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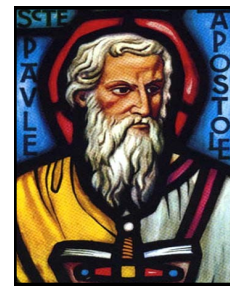
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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells John that those who are not against us are for us. Jesus also speaks of removing those parts of our bodies that cause us to sin, for they are hindrances to entering the Kingdom of God.

### Reflection for Parents

The second teaching in today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the temptations and sources of sin in our lives. Spend time in honest conversation with God, and pray for forgiveness and the strength to overcome temptations. Make time to experience God's healing love and grace in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

### Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Lead a family discussion of familiar sins such as telling a lie, cheating on a test, being jealous of what someone else has, being selfish, or not keeping a promise. Make a list of the family's responses. Remind family members that in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we need to remove whatever causes us to sin from our lives so that we can one day enjoy everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Review the family's suggestions, one-by-one, and brainstorm ways to work at removing those sins from your lives. For example, you can remove telling lies by working at always telling the truth. You can remove selfishness by working at sharing more often. Conclude the discussion by praying for God's strength and help in avoiding sin and in doing good. If time allows, go as a family to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

### Discussion Starters

1. Someone who did something kind for me this week was...
2. An act of kindness I could do for someone else this week is...
3. One of my biggest temptations is...

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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 29, 2024

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 28

- 4:30pm  
 • +Vincenza Darmanin

### Sunday, September 29

- 9:00am  
 • +Linda Apalit
- 10:30am  
 • +Tony Axiak  
 • +Natalino, Rosa & Anthony Taliana  
 • +Charlie & Albert Taliana  
 • +Silvana Dewe & Grace Bugeja  
 • +Emanuela Micallef & Joseph Bugeja
- 12:00 noon  
 • Missa Pro Populo

### Monday, September 30

- +Cosmas & Alfred DeFry

### Tuesday, October 1

- +Auxibus & Burns Alexander

### Wednesday, October 2

- +Doris Micallef

### Thursday, October 3

- +Zammit/Cutajar Family

### Friday, October 4

- +Deceased members of the Camilleri Family





As we approach the feast of St. Michael the Archangel on September 29th, I would like to reflect on the significance of this powerful heavenly protector in our lives and faith.

### Why We Pray to Angels and Saints

In the Catholic tradition, we pray to angels and saints because we believe in the Communion of Saints, a spiritual solidarity between the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. This practice is rooted in the understanding that those in heaven can intercede for us, offering our prayers to God. As Revelation 5:8 illustrates, the saints in heaven present our prayers to God like golden bowls full of incense<sup>1</sup>. This intercession does not replace Christ's unique mediatorship but complements it, as we seek the support of our heavenly family in our spiritual journey.

### St. Michael: Patron of Our Archdiocese

St. Michael holds a special place in our hearts as the patron of our archdiocese. His name, meaning "Who is like God?" in Hebrew, reflects his role as a defender of the faith and a warrior against evil. He is often depicted as a mighty warrior, clad in armor, symbolizing his strength and protection.

### The Importance of Praying for Protection

In a world filled with challenges and evil forces, praying for protection is essential. St. Michael is known for his role in the battle against Satan and his fallen angels, as described in Revelation 12:7-12. By invoking St. Michael, we seek his aid in our daily struggles against temptation and evil, asking for his protection and guidance.

### Why Catholics Hold St. Michael in High Esteem

Catholics hold St. Michael in high esteem for his unwavering commitment to God's will and his role as a protector of the faithful. He is a symbol of spiritual warfare, reminding us of the ongoing battle between good and evil. His feast day, known as Michaelmas, has been celebrated since the early days of Christianity and serves as a reminder of the strength and protection we receive through our faith<sup>345</sup>.

As we celebrate the feast of St. Michael, let us remember to call upon his protection and intercession, trusting in his strength to guide us through our spiritual battles.

## GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

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

The most needed items are:

- Tuna & Canned Meat
- Coffee & Tea Bags
- Soup & Stews
- Condiments ( soy sauce, barbeque sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard)
- Peanut Butter & Jams
- Canned Tomatoes, Corn & Vegetables
- Beans & Chickpeas
- Pasta Sauce
- Granola Bars & Pancake Mix
- Dried Meals



## REFLECTION ON ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

As we gather to celebrate the feast day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux on October 1st, we are blessed to announce that our parish has recently acquired a beautiful statue of this beloved saint. This statue

serves as a tangible reminder of her presence and the profound impact she has on our spiritual lives.

St. Thérèse, also known as the "Little Flower," is a remarkable saint whose life and teachings continue to inspire countless Catholics around the world. Born in 1873 in Alençon, France, Thérèse entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux at the tender age of 15. Despite her short life, she left an indelible mark on the Church through her "Little Way" - a path of simplicity and love in everyday actions..

Why do we pray to saints, and why is St. Thérèse such a powerful intercessor? Saints are our spiritual companions, guiding us closer to God through their example and intercession. St. Thérèse's deep trust in God's love and her unwavering faith, even in the face of suffering, make her a beacon of hope for many. Her autobiography, "Story of a Soul," reveals her profound spiritual insights and her desire to spend her heaven doing good on earth.

Many Catholics, including myself, have a strong devotion to St. Thérèse. Since my childhood, I have felt a special connection to her, finding comfort and inspiration in her words and prayers. Her promise to let fall a "shower of roses" from heaven has been a source of solace and miracles for those who seek her intercession..

Next October, I am planning a pilgrimage to France, where I will visit the places where St. Thérèse lived and the convent in which she spent her final years. This journey will be a profound opportunity to deepen my devotion and to walk in the footsteps of this extraordinary saint.

As we honor St. Thérèse today, let us remember her message of love and simplicity. May her example inspire us to live our faith with the same childlike trust and fervent love that she embodied.

The next **ST. THERESE PRAYER GROUP MEETING** will be held on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST** following the 9:15 morning Mass.

## DAY TRIP TO LONDON, ONTARIO on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

**\$70.00 per person (Buffet Lunch included)**

Departure from St. Paul's Church at 8:30 am

Arrival to St. Paul's at approximately 7:00 pm

Our visit to London, Ontario will include:

- ◆ Mass
- ◆ Meet with members of the Maltese - Canadian Club in London
- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Tour of the Surrounding Area
- ◆ Free Time/Shopping.

## October 5/6, 2024 Special Collection - Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

As part of our ongoing commitment to support 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 collection on the weekend of October 5/6 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. You will find an envelope with this bulletin or at the back of the church. For more information or to donate online please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) - thank you for your generosity!

Registrations for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** and **CONFIRMATION** classes are open. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> during the 4:30 pm Mass, and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> during the 12 noon Mass.

Please take the appropriate form from the back of the church, or download it from our parish website:

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Alternatively, you can scan the appropriate QR code below that will take you directly to the registration form. You may drop off completed forms to the parish office, or send them via email to [stpaultheapostleto@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpaultheapostleto@archtoronto.org). Those who register will receive all relevant information from our catechists.



First Holy Communion



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