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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..

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10

- Josephine Xuereb
- Beninia Caruana
- Michael & Filomena Micallef

Sunday, December 11
9:00am

- Rita Caruana

10:30am

- Carmen & Joseph Gové
- Laura Smith

12:00 noon

- Michael Howard
- Sam Cassar
- Emanuel & James Magro

Monday, December 12

Tuesday, December 13

- Eugenio Sturino
- Mariano & Amalia Stellato
- Adelina Stellato

Wednesday, December 14

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Angelo Carabott

Thursday, December 15
Emmanuel Sammur & Family

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17
9:15am - 1st Christmas Novena Mass

December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

Sunday Reflection...

written by Leah Perrault

One of the most beautiful things about a God who comes to earth to love us is that humanity has to receive the miracle. This week we hear the story of the cousins John the Baptist and Jesus making sense of their respective missions, with their followers.

From prison, John sends words to ask for confirmation of Jesus the Messiah. Jesus replies from his ministry, that people should report back the miracles. The question acknowledges the possibility of doubt, as does Jesus' answer. Faith is both witnessing what God is at work doing in the world and choosing to place our hope in the goodness we see, even without the guarantee of certainty.

And, after answering John, Jesus reminds John's followers that they have already placed their faith in a prophet. The Son of God builds on the faith the people have in John, to draw them to himself. And this is how it is in making disciples of the Incarnate God who comes as an infant. We grow to love Jesus because others who follow show us the way to Love.

We prepare a place for Jesus to come to us again, so that we can go out and carry the Godchild to others. So meet Love here again and then go and tell others about the miracles Jesus has worked in your presence.

*Taken from the Living with Christ booklet
Vol. 28, No. 12; page 66*



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.



POINSETTIAS

As we get closer to Christmas, we are beginning to prepare the Church for our celebrations. Please help us with our preparations by donating Poinsettia plants to us.

We will be accepting these beautiful flowers during the week before Christmas, that is from **Monday, December 19th to Friday, December 23rd**. You may drop them off at the Rectory during office hours. THANK YOU!!



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.

To reduce waste and unnecessary expenses, bookings and purchases must be made by Wednesday, December 21st.

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 Year's we will be celebrating with the MSSP Fathers.



Tickets are now being sold during the weekend Masses from the back of the church. You can also purchase tickets from the Parish office during office hours.

1st prize: 9-piece Nativity Set

2nd prize: Statue of Baby Jesus

3rd prize: 1-piece Nativity Set

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

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up from the back of the church.

Please make sure that it is your box, double-check the address. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support for the parish, it is all very much appreciated.



SENIORS' BINGO GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tickets are still available at \$25.00 per person. For purchasing tickets, or for more information, please contact Carmela Brown at 416-797-0888.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Concert: Friday, December 16th at 7:00 pm; featuring the Malta Band Club, St. Cecilia's School Choir and many more! All are welcome!

Christmas Novena: Saturday, December 17th to Saturday December 24th during the 9:15 morning Mass. (Sunday, December 18th at regular Mass times.)

Christmas Eve Mass in Maltese: Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 pm

Christmas Vigil Midnight Mass in English: Saturday, December 24

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th
9:00 am (English)
10:30 am (Maltese)
12:00 noon Mass (English)

New Year's Eve: Saturday, December 31st at 5:30 pm in English

New Year's Day: Sunday, January 1st
9:00 am (English)