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**Administrator:** Fr. Ivano Burdian M SSP  
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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

**MASS SCHEDULES & OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
**Weekday Morning Mass**  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:15 am (Maltese)  
Tuesday & Thursday - 9:15 am (English)

**First Friday of the Month:**  
Mass in Maltese at 9.15 am,  
followed by Adoration & Benediction

**Weekend Masses;**  
Saturday 5:30 pm (English)  
Sunday: 9:00 am (English)  
10:30 am (Maltese)  
12:00 noon (English)

**Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Wednesday: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

**SACRAMENTS**  
**Baptism:** Please contact the Rectory.  
Baptisms are held every Saturday at 10:30am.

**Marriages:**  
Contact the priest at least one year in advance of the wedding.  
A marriage preparation course is required.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Any day, by appointment; call the office.

**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.

**Mission Statement**

We, the community of St Paul the Apostle, are a Maltese-Canadian personal Parish, founded on September 8, 1930, and administered by the Missionary Society of St Paul. We are a faith community reflecting the gospel values of Christ according to the teaching and tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. We serve the Maltese community, welcoming also other people from other nationalities. Our mission is to follow Christ by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure: by imitating Christ; and by giving witness to our faith through our everyday lives..

**Saturday, November 26**

- Joseph & Carmen Theuma
- Theresa Massa & Tonna Family
- Angelo Maddalena

**Sunday, November 27**  
9:00am

- John Logan
- Theresa Massa & Tonna Family
- Portelli & Magro Families

10:30am

- Doris Micallef
- Tony Axiak
- Carmen & Joseph Gove
- Rose & Dominic Bartolo
- Silvana Dewe, Grace Bugeja
- Charlie & Albert Taliana
- Natalino & Rosa Taliana
- Emmanuela Micallef
- Joseph Bugeja

12:00 noon

- Carmen Debono
- Susanne Camilleri
- Helen Camilleri
- Sam Cassar
- Fr. Karm Borg

**Monday, November 28**

**Tuesday, November 29**

- John Azzopardi

**Wednesday, November 30**

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Sam Fenech

**Thursday, December 1**

- Joseph & Angela Azzopardi

**Friday, December 2**

**November 27, 2022**  
**First Sunday of Advent - C**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

# Sunday Reflection... *written by Anthony Chezzi*

We can easily get caught up in the events of life. These moments may be as mundane as driving children to activities, or as serious as a health crisis or marital problems. These matters can cut us off from the presence of God in our lives.

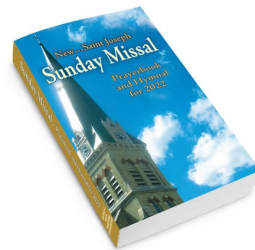
In today's readings, Isaiah, Paul and Matthew urge us to pay attention to the present moment and to be aware of the presence of God in our lives. When we pay attention to our experiences in the present moment, we can start to see God's hand in everything. An awareness of God's presence will change the way we see ourselves and how we relate to the world among us. Our situation may not change, but our ability to move through the situation will change. Aware of God's presence in our lives, we will live in a way that is different from the world around us, as Isaiah, Paul and Matthew teach in the readings.

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us pray for the grace to turn our thoughts constantly towards God. Whether in mundane moments such as sitting in traffic, or at more critical times of stress and crisis, every moment is an opportunity to connect with God and change our attitudes, values and actions.

*Taken from the Living with Christ booklet  
Vol. 28, No. 11; page 135*

## Prayer for First Sunday of Advent

God, the potter, mold us and make us your people. When we become impatient, help us remember that these seasons of waiting are also shaping us. Give us the grace to breathe deeply into the wait, to anticipate the beauty you are working while we wait.  
Amen



### SUNDAY MISSAL - 2023

The Sunday Missal for the next Liturgical Year is now available. It's a good source to have the weekly Word of God with you for your personal prayer and reflection.

You can pick them up after Mass. Cost: \$5.00 The new liturgical year begins this weekend, November 27<sup>th</sup>.



### MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

Midnight mass choir rehearsals will be held from 10am to

11:30am on the following dates:

**November 27th, December 4th, 11th & 18th**

No music experience required. Members of all ages are encourage to join!

If you are interested in joining the midnight mass choir, please send an email to [stpaulmssp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulmssp@gmail.com) for more information.



### SENIORS' BINGO GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our weekly Seniors Group will be holding their annual Christmas Luncheon on

Wednesday, December 14th at 12noon.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be obtained by calling Carmela Brown at 416-797-0888.



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert is going to be held on Friday, December 9th at 7:00 in the evening.

More information to follow.

We are organizing a **Christmas Raffle**. More details on the prize will follow. Tickets will be going on sale this weekend before after the Masses, or Tuesday to Friday from the Parish office during office hours.



**Tickets are 1 for \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00**



### SAVE THE DATE

New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

More details will follow.



### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK & SENIORS' LUNCHEON

The annual **Anointing of the Sick Mass** followed by the **Seniors' Luncheon** hosted by the Maltese Canadian Federation will take place

on Sunday, December 11th at the 12:00 Mass. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, and can be obtained from the Parish office during office hours, or by contacting Joe Sherri at 416-571-3944 or Paul Portelli at 416-830-0198.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 11th during the 12 noon Mass; and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Kasun on Friday, May 26th at 7:00pm.

Anyone who still needs to register, please do so as soon as possible. Preparation classes will begin in December.



### VETCH - ĠULBIENA

A very beautiful Maltese Christmas tradition is that of decorating the statue of Baby Jesus, or the Nativity Scene, with vetch.



According to ancient Maltese tradition, light-deprived vetch seeds are grown over a period of a few weeks and placed next to the statue of the baby Jesus in the manger. Light deprived vetches grow white and stringy. This weekend you can buy your vetch seeds for \$5.00 per packet from the church after Mass or from the Parish Office during office hours.