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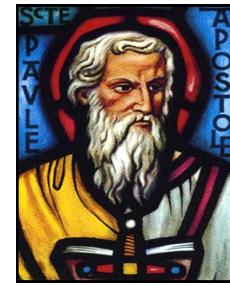
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MASS SCHEDULE
Daily morning Mass:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)

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: 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.

February 16, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Summary
 Jesus taught his listeners that some values in God's Kingdom will be the opposite of what they are in our earthly society. Those with no power or material possessions, but who trust completely in God will be first in the Kingdom of God. But people who value the luxuries of this world will be last in the Kingdom.

Reflection for Families
 Children trust their parents to take good care of them and give them direction. That's a lot of responsibility for a parent. Similarly, we all are challenged by these beatitudes to trust completely in God. When we trust and serve God, we know clearly from this reading that God will take care of us in the Kingdom.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family
 Read the Beatitudes carefully again as a family. Suggest ways that people might be "poor" that don't relate to economic class. What ways can people be hungry and still have enough food to eat? What kind of sorrow would we experience without God in our lives? With a broader understanding of these terms, create a mobile or booklet where family members illustrate what the beatitudes mean for your family today. You might conclude by suggesting ways your family will practice living out the beatitudes you have illustrated.

Discussion Starters
 This reading calls me to simplify my life and change the notion of what society values.

1. Today, I will take one step toward the Kingdom by ...
2. One way in which I am poor is ...
3. I find true happiness in ...

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Visit our website at stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org or simply scan the QR code

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15 4:30pm

- +Vincenza Darmanin

Sunday, February 16 9:00am

- +Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

- +Joe & Apolonia Farrugia
- +George Pulo
- +Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
- +Joseph & Rose Ellul
- +Joseph Gauci
- +Nenu Dingli

12:00 noon

- +Joe Sammut

Monday, February 17
Happy Family Day

- +Anton Muscat

Tuesday, February 18

- +Hilda De Fry & Gerty Nugara

Wednesday, February 19

- +Teresa Massa

Thursday, February 20

- +Auxibius & Burns Alexander

Friday, February 21

- +Mario Capizzano

Dear Parishioners,

Foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your active participation in the life of our parish. Your generosity, in terms of both time and financial support, does not go unnoticed. We are making excellent progress with our fundraising efforts for the new heating system, and I am grateful to everyone who has contributed.

I want to thank everyone who joined us for our recent dinner and dance, despite the possibility of bad weather. The evening was full of joy and enjoyment for everyone involved. It was a delightful way to honor St. Paul, the patron saint of our community. Commemorating feast days allows us to reflect on St. Paul's accomplishments and consider our own paths. We raised \$7,000.00 from the dinner and dance. We sincerely appreciate the support and generosity shown by all who attended. Once again, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this event.

We will combine the funds from the event with our previous fundraising for the new heating system. This will give us an impressive total amount of **\$26,282.00** collected so far. We sincerely thank all who attended the dinner and dance for their support and generosity. Once again, we express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. We truly appreciate your support.

I want to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the incredible social committee of our parish. Their unwavering dedication, tireless efforts, and exceptional commitment have played a pivotal role in fostering a sense of togetherness and unity within our community. Through their hard work and meticulous planning, they have successfully organized a multitude of events that have not only brought us closer together but also created lasting memories for everyone involved. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each member of the social committee for their invaluable contributions and for making our parish a truly special place to belong.

Please mark your calendars for March 5th, the beginning of Lent. Like last year, we will have our pancake breakfast on March 4th following the 9:15 am Mass. Let's come together to make it our most successful event yet.

As many of you know, I am planning a pilgrimage to France and Rome in October. This pilgrimage is open to anyone who might be interested, so please spread the word to your relatives, friends, and anyone who may come to St. Paul's Parish and is interested in joining us.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as "The Little Flower of Jesus," was born on January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France. She is known for her simple and practical approach to the spiritual life, often referred to as the "Little Way," which emphasized doing small things with great love and trust in God's mercy. Thérèse entered the Carmelite convent at a young age and lived a life of humility, simplicity, and prayer until her death from tuberculosis at the age of 24.

Her autobiography, "Story of a Soul," written at the request of her superiors, has become a spiritual classic and has inspired countless people worldwide. Thérèse was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925, and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. The 100th anniversary of her canonization in 2025 is a significant milestone for all who revere her legacy and teachings.

Jubilee Year

A Jubilee Year, also known as a Holy Year, is a special year of grace and remission of sins in the Catholic Church. It is a time for the faithful to renew their relationship with God, seek reconciliation, and engage in acts of charity and justice. The tradition of celebrating Jubilee Years dates back to biblical times and was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300.

During a Jubilee Year, special indulgences are granted to those who fulfill certain spiritual conditions, such as making a pilgrimage, receiving the sacraments, and performing works of mercy. These indulgences offer the faithful a way to draw closer to God and experience spiritual renewal.

The upcoming Jubilee Year is particularly special as it coincides with the 100th anniversary of St. Thérèse's canonization. It provides an opportunity for the faithful to reflect on her teachings, seek her intercession, and experience the spiritual benefits of the Jubilee.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our parish community.


Fr. Roy

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION Blessed is the One Who Trusts In the first reading this Sunday we learn all about the importance of trust. The Lord says to the prophet Jeremiah, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord ... That person shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green." Let us take some time to reflect on the role of trust in our lives as stewards. Being a steward involves the total gift of our time and talents to our parish community for the good of the Church. However, despite all our good deeds, we may not always see the fruit of our labours. The parish vitality may still seem bleak or people may still seem to lack interior conversion. However, this is where the need for trust comes in. We must trust that God will surely bless our stewardship and bring about great graces, even though we do not see them. Whenever we begin to lose hope because of the slow progress in our ministry, we can look to our own lives for reassurance. We ourselves probably didn't have a conversion experience the first time we heard the Gospel. All of those moments were instead slow and gradual movements the Lord used to bring us to where we are now. Let us trust that God is silently doing great things through the gift of ourselves and strive to work ever more ardently. Summary Being a steward involves the total gift of our time and talents to our parish community for the good of the Church. However, despite all our good deeds, we may at times be discouraged when the fruits of our labour are not visible. Let us trust that God is silently doing great things through the gift of ourselves and strive to work ever more ardently.

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VOCATION REFLECTION Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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www.vocationstoronto.ca



Join us for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast!

Tuesday, March 4th (following the 9:15 a.m. Mass)

Enjoy delicious pancakes and sausages, served with tea and coffee.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Tickets: Available at the parish office during office hours or at the back of the church after all weekend Masses.

We hope to see you there!

*** All proceeds will go toward covering the cost of our new heating system. ***

