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**Administrator:** Fr. Ivano Burdian M SSP  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs. Rita Apalit

**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..

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, December 3**
- Doris Micallef
- Sunday, December 4**  
**9:00am**
- Carmen Muscat
- 10:30am**
- Sam Fenech
  - Michaelangelo & Nicolina Debrincat
  - Joseph & Matilda Zammit
  - Emanuel Ellis & Emanuel Mercieca
- 12:00 noon**
- Fr. Karm Borg
  - Margaret Hirst
  - Sam Cassar
  - George Sammut
- Monday, December 5**  
 No Mass
- Tuesday, December 6**
- Michael & Francesca Zammit
  - Nina & Salvu Schembri
- Wednesday, December 7**
- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Thursday, December 8**
- Friday, December 9**

**December 4, 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Advent - Year A**

# Sunday Reflection... *written by Liz Summers*

There is a beautiful stained-glass window in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Victoria, BC, that depicts two young boys playing. They are the cousins John and Jesus. How perfect that John who knew Jesus so well, came as the last great prophet, to prepare the way for Our Lord.

John's love for God was infectious. People came from all over to hear him proclaim God's word. What made them come? What made them believe?

Those who believe, listen. Believers can accept the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in their hearts; believers can see sins that prevent them from growing in the truth. Believers yearn to have their sins washed away.

Those who do not believe, who have hearts like the Pharisees, are not able to grow. They may have the right religion; they may be well-read; but their pride prevents them from allowing the Spirit into their hearts.

How can we infect those around us with our love for Jesus in the way that John did? How can we get to know Jesus better? For each of us the way is different, but the means are the same: we can invite the Holy Spirit in.

This Advent, may we have the courage to let go of our sins and prepare our hearts to share the celebration of Our Saviour's birth with Infectious joy.



*Taken from the Living with Christ booklet  
Vol. 28, No. 12; page 38*

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Due to the fact that the Missionary Society of St. Paul will no longer be active in the New Year here at St. Paul's, our present email address, stpaulmssp@gmail.com, will no longer be active in the new year. Please be advised that our new email address is:  
**stpaultheapostleto@archtoronto.org**

## DONATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Because of the change of our email address, as of January 1, 2023 WE WILL NOT be able to accept e-transfers any longer. Those wishing to send Donations or pay for Mass Offerings, may do so by dropping in the offertory basket during Mass, dropping it off at the rectory during office hours, or by sending us a cheque. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and understanding.

## REMINDER: NO MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

### MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

Midnight mass choir rehearsals will be held from 10am to 11:30am on the following dates:

**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, or would like more information please send an email to:

**stpaultheapostleto@archtoronto.org**



### 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.

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**



### BOOK LAUNCH

On behalf of Father Ivano Burdian (Chairperson), Richard Cumbo (Curator), and the Maltese-Canadian Museum Team, we would like to invite you to an exciting upcoming event - a book launch of best-selling Maltese-Canadian author Marthese Fenech's latest work "Ash Fall", the third novel in a trilogy set in 16th century Malta.

The event is free and will take place on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 4.30pm, at the Maltese-Canadian Museum at the Upper Hall, 3224 Dundas St. W., Toronto.



We will soon be accepting donations of Poinsettias to decorate the church. Your contribution will be much appreciated.

More information to 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.

### VETCH - GULBIENA

This week is your last opportunity to purchase Gulbiena (Vetch Seeds) You can buy your vetch seeds for \$5.00 per pack from the church after Mass or from the Parish Office during office hours.



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert is going to be held on Friday, December 16th at 7:00 in the evening.



We have started taking Bookings for our parish's New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance.

Apart from being served a 7-Course Meal, each table will

have one bottle of red wine and one bottle of white wine; and of course champagne at midnight will be served at midnight to celebrate the New Year!

You can purchase your tickets by contacting Freda at 416-762-1891. Prices are \$60.00 for Adults; \$25.00 for children 5-12 years old; and children 5 years and under are free.

Let's welcome 2023 together in a joyful and friendly manner, with good food, a good atmosphere, and good company, especially since this is the last New Years we will be celebrating with the MSSP Fathers.