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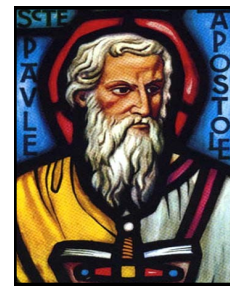
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Daily morning Mass:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)
Weekly Adoration of the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

Secretary
 Mrs. Rita Apalit

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.

November 10, 2024

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Summary
 In today's Gospel, the first part of Jesus' response to the scribe is taken from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. It is also the first part of the *Shema*, a very important section of the Torah that is recited by Jews in the morning and at night. This prayer is part of what is often written on pieces of parchment and placed in *mezuzahs*—or special containers—to be hung on the doorposts in the rooms in Jewish homes.

Reflection for Parents
 Take some time to reflect on the first part of Jesus' response to the scribe. Consider whether you have put any other gods before the one true God—what people, things, attitudes, and behaviors are getting in the way of your relationship with God? What do you need to do in order to truly love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family
 Work together to create a special container similar to a mezuzah. Decorate your container with crayons, markers, stickers, and embellishments that express faith and love. Invite each family member to choose a message from today's Gospel such as, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!" or "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" or "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Ask family members to write or draw their choices on parchment paper or on drawing paper. Have them place their messages in the special container. Place the container near the door your family most often uses. Explain that the container should encourage them to honor the Scripture passage they have written or drawn.

Discussion Starters

1. "The Lord our God is Lord alone!" means .
2. One way I can love God more is . . .
3. "Love your neighbor as yourself" means .
4. One way I love myself is . . .

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 9
4:30pm
 • Philip Bielecki (birthday)

Sunday, November 10
9:00am
 • +Sam Fenech

10:30am
 • +Rebecca Mifsud
 • +Terese & Paul Calleja
 • + Vic & Josephine Attard & Family
 • +Joseph Farrugia
 • +John & Anthony Sultana

12:00 noon
 • Missa Pro Populo

Monday, November 11
Remembrance Day
St. Martin of Tours
 • +Gino & Angelina Sturino

Tuesday, November 12
St. Josaphat
 • +Gino & Angelina Sturino

Wednesday, November 13
 • +Connie Gatt

Thursday, November 14
 • +Eugenio Sturino, Amaila, Mariano & Adelina Stellato

Friday, November 15
 • +Anthony Cristina

From the Pastor...

This week, I want to bring the following points to your attention.

November: A Month for Remembrance and Hope

November is a special time for us to remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away. This month, we are reminded of the profound impact our prayers, Masses, and indulgences can have on the souls of the departed. By celebrating Mass on their behalf, reciting prayers to gain indulgences for them, and visiting cemeteries, we help them on their journey to eternal peace. It is also a time to strengthen our belief and hope in the resurrection, knowing that our prayers can offer comfort and support to those who have gone before us.

The Shepherd Trust Collection

On the weekend of November 16th/17th, we will take up a special collection for the Shepherd Trust, which supports our retired priests within the archdiocese. These devoted men have spent their lives serving our communities, and it is now our turn to give back and ensure they receive the care and support they deserve in their retirement. Your generosity will help us honor their dedication and service.

Advent: Preparing for the Feast of Christmas

Advent is just around the corner, and it offers us a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts and homes for the celebration of Christmas. This season of anticipation and hope calls us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and find ways to help others during this joyful time. Consider how you can make a difference in the lives of those around you, whether through acts of kindness, charitable giving, or simply spreading the message of love and peace.

The Importance of Confession

As we prepare for the Christmas season, let us not forget the importance of going to confession regularly. Confession is a powerful sacrament that allows us to make a moral inventory of our weaknesses and seek God's healing grace. It is so good for the soul to reflect on our actions, ask for forgiveness, and renew our commitment to living a life of faith and virtue.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION “In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the account of the poor widow’s treasury offering. Jesus observes many wealthy people put in large sums of money yet He only praises the lowly widow for her contribution of two small copper coins. He exclaims, “truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had.” (Mark 12:43). We can learn a great lesson in stewardship through the example of this widow who symbolically offered her entire life through her small monetary offering. We too are called to give our entire lives to God. We shouldn’t imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the “first fruits” of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us. Additionally, by giving everything she had, the widow is inherently saying “God I trust that you will take care of me.” As stewards, do our sacrifices show that we trust God? To trust God means knowing that even though our time spent in the parish might mean we have less time for work or other commitments, that God will still bless us abundantly. Let us strive to give all we can and trust that God will take care of all our needs, for St. Paul says, “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH - Memorial Service at the Malta Band Club for deceased members at 3:00 pm**
- ◆ **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH - Memorial Service at the Melita Soccer Club for deceased members at 7:00 pm**
- ◆ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND**
 - * **12 noon Mass - Anointing of the Sick**
 - * **1:00 to 4:30 pm - Senior’s Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Maltese Canadian Cultural Association.** Tickets for the luncheon are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased from the Parish Office during office hours at 416-767-7054, or from the back of the church after all Sunday Masses.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the sanctuary. Parishioners can add the names of deceased family members and friends to be remembered in our prayers. This is to honor our loved ones and those parishioners who have passed away with faith. May they rest in peace.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN SCHOOLS

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools is seeking people who have a great devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of eight (8) days a year. Training, screening, and materials will be provided. Training and screening meetings are held once a month from September to May at St. Cecilia’s Church, 161 Annette Street in Toronto.

For more information or to sign-up please call Ann at 416-769-9749 or 416-769-3711



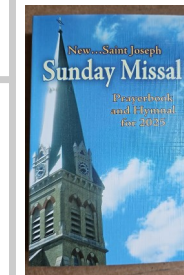
ALL SOULS CANDLES

Special All Souls candles are available for purchase from the back of the church. These candles can be lit in memory of your loved ones or as a sign of your prayers for them.




VOCATION REFLECTION How are you contributing to the treasury? God knows what gift we give to Him in love. Let us then be faithful to whatever vocation God calls us to live. Does Jesus want you to give your life to the Church? If you think that God is calling you serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

SUNDAY MISSALS



Sunday Missals are available from the parish secretary during office hours. The cost for these missals is \$5.00 each. Priority will be given to those who pre-ordered a Sunday Missal.



A Prayer for Remembrance Day

Loving God,
have mercy on your people,
and open our hearts
to peace and love.
Reward all who have died
for their country,
and grant that Canada
and all nations
may continue to work
for peace and justice.
Bless us in your service,
and help us to follow
Jesus Christ,
who is our Saviour
and our Lord
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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2025 Offertory Envelopes Are Now Available

The 2025 offertory envelopes are now ready for pickup. Please collect your box from the back of the church at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish—it is truly appreciated!