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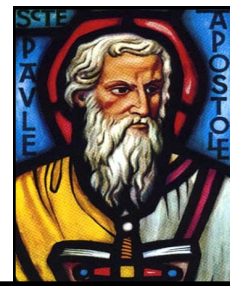
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Fr. Roy Francis Farrell
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MASS SCHEDULE
Daily morning Mass:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:15am (Maltese/English)
Tuesday & Thursday
9:15am (English)

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 7pm - 8pm

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent after
9:15am Mass

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.

May 4, 2025

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Summary
There are two notions that need to be taken on
faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage
where Jesus identifies himself as the Good
Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are
given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus
presents, will follow him. The second mystery
involves the unbreakable bond that exists
between the Shepherd and the person who hears
the invitation. Once a person responds to the
invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

Reflection for Families
Our culture has changed since the days of our
parents and grandparents when just about anyone
dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and
make arrangements for our children to visit
friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years
ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of
Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the
day or night. Where would we be if we had to call
ahead to see if Jesus was available?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family
Reach out to a family in your neighborhood this
week by inviting them over for some “informal”
fun and food. Dig out board games and snacks as
you welcome them spontaneously. Keep in mind
that this is how Jesus reaches out to us and let
your neighbors experience God’s love through
your hospitality..


Discussion Starters

1. I have a real feeling of belonging to . . .
2. I felt Jesus inviting me to follow him this week
when . . .
3. Today I hear Jesus’ voice in . . .

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become a member of our parish
community, get information on
upcoming events, and much
more. Visit our website at
stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10
4:30pm

- For all Mothers living &
deceased

Sunday, May 11
9:00am
10:30am
12:00 noon

- For all Mothers living &
deceased

Monday, May 12

- +Rita Caruana

Tuesday, May 13
Our Lady of Fatima

- +All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, May 14
St. Mathias, Apostle

- +Sam Fenech

Thursday, May 15

- +Eugenio Sturino, Mariano,
Amalia & Adelina Stellato

Friday, May 16

- +Frank & Gustav Grech

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From our Pastor's Desk...

As we celebrate our mothers, we give thanks for the gift of their love, sacrifice, and unwavering presence in our lives. On this special occasion, we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the perfect model of maternal devotion. She embraced God's will with humility and grace, becoming not only the mother of Jesus but a spiritual mother to us all. Her example reminds us of the power of a mother's love - nurturing, protective, and deeply rooted in faith.

We also take a moment to remember and pray for our mothers who have gone before us. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and reward them for the love they shared with us. May their memory continue to inspire and guide us.

This week, we lift up in prayer the four men who will be ordained on Saturday for our archdiocese. As they step into their priestly ministry, may the Holy Spirit strengthen them with wisdom, courage, and a heart devoted to service.

Additionally, we express deep gratitude to our parishioners for their generous contributions to ShareLife this past weekend. Your kindness and commitment to charitable works bring hope to many in need. As we approach our final collection, let us come together in generosity and strive to reach our goal.

We also pray for our new pastor and a smooth transition, asking God to bless his ministry and guide him as he shepherds our parish. May he be embraced with warmth and support as he begins this new journey.

Finally, I ask for your prayers as I prepare to embark on my next chapter. Though I had hoped to remain at St. Paul's for many years, God's plan has led me elsewhere. As I begin my new ministry and travel to Rome for a month's course on seminary formation, I carry with me the cherished memories and faith-filled encounters I have shared with you. Serving this parish has been a profound joy, and I will always hold St. Paul's in my heart.

May God continue to bless each of you and strengthen our community in faith, hope, and love.

- Fr. Roy

DAY TRIP

Bus Trip to St. Paul's Basilica – June 5, 2025

Join us for a day trip to **St. Paul's Basilica** on **Thursday, June 5, 2025.**

- **Departure:** 9:00 AM from St. Paul the Apostle Church
- **Return:** Approximately 4:00 PM

Schedule:

- **10:30 AM** – Mass at St. Paul's Basilica
- Followed by a **guided tour** of the church
- Visit to **St. Lawrence Market** for lunch and free time

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STEWARDSHIP REFELCTION This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As disciples, we all share one common vocation, the vocation of holiness. The Second Vatican Council says “that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity.” (Lumen Gentium 40). We cannot become holy and virtuous by our own merits. Rather, any growth is the result of the grace of God. We can receive numerous graces whenever we turn to him in quiet times of prayer as well as through the sacraments. The greatest form of prayer we can partake in is the Holy Mass. Consequently, we should strive to make it the highlight of our week, ensuring there are no competing distractions for our time. We can also, to the best of our circumstances, try to attend Mass on weekdays as well. It is only when we are attending to our primary vocation of holiness that we'll be able to discern our secondary call to the vocation of priesthood, religious life, marriage or consecrated singlehood. Holiness will allow us to have the humility and docility to hear the voice of God gently guiding us. It will also strengthen us to overcome any fears and say yes to whichever vocation He calls us to. Let us strive to live out our vocation of holiness to the best of our ability.

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Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

**ShareLife 4th Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025**

Sow the seeds of hope for the next generation.

The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God's call. When you support ShareLife, you enable the discernment, formation and education of those who will serve in our parishes through the Office of Vocations and seminaries. Your kindness makes it possible for future priests to attend St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary where they learn to tend to the Lord's vineyard and work for the salvation of souls. In addition, St. Augustine's Seminary educates permanent deacons and lay people serving our parishes. Thank you for your prayers and commitment towards young people on their journeys of faith.

Thus far we have raised **\$7,230.00** toward our goal of **\$18,500.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



The award winning **Maltese-Canadian Museum** along with over 150 organizations are participating in "Doors Open - Toronto" on the weekend of May 24th and 25th. Many events will be held during this

weekend at the museum. Hours are from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Admission is free.

VOCATION REFLECTION On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst.

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.

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

