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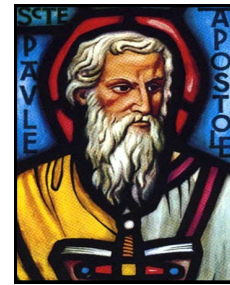
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MASS SCHEDULE
Daily morning Mass:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)

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.

March 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Summary
 Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. The disciples witnessed what we call the transfiguration where Jesus' face became radiant and his clothes dazzling white. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The disciples had no idea what was happening and Peter, in his ignorance, suggested that they erect three tents to commemorate the event. As though to correct Peter's misunderstanding, a voice came from the cloud naming Jesus as his son and telling the disciples to listen to him. There was not to be confusion about Moses or Elijah being equal to Jesus nor should Peter have tried to assume control of a holy happening, but rather listen to this holy one.

Reflection for Families
 Parents and older siblings are often in a privileged situation to see a radiant look on a joyful child's face. Maybe it's how they light up when special company arrives, or maybe the look of delight at a special gift or surprise. What kind of transfigurations have you seen this week either in the faces of children, friends, co-workers, or even in yourself?

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family
 Share places where you have seen change, perhaps in your family and home, school, work place, neighborhood or community. Suggest ways that these changes are transforming for you and others. Jesus marked the end of an ancient age and the beginning of something new. How are the changes you see like the end of something old and the beginning of something new? How are you involved in that change? How are you part of the change Jesus brings?

Discussion Starters

1. God spoke from a cloud at the Transfiguration. I believe we still hear his voice in ...
2. The Transfiguration was a preview of heaven. I believe heaven will be ...
3. One of the changes I am making in my own life during this Lenten season is ...

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 15
 4:30pm
 • +Vincenza Darmanin

Sunday, March 16
 9:00am
 • +Missa Pro Populo
 10:30am
 • +Mary Faccioli & Carmen Azzopardi
 • +George Pulo
 • +Nenu Dingli
 • +Onoratto Ciappara
 • +Joseph Gauci
 • +Anthony & John Sultana
 12:00 noon
 • +Joe Sammut

Monday, March 17
 • +Eugenio & Angelina Sturino

Tuesday, March 18
 • +Joseph & Jane Farrugia

Wednesday, March 19
St. Joseph
 • +Mike Muscat

Thursday, March 20
 • +Eugenio Sturino, Mariano, Amalia & Adelina Stellato

Friday, March 21
 • +Joseph & Dolores Caruana

From the Pastor...

As we journey together through this sacred season of Lent, I encourage each of you to embrace your Lenten penance with a spirit of prayer, reflection, and love. Penance is not merely about sacrifice—it is a way to draw closer to the heart of Jesus Christ, to deepen our understanding of His infinite mercy, and to prepare our hearts for the joy of His Resurrection. May your acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving enrich your spiritual lives and help you grow in your faith.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who have recently signed up to volunteer in our parish ministries and groups. With 10 new volunteers stepping forward, we are truly blessed, especially considering the size of our parish. Your willingness to serve is a reflection of your love for Christ and His Church. For those still discerning, there are many opportunities in the coming weeks to join a ministry or group. I encourage you to take time in prayer and consider how you can use your gifts to contribute to our mission of spreading Christ's love. We rely on the generosity of our volunteers to keep our parish thriving and our mission alive.

As we look ahead, let us come together to celebrate two important feast days in March. On **March 17th, St. Patrick's Day**, we honor the great missionary saint who brought the light of Christ to Ireland and inspired generations with his courage and devotion. His legacy reminds us of the transformative power of faith.

On **March 19th, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph**, the foster father of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family. St. Joseph is a model of humility, obedience, and unwavering faith. To mark this special day, we invite you to join us for Mass, followed by fellowship with cookies and coffee.

On **Saturday, April 5th, at 6 PM**, we will hold our annual Seder Meal, presented from a Christian perspective. This meal will help us reflect on the Jewish Passover traditions that prefigured the Last Supper and the saving sacrifice of Christ. It's a unique and meaningful event that deepens our understanding of our faith—please consider joining us.

Finally, I invite you to participate in the **Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent**, following the 9:15 AM Mass. This deeply Catholic tradition allows us to walk with Jesus on His path to Calvary. It is a powerful way to meditate on His Passion and remind ourselves of His immense love for us.

Let us continue to live out our Catholic faith with joy, humility, and purpose. Through prayer, service, and celebration, may we grow as a community united in Christ.

In Christ's peace,

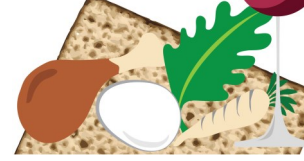
Fr. Roy

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION Every Second Sunday of Lent the Church invites us to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration of Christ. This passage describes how Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John, and was transfigured before them, revealing His divine glory. The apostles, although wanting to stay upon the mountain, are brought back down into the real world. These two movements, of ascent and descent, are critical in the lives of stewards. Firstly, we too are invited to ascend the heights of mountain-top spiritual experiences. To ascend the mountain is to take some time away from the noise of the world to experience the glory and majesty of Christ. Sometimes this involves large mountains such as attending retreats or conferences. However, we can also ascend the mountain every time we turn to prayer and build up our relationship with God. All these moments are essential in keeping our faith alive and active. However, this is where the second aspect of descent becomes so important. Unless we are called to live as a brother or sister in a contemplative religious order, we are not called to always remain tucked away in retreats or prayer. Instead, we are called to be strengthened through our mountaintop experiences so that we will have the grace to go out into the world and spread the Gospel. This Lent, let us take some time to be nourished on the mountain so that we will be all the more ready to proclaim the Good News.

Just as the apostles were invited to ascend the mountain for the Lord's transfiguration, we too are called to ascend our own mountains. We can do this whenever we take some time away from the noise of the world so that we may experience the glory and majesty of Christ in prayer. We are then called to descend the mountain and use the grace of our mountain-top experiences to spread the Gospel in the world.

.Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

SEDER MEAL



Join us on **Saturday, April 5th at 6:00 pm** for our annual Seder Meal, presented from a Christian perspective.

This meal will help us reflect on the Jewish Passover traditions that prefigured the Last Supper and the saving sacrifice of Christ.

It's a unique and meaningful event that deepens our understanding of our faith.

Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased from the back of the church or by contacting the parish office.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

VOCATION REFLECTION Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives.

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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- ♦ April 6 - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
- ♦ April 13 - 10 am to 11:00 am



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Homilists:

*Fr. Massimo Buttigieg
& Fr. Jimmy Zammit*

**Wednesday, April 9th (bilingual)
& Thursday, April 10th (bilingual)
Mass at 7:00 pm followed by the Sermon**

**Friday, April 11th
Sermon within the Mass**

Concluding with devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows on the evening of the 11th.