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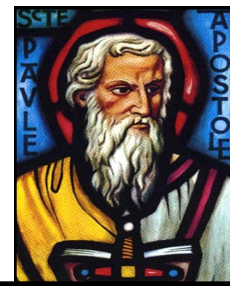
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel we learn that Simon had a mother-in-law. In other words, we become aware that when Simon left everything behind to follow Jesus, that "everything" included family. Jesus the Healer cured Simon's mother-in-law and many in the town who were sick. He also drove out many demons.

Reflection for Parents

A day goes by and before we know it we are falling into bed exhausted. We intended to take time to pray, but time got away from us. In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us by example that it is important to take time to be alone to pray. From prayer we can draw strength to do what each day requires, most especially by showing our family in word and by deed what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, a child of God.



Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

To foster prayer in the home, choose a small table or a space where you can create a prayer area. Cover your table with a cloth in the color of the liturgical season, and place upon it a Bible, a candle, and a crucifix or cross. With your family, decide on when you will gather to pray together around your prayer table or in your prayer space.

Discussion Starters

1. Someone I know who is in need of healing is . . .
2. My favorite place to pray is . . .
3. My favorite way to pray is . . .

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Pastoral Team
 Fr. Roy Francis Farrell
Pastor
 Deacon Raymond Frendo
Permanent Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE
Daily morning Mass:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every
 Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Secretary
 Mrs. Rita Apalit

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday to Friday
 9:00am to 4:30pm
 (Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS
Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am
Marriages: Contact the priest one year in advance of the wedding. A marriage preparation course is 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.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3
4:30pm
 • +Emanuel, Carmela & Tessie Psaila

Sunday, February 4
9:00am
 • Missa Pro Populo

10:30am
 • +John Sultana
 • +Vic & Josephine Attard & Family
 • +Joseph, Marie, Frank & Mary Rose Farrugia

12:00 noon
 • +Rosina & Salvatore Ciappetta

Monday, February 5
St. Agatha
 • +Schembri & Grech Families

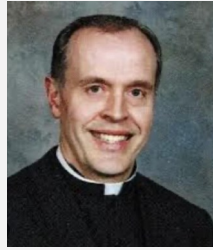
Tuesday, February 6
St. Paul Miki & Companions
 • +Eugenio Sturino, Mariano & Amalia Stellato, Adelina Stellato

Wednesday, January 7
 • +Cutajar & Zammit Families

Thursday, February 8
 • +Lucia Sousa

Friday, February 9
 • +Anne Muscat

From our Pastor's Desk...



As the new pastor of this parish, I am happy to share with you some updates on our parish finances and our plans for the future. I believe that transparency and accountability are essential for building trust and fostering stewardship in our community. This weekend, we will have a brief presentation on our parish finances.

First of all, I want to thank you for your generous support of our parish, both spiritually and financially. Your prayers, participation, and contributions have enabled us to maintain and improve our facilities, programs, and services. You have also helped us to reach out to those in need, both locally and globally, through our various ministries and missions.

Secondly, I want to acknowledge the work of our finance teams, who have been diligent and professional in managing our resources and preparing our financial reports. They have provided me with a clear and comprehensive overview of our income and expenses, as well as our assets and liabilities. They have also identified some areas of improvement and some challenges that we need to address.

Thirdly, I want to share with you some of the projects that we are considering for the future of our parish. These projects are not meant to happen all at once, but rather over time, as we prioritize them according to our needs and our capacity.

These projects are not only meant to benefit us, but also to serve as a witness and a blessing to others. They are expressions of our faith, our hope, and our love for God and for our neighbors.

However, these projects also require resources, both human and financial. Therefore, I appeal to you to continue to support our parish with your time, talent, and treasure. Even though we have invested wisely over the years and have gained from these investments, we still need to look to the future and ensure the sustainability and growth of our parish. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our common vision and mission.

I assure you of my prayers and my gratitude for each and every one of you. I also ask for your prayers and your feedback as we move forward together. May God bless you and keep you always.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION This Sunday, one central theme that runs through all of the readings is that of evangelization. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says “woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!” At the end of the Gospel reading today it says that “Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues.” St. Francis Xavier says that “many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians.” As stewards, evangelization is one of our core responsibilities so let us take some time to reflect on how we can offer our time and talents to this important work. Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ, we must take the time to journey with them. This is perhaps the most important gift we can offer someone as we evangelize. Jesus often spent His time conversing and interacting with the people of Judea. We too should follow this practice and intentionally make an effort to spend time with those whom we know are away from the faith. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us. Secondly, as stewards we are invited to perform concrete actions to help bring others to Christ. St. Teresa of Avila says that “we must all try to be preachers through our deeds.” By performing selfless acts of love we can point others to Love Himself and help them come to know Jesus. Therefore, as stewards, let us take the time and effort to intentionally share the Gospel through our daily witness.

Since evangelization is a core aspect of stewardship we should heed the words of St. Paul who says “woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!” Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ we must take the time to journey with them. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Group will hold a meeting at 10:00 am on February 5th in the St. Joseph's Room. **New members are welcome!** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for new members.



Pancake Breakfast

Come join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th following the 9:15 am Mass for pancake and sausages.

2023 PARISH TAX RECEIPTS are now being processed.

You should receive your receipt in the mail on or before Friday, February 9th.

VOCATION REFLECTION Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries.

If you think 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.**



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th

Mass times

9:15 am and 7:00 pm

You are invited to bring your old palm branches from last year, as they will be used to make ashes that will be distributed this year during the Ash Wednesday services.

Celebration of Marriage

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/>



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF FEBRUARY

Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.

He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.

...the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

~ Psalm 147:7-8, 11