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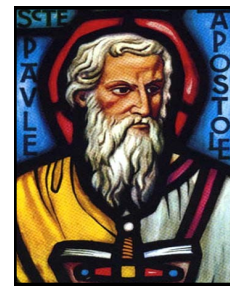
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**Daily morning Mass:**  
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
 9:15am (Maltese/English)  
 Tuesday & Thursday  
 9:15am (English)  
**Weekend Masses:**  
**Saturday:** 4:30pm (English)  
**Sunday:**  
 9:00am (English)  
 10:30am (Maltese/English)  
 12:00pm (English)  
**Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every  
 Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Secretary**  
 Mrs. Rita Apalit

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 Monday to Friday  
 9:00am to 4:30pm  
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**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.

October 6, 2024

**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gospel Summary**  
 In the first part of today's Gospel, Jesus reminds his listeners of what was God's original plan for marriage. A man and a woman are to be joined together and so become one flesh. In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus welcomed the children to come to him, and instructs that we, too, are to accept the kingdom of God like a child.

**Reflection for Parents**  
 At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus embraces and blesses the children, placing his hands upon them. Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, © 2007), includes suggestions for daily blessings titled Daily Blessing of a Child. Consider offering one of the short blessings to your child at the beginning or end of the day, when your child leaves home in the morning, or when your child returns home at the end of the school day. Make the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as you offer the blessing.

- May God bless you.
- May God keep you safe.
- God be with you.
- God be in your heart.
- May God bless and protect you.

**Bringing the Good News Into Your Family**  
 In today's Gospel, the disciples rebuked, or "disapproved of," the children who came to Jesus. As a family, search your parish bulletin or Web site for opportunities to minister to children who are unwanted, forgotten, or in need. Such opportunities may include collecting diapers and formula for infants in need, donating gently used toys and books for children living in local shelters, or donating money to larger relief efforts for children living in poverty throughout the world. Make a family action plan and follow through on your commitment.

**Discussion Starters**

1. As a child, someone who always made me feel welcome and loved was . . .
2. A child I know who needs kindness and friendship is . . . and I will be a friend to that child by . . .
3. A married couple I will pray for every day this week is . . .

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 5**  
 4:30pm  
 • +Rita Caruana

**Sunday, October 6**  
 9:00am  
 • +Missa Pro Populo  
 10:30am  
 • +Tessie Psaila  
 • +Vic & Josephine Attard & Family  
 • +Joseph Farrugia  
 • +Anthony & John Sultana  
 12:00 noon  
 • +Frank Cini

**Monday, October 7**  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
 • +Teresa Armstrong

**Tuesday, October 8**  
 • +John Clark

**Wednesday, October 9**  
 • +Schembri & Grech Family

**Thursday, October 10**  
 • +Anthony & Agnes Grech & Family

**Friday, October 11**  
 • +Gino & Angelica Sturino





Kindly be aware that during the period from October 1st to 12th, I will be in the beautiful country of Malta.

This week, as we approach the first Sunday of October, our thoughts turn to the Life Chain - a silent yet profound prayerful witness for life. Since its inception in 1987, this solemn observance has united individuals in a commitment to protect the most defenseless among us.

The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for an end to abortion. It began in 1987 and is traditionally held on the first Sunday of October each year. Participants hold signs and pray for the respect of human life from conception to natural death, reflecting a commitment to defending the most vulnerable among us. The purpose of the Life Chain is to stand in silent prayer, offering a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life. To participate, individuals can join the chain at designated locations and stand in contemplative silence, holding signs with pro-life messages.

The Life Chain calls us to stand in solidarity, holding signs that affirm life, and to pray for an end to the tragedy of abortion. It's a time to reflect on the power of prayer and the strength of peaceful action.

For those who cannot physically join the Life Chain, there is still a meaningful way to contribute. Offering up your Rosary throughout October can be a spiritual extension of this witness for life. Each prayer, each bead, is a step towards healing for our world. If you're unable to attend the Life Chain event, you can still participate spiritually. One way to do this is by dedicating the Rosary prayers during the month of October, which is also Respect Life Month, to the cause of life. This act of prayer can be a powerful way to unite with others in the pro-life movement, even from afar.

Let us embrace this opportunity to affirm life, whether we stand in the Life Chain or kneel in prayer with our Rosaries. Together, in silence or in spoken word, we make a difference.

**Join us on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 3 pm at the intersection of Keele & Bloor West, as we stand in silent prayer for those who don't have a voice.**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** In the first reading this Sunday we hear about our first parents, Adam and Eve. By reflecting on their lives we can learn a great deal about how we too are called to live. It says in Genesis that, "the Lord God formed man ... and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it," It is from this that the spirituality of stewardship finds its origins, all the way from the first book of the Bible. To be a steward is to gratefully acknowledge our lives and all we possess as gifts from God that should be used for the glory of Christ and the Church. We must maturely take care of them, not for selfish reasons, but out of love and generosity. This is exactly what God is asking of Adam in Genesis. God gives Adam the gift of Eden and the beauty of creation, yet, He doesn't instruct him to use all these gifts for his mere enjoyment and pleasure. Instead, he is told to work at nurturing and fostering these gifts so as to allow them to increase. God tells him to till the land. So too as stewards, we need to till the lands of our time and talents. Let us strive to not passively use them for our own gain but work on using them for God's will. God desires us to share our gifts for His glory, so let us reflect on how we can better offer ourselves for the good of God and the Church.

God gives Adam the gift of Eden and the beauty of creation, yet, He doesn't instruct him to use all these gifts for his mere enjoyment and pleasure but to "till" the land. So too as stewards, we need to till the lands of our time and talents. Let us strive to not passively use them for our own gain but work on using them for God's will.

*Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.*

I would like to reflect on reciting the rosary. The Church dedicates the month of October to Mary, the Mother of God.



As I was preparing this reflection, I came across a story about Louis Pasteur. Just before he died, he told his doctor to inform his wife that he died reciting the rosary, which was a great comfort to her.

Sacred Scripture tells us that following Jesus' Ascension, the Blessed Mother gathered with the apostles to pray in the upper room for the release of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The Blessed Mother has a special role in salvation history. We recall that Mary changed the world by her simple "yes." She agreed to do the will of God, giving the Savior to the world, and the world has never been the same since. Mary's example inspires us, her spiritual children, to live our Christian faith. She encourages us to be people of prayer. Next to the Mass, the Rosary is a treasure of the Church. The rosary is a meditation on New Testament Scripture events in the life of Jesus and Mary. It uses our basic Catholic prayers as a framework: the Sign of the Cross, the Apostles' Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.

The key to saying the rosary well is to take time to reflect on the various mysteries by using scripture passages to help us enter into the mystery we are contemplating. When we encounter distractions (and we will), let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness. When we recite the rosary with complete trust in Mary's powerful intercession, we open our

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- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Tour of the Surrounding Area
- ◆ Free Time/Shopping.

For bookings or to get more information, please call the parish office at 416-767-7054.

**A BIG Thanks!**

A huge thank you goes to all who, in many different ways, have contributed to the success of our Parish Dinner Dance last Saturday. It was a great evening enjoyed by all! Thank you to all who joined us for this wonderful celebration. The profit of \$6,400.00 is being donated to ShareLife.

## Farewell & Good Luck

Please join us on Sunday after the 10:30 morning Mass in the lower hall for some light refreshments, as we bid farewell to Denise Demicoli, Consul General of Malta. Denise will be moving to New York this week and embarking on her new assignment as the first Consul General of Malta in New York.

We wish Denise the very best!

### CATECHISM CLASSES

Registrations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes are open. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Saturday, May 3rd during the 4:30 evening Mass, and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 26th 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.



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