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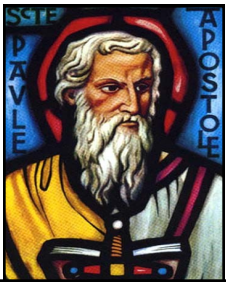
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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 18, 2025

St. Paul the Apostle Maltese-Canadian Parish

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Summary

While Jesus was with his disciples at the Last Supper, he pointed toward his future glory following his death and resurrection where he would be reunited with his Father in heaven. He also gave the disciples a command: to love one another. But the disciples didn't have to figure out how to do this on their own. Jesus told them to love one another in the same way he had loved them.

Reflection for Families

Jesus wanted the disciples to love one another and all followers with a binding love. It is this same kind of love that binds families together. When other people turn their backs and walk away, it is symbolic of Jesus' love that families are bound by a love incomparable anywhere else in our own experience. We fail at times, but rarely in any other setting do we see anything close to the unconditional love God has for us, as we see in the love parents show their children.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Find someone in your neighborhood, school, place of work, or within your family who sometimes feels left out. Reach out to that person with the kind of love Jesus describes in this Gospel. Make them feel welcome and know they are a child of God. Perhaps you will send them a greeting card, say a special prayer for them, visit them, or invite them to your home. When your action is complete, share with one another where you saw Jesus in the experience you had with the person.

Discussion Starters

1. There is someone I've been wanting to love as Jesus loves me. To show him/her, this week I will . . .
2. What I think Jesus is really asking of me in this Gospel is . . .
3. The greatest witness I ever saw to Jesus' love was when . . .

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 17
4:30pm

- Vincenza Darmanin

Sunday, May 18
9:00am

- Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

- +Leonard Attard Sr.
- +Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
- +Rita & Phillip Chircop
- +Tony Axiak
- +Carmela, Emanuel & Tessie Psaila
- +George Pulo
- +Carmen Muscat
- +Nenu Dingli

12:00 noon

- +Joe Sammut

Monday, May 19

- +Richard Bielecki

Tuesday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena

- +Nella Cappelli

Wednesday, May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes

- +Frank & Gustav Grech

Thursday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia

- +Eugenio Sturino, Mariano, Amalia & Adelina Stellato

Friday, May 23

- +Joyce Camilleri

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From our Pastor's Desk...

In this week's Pastor's Corner, I want to take a moment to reflect on something historic—the election of our new pope, Pope Leo XIV. It's always a powerful moment when the Church welcomes a new shepherd. This transition reminds us that the papacy isn't just about leadership—it's about service, guidance, and being a beacon of faith in the world.

Pope Leo XIV comes to us with a heart rooted in mission and ministry. He's spent years working with communities in need, bringing hope and compassion where it's needed most. His election sends a strong message about the Church's ongoing commitment to reaching out, listening, and standing with those on the margins. In many ways, his background makes him uniquely suited for this moment in time, as the world faces deep challenges that require wisdom, humility, and faith.

But leading the Church—guiding over a billion people in faith—is no small task. We're called to pray for our pope, asking God to grant him the strength to carry the responsibilities placed upon him. He will need discernment in decision-making, courage to face adversity, and deep trust in God's plan.

So let's lift him up in prayer every day:

Lord, guide Pope Leo XIV in wisdom and love. Strengthen him in moments of challenge. Help him lead with humility and faith. May his words and actions bring unity, hope, and peace. Bless him abundantly in his sacred mission. Amen.

As we step into this new era of leadership in the Church, let's take this time to reflect on the role of the papacy—not just as a position, but as a calling. Let's pray that Pope Leo XIV will continue to be a strong and faithful guide for the Church, leading us closer to Christ. And let's remember that the heart of our faith is not just found in Rome—it's found in each of us, in how we live, love, and serve one another.

- Fr. Roy

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- **Departure:** 9:00 AM from St. Paul the Apostle Church
 - **Return:** Approximately 5:00 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

Cost: \$20.00 per person (Lunch not included in price)
For tickets contact the parish office at 416-767-7054.

MALTA FEST

On behalf of the Maltese Canadian Cultural Association and the Maltafest Planning Committee. We are excited to announce that Maltafest (Imnarja) is just around the corner! Join us on Saturday, June 21st at 2:00 PM for a vibrant celebration of Maltese culture and community. The event will feature fabulous performances, delicious food, a 50/50 draw, a beer garden, and fun activities for the kids – something for everyone to enjoy!

To help make this event a great success, we are kindly seeking donations – either personal contributions or support on behalf of Maltese businesses. No donation is too small, and every bit helps us bring this special celebration to life. Donations can be made by e-transfer to info@themcca.ca, or in cash after Mass with Magdalena Falzon. Tax receipts will be provided.

We thank you for your continued support and can't wait to celebrate with the community on June 21st!

STEWARDSHIP REFELCTION In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus gives us the new commandment to love one another just as He loves us. Jesus goes on to say that “everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” As stewards we must always seek to love others and in doing so, point them to Christ. Let us take some time to reflect on the words of a great saint of love, St. Therese of Lisieux. St. Therese, a doctor of the Church, famously promoted her “little way.” She didn't believe she was strong enough to perform great acts of charity or mortification. Instead, she sought to offer up small acts of kindness as her gifts to Christ and the Church. She tells us to “miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.” Love isn't reserved solely for grand gestures but can also be displayed through small charitable acts. Moreover, St. Therese says that “without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.” We must always infuse our stewardship with great love otherwise it may turn into simple volunteerism. Let us seek ways to offer up our time and talent to our parish communities, regardless of how small they may seem to be. St. Therese reassures us that “Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them.” Let us strive to fully give of ourselves and remember St. Therese's teaching that “When one loves, one does not calculate.”

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Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

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May 18, 2025**

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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 at sharelife.org/donate.

VOCATION REFLECTION The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment?

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



The award-winning Maltese-Canadian Museum, along with over 150 other organizations, will be participating in "Doors Open Toronto" on the weekend of May 24th and 25th.

A variety of events will take place at the museum throughout the weekend. Opening hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Admission is free.**

