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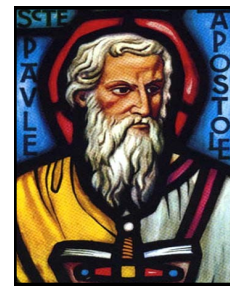
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 9:15am (Maltese/English)  
 Tuesday & Thursday  
 9:15am (English)  
**Weekend Masses:**  
**Saturday:** 4:30pm (English)  
**Sunday:**  
 9:00am (English)  
 10:30am (Maltese/English)  
 12:00pm (English)  
**Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 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: 3:45pm to 4:15pm  
 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.

January 19, 2025

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gospel Summary**  
 While the Wedding in Cana is a familiar story, it only appears in John's Gospel. Scholars call it the first of Jesus' signs. Mary, Jesus' mother, observed that the wine was running low at a wedding feast she and Jesus were attending. She didn't specifically ask Jesus to do something about the situation, but he understood the implication. He instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water and then take some to the waiter in charge. The waiter was surprised that the bridegroom had saved the best wine for last. The servants were surprised because they knew the jars were filled with water and they had witnessed something remarkable

**Reflection for Families**  
 The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through Jesus.

**Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family**  
 Change is often good for us. Jesus brought about a good change in the world. Think about some changes your family can make (or has already made) like rearranging furniture, breaking a routine, or going on vacation. Talk together about how these changes excite you, cause you to grow, or give you a different view of things.

**Discussion Starters**

1. A change in my life that brought about something very good happened when ...
2. Like Mary, I trusted Jesus would help me with a problem when ...
3. Recently I saw a sign of God's love when ...

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 18**  
**4:30pm**  
 • +Paolo Corapi

**Sunday, January 19**  
**9:00am**  
 • +Emanuel Grech

**10:30am**  
 • +Carmelo & Edmond Scicluna  
 • +Catherine & John Ellul  
 • +George Pulo  
 • +Frank & Mary Vella  
 • +Mike Muscat  
 • +John & Anthony Sultana

**12:00 noon**  
 • Missa Pro Populo

**Monday, January 20**  
 • +Carmen Moreira & Frank Grech

**Tuesday, January 21**  
*St. Agnes*  
 • +Eugenio Sturino

**Wednesday, January 22**  
 • Joseph & Josey (birthdays)

**Thursday, January 23**  
 • +Veronica Micallef

**Friday, January 24**  
*St. Francis de Sales*  
 • +Mary Ann Debono



## From the Pastor...

**In this week's Pastor's Corner, I want to focus on the meaning of a liturgical word: Ordinary Time.**

### **Why is Ordinary Time called "ordinary"?**

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it's common, but because its weeks are numbered. The term comes from the Latin word "ordinalis," which refers to numbers in a series and stems from "ordo," meaning order. So, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time actually signify the ordered life of the Church. This period is a time for us to live our lives neither in the feasting of Christmas and Easter nor in the more severe penance of Advent and Lent, but in watchfulness and expectation of Christ's Second Coming.

Interestingly, the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always includes either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Jesus' first miracle—turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Therefore, for us Catholics, Ordinary Time is a part of the year when Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

### **Why is green the color of Ordinary Time?**

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time, for those days without a special feast, is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, symbolizing the period when the Church, founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit, began to grow and spread the Gospel to all nations.

### **When is Ordinary Time?**

Ordinary Time includes all parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't part of the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. This means Ordinary Time encompasses two different periods in the Church calendar, since the Christmas season follows Advent, and the Easter season follows Lent.

- Fr. Roy

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** In the Gospel this Sunday we hear about Jesus' first miracle. Jesus was with His mother and disciples at a wedding in Cana when the wine had run out. Mary asked Jesus to help and He in turn changed six large jars of water into delicious fine wine. Let us take some time to reflect on this extraordinary event and see how it can influence us in our life of stewardship. Firstly, we can learn a beautiful lesson about the role of Mary in our lives from this scene. It was our Blessed Mother who noticed that the wine was running out and she was quick to intervene. Mary has a true mother's heart and is very in tune with the needs of all her children. Whenever we are in a time of trial we should run to Mary and trust that she will console us as a mother consoles her young. Perhaps the next time we experience a moment of difficulty, let us take a moment to stop, consider the loving embrace of Our Lady and say a Hail Mary. Additionally, from this episode we can learn a great deal about trust and obedience from the servants whom Jesus instructed. The Gospel says that the servants had "drawn the water" from the jars. The servants saw the cup filled with water, yet they still trusted that something remarkable would happen when they handed the cup to the chief steward. Sometimes from our perspective nothing remarkable is happening in our good works of stewardship. However, let us strive to trust that God can take our simple acts and bring about great miracles through them. We can learn a great deal about stewardship from the account of the Wedding at Cana that we read in the Gospel today. Just as Mary was the first to notice and intervene at the wedding, we can be assured that whenever we run to her in a time of trial, she will readily come to our aid. Secondly, we should seek to imitate the servants who trustingly obeyed Jesus and strive to trust that God can bring about great miracles through our small acts of stewardship

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

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY:** On the second Sunday of February each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates **Marriage Sunday**. In 2025, it will be celebrated on the weekend of February 8/9. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.



Parishes and the lay faithful are called upon to affirm the sacrament of Matrimony and to honour married couples in the community. We are also grateful to those who assist couples as they prepare for marriage and to those engaged in marriage enrichment programs or lay movements to support the sacrament of Matrimony.

We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. If you are in need of assistance during these difficult days, please seek out programs and resources in your own parish or throughout our diocese so that we may accompany you through the healing process.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place **at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream Mass](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

**Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).**

Message from Abigail Apalit:

Hi everyone! I'd like to say a huge thank you to the entire parish community for your support and prayers that helped me go to the Christian Catholic Outreach Conference, Rise Up, in Calgary a few weeks ago. I am super excited to take the amazing talks, lessons, and experiences from the conference and use them to help build our community here at St. Paul's. Please don't hesitate to say hi if you see me after mass, or at one of our many parish functions! Thank you! ❤️

**VOCATION REFLECTION:** Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life?

If He is, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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