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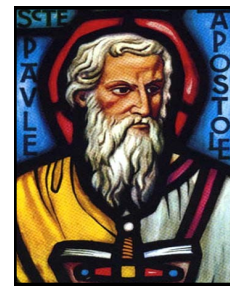
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 Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
 9:15am (Maltese/English)  
 Tuesday & Thursday  
 9:15am (English)

**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 17, 2024

**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gospel Summary**  
 Today's Gospel reading is often referred to as the "Little Apocalypse" because of its many references to the events that will occur in the end times. Jesus tells his disciples that many unusual and frightening things will happen, but he will come with power and glory to gather together his elect. While we may not know the day and hour of his coming, Jesus encourages us to pay attention to the signs of the times and to know that he is near.

**Reflection for Parents**  
 Many frightening things fill the news each day—murder, violence, war, hurricanes, tornados, fires—and your children are aware of these happenings. It is important that your home and your family be a place of safety, security, and peace in the midst of such news and in the midst of the challenges of daily life. As your children talk about the news and voice their fears and concerns, invite them to join you in praying for those impacted by violence and natural disaster.  
*Jesus, be with your children today. Fill their hearts with your peace. Amen.*

**Bringing the Good News Into Your Family**  
 Invite family members to think about things they own and friendships they have. Talk about the things and the friendships that have lasted for a long time, and what has helped them to last. Then talk about the things and the friendships that did not last for long, and why they did not last. Return to the following verses from today's Gospel: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."  
 Explain that part of the reason we go to Mass and we read the Bible at home is to learn the "words [that] will not pass away." They are the words in the Bible. Invite family members to share favorite Scripture passages that help them remember that Jesus is near. You may enjoy reading together Psalm 119:151, Psalm 145:18, Isaiah 41:10, Acts 17:27, and Luke 12:7.

**Discussion Starters**  
 Today, make a family action plan to learn more of the "words [that] will not pass away." Decide as a family on a time you will meet to read the Bible. You may want to choose a particular book or particular stories (such as the parables), or you may want to read together the Gospel for the previous or the coming Sunday. Make a commitment to do this one or more times a week for the coming month or more.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 16**  
**4:30pm**

- +Deceased Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Parish

**Sunday, November 17**  
**9:00am**

- Missa Pro Populo

**10:30am**

- +Joe & Apolonia Farrugia
- +Emanuel Mercieca
- +Emanuel Ellis & George Coleiro

**12:00 noon**

- +Frank Cini

**Monday, November 18**

- +Gwido Calleja & Family

**Tuesday, November 19**

- +Antonia Colangelo

**Wednesday, November 20**

- +Connie & Tony Gatt

**Thursday, November 21**  
*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- +Connie Gatt

**Friday, November 22**  
*St. Cecilia*

- +Joe Cutajar & Anthony Zammit

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## From the Pastor...

In this week's pastor's corner, I want to discuss how we can prepare for the upcoming season of Advent.

As disciples of Jesus, we should prepare for the celebration of Christmas. **Advent**, which begins this year on the weekend of November 30th/December 1st, is a time for us to open our hearts and lives to Jesus specially.

Advent is not just about preparing for Christmas; it's a season that offers us a vision of our lives as Christians, showing us what is possible. The vision of Advent is twofold: it looks back to Christ's first coming in Bethlehem and forward to his second coming. Between these two events, we find meaning for our lives as Christians.

**First, we celebrate Christ's incarnation.** We see his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us how to live, giving us principles to live by. But he also knew that we couldn't live alone. He formed the Church, a community held together by love. In that community, we find unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone, we can do nothing; together, we find true meaning.

When Christ left this earth, he didn't abandon us. He remains with us through his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures, and each other. He lives in a community with us and keeps his vision of life before us. When he returns, his presence will no longer be hidden; His presence will perfect and complete our community. This is the greater significance of Advent.

During these few weeks of Advent, we reflect on the time from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. **Advent brings us a magnificent vision of life and hope for the future.** It is our time to become more involved and caught up in the meaning and possibilities of life as a Christian community. We are preparing not just for Christmas, but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

Here are some practical and relaxing ways to draw closer to Jesus during this season:

**Go to confession:** This is a beautiful way to cleanse your heart and prepare it to receive Jesus anew.

**Attend weekday Masses:** Besides Sunday Mass, consider attending weekday Masses during Advent. This provides additional opportunities to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and grow in grace.

**Do a good deed:** Whether it's helping a neighbor, volunteering, or simply being kind to those around you, let your actions reflect Christ's love.

**Spend more time reading Scripture:** Delve into the Bible, reflecting on the stories of Christ's birth and the prophecies of his coming.

Advent is a time to slow down and savor the anticipation and preparation for Christmas. It's about being faithful disciples of Jesus, embracing the peace and joy that comes from being part of his loving community. Let's embark on this journey with hope and expectation, allowing the light of Christ to glow in our lives.

- Fr. Roy

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> - Memorial Service at the Malta Band Club for deceased members at 3:00 pm**
  - ◆ **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - Memorial Service at the Melita Soccer Club for deceased members at 7:00 pm**
  - ◆ **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - Annual Christmas Concert. More Details will follow.**
  - ◆ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**
    - \* **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 honour 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



### 2025 Offertory Envelopes Are Now Available

The 2025 offertory envelopes are 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!

### ALL SOULS CANDLES

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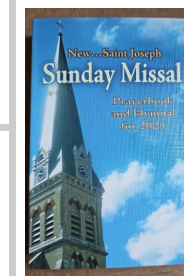


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### SUNDAY MISSALS



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.

## Parish Trip

to NIAGARA FALLS  
WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS  
on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
\$40.00 per person

We will depart from St. Paul the Apostle Church, located at 3224 Dundas Street, at 1:30 PM, and return at approximately 9:30 PM.

### Itinerary for the Day:

- **Visit Niagara-on-the-Lake** (Shopping & Dinner)
- ◆ **Walk through the Niagara Falls Outdoor Light Festival**

**For more information or to book your seat, please call the parish office at 416-767-7054**