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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00am to 4:30pm
(Priest is always available by appointment)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily morning Mass:
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

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 in 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.

June 29, 2025

St. Paul the Apostle Maltese-Canadian Parish

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FEAST OF STS. PETER & PAUL

St. Peter and St. Paul are the principal pillars of the Church. That is why this Sunday (June 29th), we celebrate the feast of their martyrdom, replacing the normal readings for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Peter was son of Jona and brother of Andrew. He was a professional fisherman from Bethsaida, a fishing town on the Lake of Galilee (Gennesaret). He might have been a follower of John the Baptist. It was his brother Andrew who introduced him to Jesus, and Jesus who changed his name from Simon to Cephas or Peter. Jesus made him the leader of his apostles. At Caesarea Philippi Jesus promised to make him the head of his Church, and the risen Jesus confirmed Peter's precedence. It was the Holy Sprit Who inspired Peter's Proclamation of the Good News to all in Jerusalem on the day of the Pentecost bringing the Church into living action. Peter made missionary journeys to Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea and convened the first Council in Jerusalem. Peter wrote two epistles addressed to the whole Church. He was martyred by crucifixion under the emperor Nero.

Paul the "Apostle to the Gentiles" and the greatest missionary was a Roman citizen by birth as he was born in Tarsus of Cilicia, a Province of Rome. His original name was Saul. He was trained as a tent-maker and practiced that trade. As a Pharisee he was sent to Jerusalem by his parents to study the Mosaic Law under the great Rabbi Gamaliel. Well-versed in the Scriptures, he became a religious fanatic and was ready to destroy the Christian faith. When Stephen was stoned to death by Jewish fanatics, Saul was there to support them. But he was miraculously converted on his way to Damascus to arrest the Christians. He made several missionary journeys, converted hundreds of Jews and Gentiles and established Church communities. He wrote 14 epistles. He was arrested and kept in prison for two years in Caesarea and two more years in Rome. Finally, he was martyred by beheading at Tre Fontane in Rome. Let us pray for the apostolic zeal and missionary spirit of Saints Peter & Paul.

Visit Our Website!!

You can register for Sacraments, become a member of our parish community, get information on upcoming events, and much more. Visit our website at stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org or simply scan the QR code below.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 28
4:30pm

- +Vincenza Darmanin

Sunday, June 29
9:00am

- +For the People

10:30am

- +Elizabeth Pisani
- +Frank (Cikku) Zammit
- +George Pulo
- +Natalino, Rosa, Anthony, Charlie & Albert Taliana
- +Joseph & Grace Bugeja
- +Silvana Dewe & Emanuella Micallef
- +Joseph Farrugia
- +Joe Zahra (1st yr. death ann.)
- +Emmanuel Mercieca
- +Emmanuela Frendo

12:00 noon

- +Joe Sammut

Monday, June 30

- **No Mass****

Tuesday, July 1

- +Theresa Massa

Wednesday, July 2

- +Maria Bonet

Thursday, July 3

- +Doris, Joseph & Catherine Micallef

Friday, July 4

- +Frank & Gustav Grech

From our Pastor...

Dear parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Parish:

How appropriate it is to begin my new assignment as your pastor, in a parish whose patron saint we honour today. Since my arrival as your new pastor this past Wednesday, I have been welcomed warmly by some of you and I greatly appreciate it. I'm sure there are mixed emotions for the parish, when one pastor moves on and another one comes in. This is true for the new pastor as well.

Being in Toronto is new for me. I have served in the archdiocese as a pastor in the east and north regions. It will be a bit of an adjustment for me living in Toronto and it will be one that I will embrace and adapt to with your help.

I pray that my time here at St. Paul's will be fruitful for all of us. May God bless you and St. Paul intercede for us.

- Fr. James M. Bussanich.

PRAYER THROUGH
Sts. Peter and Paul
June 29

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul, give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

As I prepare to leave the parish after spending two and a half deeply meaningful years among you, I find myself filled with gratitude and humility. This past Sunday's farewell reception was a powerful reminder of the love, generosity, and faith-filled spirit that define this wonderful community.

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the celebration. Your presence meant so much to me and was a beautiful expression of our shared journey. The personal notes, kind words, and thoughtful gifts especially moved me many of you shared with me. Your generosity - both in spirit and in gesture—touched me deeply.

Serving this parish has been a blessing and a privilege. We have prayed together, laughed together, and supported one another in moments of joy and of sorrow. I have learned so much from you and will carry your kindness and examples of faith with me always.

As I begin my new assignment, I ask for your continued prayers. Know that you will remain in mine. I leave not with sadness, but with immense gratitude and hope, trusting that God will continue to guide us all on our separate paths.

Though I may no longer be physically present, I promise to stay in touch and hold you close in heart and spirit. May God bless each of you abundantly and may our paths cross again.

With affection and thanksgiving,

Fr. Roy



The Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be held on Wednesday August 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga.

A Prayer for Canada

*Eternal God
whose reign extends from sea to sea
and whose care endures throughout the ages,
hear our prayers for our country;
grant wisdom to those who govern it
and respect for human life and dignity to every citizen,
so that justice may flourish
and all peoples live in unity and peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.*

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July 1