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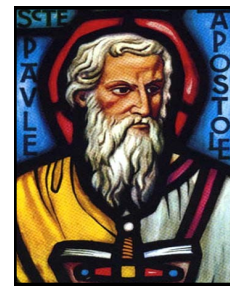
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# St. Paul the Apostle Maltese-Canadian Parish

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## 94TH 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 today's First Reading from the book of Nehemiah, Ezra the priest reads the Law to the assembled people of Israel, who listen attentively and respond with worship and reverence. This public reading and the people's reaction symbolize the consecration of the temple, reflecting their renewed commitment to God's covenant. The passage highlights the importance of understanding and rejoicing in God's word, which now symbolizes the church's role in guiding believers in faith and worship. The joy of the Lord is emphasized as a source of strength for the community.

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.

## Visit Our Website

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**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.

September 8, 2024

## Mass Intentions

- Saturday, September 7**  
**4:30pm**
- +Rita Caruana
- Sunday, September 8**  
**9:00am**
- Missa Pro Populo
- 10:30am**
- +Benjamin Paul Haber
  - +Pauline & Guzeppa Cardona
  - +George Pulo
  - +Vic, Josephine & Attard Family
  - +Joseph Farrugia
  - +Anthony & John Sultana
- 12:00 noon**
- +Frank Cini
- Monday, September 9**
- +Dirceu Teixeira
- Tuesday, September 10**
- Thanksgiving blessings for Candelaria Family
- Wednesday, September 11**
- +Schembri/Grech Family
- Thursday, September 12**
- +Paul Delicata
- Friday, September 13**  
*St. John Chrysostom*
- +Joe Cutajar & Tony Zammit





As we gather to celebrate the 94th anniversary of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, we reflect on the rich history and enduring legacy of our beloved church. Established on September 7, 1930, our parish was born out of the desire of Maltese immigrants who settled in Toronto and sought a place to worship and build a community. Their vision and dedication laid the foundation for a parish that has stood the test of time.

On September 8, 1956, a new chapter began with the erection and blessing of our current building by Rev. Francis V. Allen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. This

milestone marked a significant moment in our history, symbolizing growth and renewal. Over the years, we have remained steadfast in maintaining the traditions and values that our founders cherished.

While many of the original parishioners have moved away, St. Paul the Apostle Parish continues to hold a special place in their hearts. Their unwavering support, both financially and through their prayers, has been a testament to their enduring connection to our parish family. We are deeply grateful for their contributions, which have helped sustain and nurture our community.

In recent times, we have been blessed with the presence of parishioners from diverse ethnic backgrounds who faithfully join us every Sunday to worship. Their involvement and dedication have enriched the life of our parish, bringing new energy and perspectives. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for their commitment and participation.

This Sunday, we have a special opportunity to come together as a parish family to celebrate this significant milestone. It is a time to greet one another, share our stories, and reflect on the journey we have undertaken together. Let us give thanks for the blessings we have received and look forward with hope and faith to the future.

We are excited to invite you to our Dinner Dance on September 28th to celebrate the 94th anniversary of our parish. This is a significant milestone, and we hope you can join us for an evening of joy, reflection, and community.

Why do we celebrate parish anniversaries? Anniversaries are a time to reflect on our journey as a faith community, celebrate our growth, and plan for the future. They remind us of our shared history and the many blessings we have received. Celebrating together strengthens our bonds and renews our commitment to our mission and values.

Why is your support important? Your participation and support are crucial. We understand that not everyone may be available to attend, but there are many ways you can contribute. This year, the net proceeds from the event will be donated to ShareLife, an initiative of the Archdiocese of Toronto. ShareLife supports various charities, including St. Augustine's Seminary, which plays a vital role in the formation of future priests and leaders in our community.

How can you help?

**Attend the Dinner Dance:** Join us for a memorable evening and celebrate with your fellow parishioners.

**Make a Donation:** If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to ShareLife. Each year, our parish is required to raise a certain amount based on our annual collections, and your generosity helps us meet this goal.

**Donate an Item:** Another way to support is by donating items that can be used as prizes during the dinner dance. If we receive a number of items, we will also use them for our New Year's Eve dinner and dance.

We rely on the generosity of our parishioners to support the financial needs of the parish. Your contributions, whether through attendance, donations, or item contributions, make a significant difference. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our parish community. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.

May St. Paul the Apostle Parish continue to be a beacon of faith, love, and community for many years to come.

- Fr. Roy

## 94<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary Dinner Dance

on Saturday, September 28  
(doors open at 5:30 pm)

**\*\*Enjoy a Full Course Meal\*\***

- ◆ Lasagna
- ◆ Veal with Roasted Potatoes & Eggplant Rollatini
- ◆ Tossed Green Salad
- ◆ Sherbert with Fruit Syrup
- ◆ Pastries
- ◆ Tea & Coffee
- ◆ Cash Bar

Can't possibly eat all the food? - No Worries! ....  
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will be provided.

**Dance to the Music of a DJ**

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**\*\*Raffle Prizes\*\***

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If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, you may contact the parish office at 416-767-7054.



The next **ST. THERESE PRAYER GROUP MEETING** will be held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> following the 9:15 morning Mass.

**VOCATION REFLECTION** Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon.

If you feel you have such a vocation, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

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### TALBA TA' L-ANNIVERSARJU

O Alla, Missierna, int sejjatnilna biex inkunu il-poplu qaddis tiegħek. Irroddulek ħajr li sejjatnilna biex inkunu parti mill-komunità ta' fidi, fil-Parroċċa ta' San Pawl Appostlu - dawk li fl-imghoddi ċcelebraw il-prezenza 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 wahda, il-mixja tagħna tal-fidi. Sostnina b'kelmtek u bis-sagramenti u saħħaħna filwaqt li naqsmu mħabbtek ma' kull min niltaqgħu. Nitolbuk dan f'isem Gesù Kristu Sidna. Amen.

### PARISH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Oh God, you called us so that we will be Your holy people. We thank You for inviting us to form part of the community of faith of our parish, remembering all those who, in the past, celebrated Your presence, and praying that we will continue according to their example.

We implore You, oh Lord, to bless all our efforts united as one family in our journey of faith. Sustain us with Your word and the sacraments, and keep us always faithful in our commitments to do Your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.