crowds saw this great miracle they were all amazed by Jesus' words and deeds and began to speak about Him in astonishment. The Gospel ends by saying that "at once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." The news of this miracle helped others in the region come to know about Jesus. So too, as stewards of Christ we should share with others the wonderful deeds God has done for us. All of us who have chosen to follow Christ more closely have our own testimony of how God entered into our lives. St. Peter says that it is important to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). Therefore, whenever someone asks us why we take our faith and stewardship so seriously, we should be able to tell them why. These are prime opportunities to share the faith with others. The next time a family member or friend asks us why we choose to follow Christ, let us share with them how God has beautifully worked in our lives. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese. Bishop Robert Barron says that "the minute you walk outside of your church on Sunday you're in mission territory." As stewards, let us live this missionary call and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel today it says that after Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit that his "fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." So too, as stewards of Christ we should share the wonderful deeds God has done for us in order to evangelize those around us. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese.

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

Feast of the Shipwreck of St. Paul DINNER & DANCE

on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Come enjoy a 5-Course meal with your **Church Family!**

> **Cash Bar** Raffle Music by DJ

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Freda Mifsud at 416-762-1891. Tickets prices are: Adults - \$50.00, Children (5-12 yrs.) - \$20.00 Children under 4 yrs. - Free

Seating will be on a first-come first-seated basis. All bookings and payments must be made by Monday, February 5th.



This coming Friday, February 2nd is the First Friday of the month.

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, followed by some time of adoration and benediction.

On Sunday, January 28th the ST. PAUL THE **APOSTLE MALTESE-CANADIAN MUSEUM** will be open to the public from 9:00 am until just after the 12 noon Mass.



This event is to commemorate the 7th Anniversary of the Maltese-Canadian Museum being opened to the general public. All are welcome, and encouraged to visit the wonderful exhibits in the upper hall.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60th wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th,40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who cannot attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration & information:

www.archtoronto.org/marriage

LIVESTREAM LINK:

https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/

VOCATION REFLECTION Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or deaconate?

If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Come join us on Sunday, January 28th after all Sunday Masses in the lower hall for Coffee, Tea, baked goods, and great company.



MARRIAGE DAY

If you are new to the community, this is a great opportunity to meet our Pastor, Fr. Roy and perhaps connect with fellow parishioners and begin to build friendships.

2023 PARISH TAX RECEIPTS are now being processed. You should receive your receipt in the mail on or before Friday, February 9.