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Fr. Roy Francis Farrell

Deacon Raymond Frendo

I 2:00pm (English) Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### 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 oriests. 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: 4:45pm to 5:15pm 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.

# St. Paul the Apostle Maltese-Canadian Parish

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#### 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## **Gospel Summary**

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins his journey to the Cross and Resurrection. The disciples are beginning to understand that Jesus is the Christ, but they cannot reconcile their understanding with Jesus' own foretelling that he will suffer, be killed, and rise after three days. Peter rebukes Jesus. But Jesus makes it clear that all who follow him will lose their lives for his sake.

#### **Reflection for Parents**

As a parent you want what is best for your child. You make sacrifices to provide opportunities for your daughters and sons. Those sacrifices might include sacrificing a career in order to be home with your children or taking on an extra job to save for your child's college tuition. Those sacrifices are everyday examples of what it means to "deny [yourself], take up [your] cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

Today, take time to rest in God's love. Remember those who made sacrifices so that you would have opportunities in life. Pray about the sacrifices you are making or feel called to make out of love for God and others.

## Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

At the dinner table throughout the coming week, ask family members to answer the question posed in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that [Jesus is]?" Also invite family members to share the names of those who have helped them come to know Jesus.

#### **Discussion Starters**

- 1. People who think like God thinks...
- 2. Someone I know who follows Jesus is...
- 3. One way I can be a better followers of Jesus

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## **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, September 14 4:30pm

• +Rita, Leli & Sunny Camilleri

#### Sunday, September 15 9:00am

+Sam Fenech

#### 10:30am

Missa Pro Populo

#### 12:00 noon

+Joe Sammut

## Monday, September 16

SS Cornelius & Cyprian

+John Azzopardi

## Tuesday, September 17

+Eugenio Sturino, Amalia, Mariano & Adelina Stellato

## Wednesday, September 18

+Melinda Farrell

## Thursday, September 19

+Marietta D'Elia

## Friday, September 20

SS Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions

+Sam Debono



### Celebrating Our 94th Anniversary

Last weekend, we joyfully celebrated the 94th anniversary of our parish. Such anniversaries are not just milestones; they are profound reminders of our rich history and our enduring mission to live out the Gospel message. Over the years, our parish has been a beacon of faith, hope, and love in our community. We have grown together, supported one another, and worked tirelessly to spread the teachings of Christ. As we reflect on our past, let us also look

forward with renewed commitment to our mission, embracing the future with the same zeal and dedication that has brought us this far.

#### Dinner and Dance on September 28

We invite you to support our upcoming Dinner and Dance on September 28. Additional details can be found in the parish bulletin. As previously mentioned, the net proceeds from this event will be donated to ShareLife. If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute, you can make a donation directly to ShareLife. ShareLife is a vital organization that supports numerous local charities, providing essential services to those in need. Your contributions help fund programs for the elderly, children, future priests, and families, ensuring that our community continues to thrive.

#### Welcome to New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to any new parishioners who have joined our parish. Please register at the parish office so we can get to know you better and keep you informed about our activities and events.

## **Growing Choir**

We are delighted to announce that we have two additional choir members for the 9 AM Mass. Our choir is growing, and as St. Augustine said, "Singing is praying twice." We are grateful for the beautiful music that enhances our worship and brings us closer to God.

#### Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

This week, on September 14, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. It is a day to reflect on the significance of the Cross in our faith, symbolizing Christ's victory over sin and death.

## Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15, we honour Our Lady of Sorrows. Although this feast will not be celebrated liturgically this year as it falls on a Sunday, we can still pray to Our Lady of Sorrows on any day. This beautiful feast invites us to meditate on the seven sorrows of Mary, reminding us of her profound compassion and strength.

## **Sunday Commitment**

It is heartening to see more people coming to Mass. Our Sunday commitment is very important, and I encourage everyone to make attending Mass a priority. Let us continue to gather as a community to worship, pray, and support one another in our faith journey.

- Fr. Roy

## 94<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary Dinner Dance

on Saturday, September 28
(doors open at 5:30 pm)

\*\*Enjoy a Full Course Meal\*\*

- Lasagna
- Veal with Roasted Potatoes & Eggplant
  Rollatini
  - Tossed Green Salad
  - Sherbert with Fruit Syrup
    - Pastries
    - Tea & Coffee
    - Cash Bar

Can't possibly eat all the food? - No Worries! ....
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#### Dance to the Music of a DJ

Price: Adults - \$60 per person Children (5-12) - \$30 per person Children under 5 - Free

\*\*Door Prize\*\*

\*\*Raffle Prizes\*\*

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Please book <u>no later than</u> Tuesday, September 24th by calling Freda at 416-762-1891.

Please note that payment is required at time of booking.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

# DAY TRIP TO LONDON, ONTARIO on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

\$70 per person (Buffet Lunch included)

Departure from St. Paul's Church at 9:00 am Arrival to St. Paul's at approximately 7:00 pm Our visit to London, Ontario will include:

- Mass
- Meet with members of the Maltese Canadian Club in London
- Lunch
- ◆ Tour of the Surrounding Area
- Free Time/Shopping

## WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF CATECHISTS AND LITURGY TEACHERS!

We anticipate that classes in preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin in the Fall, while Children's Liturgy presently takes place every Sunday morning during the 9:00 Mass.

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, you may contact the parish office at 416-767-7054.

#### **CATECHISM CLASSES**

Registrations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes are now open. Please take the appropriate form from the back of the church, or download it from our parish website:

#### www.stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org

Alternatively, you can scan the appropriate QR code below that will take you directly to the registration form

Please return completed forms to the parish office. Those who register will receive all relevant information from our catechists.







We are happy to introduce Justin Dominic. He is a seminarian from St.

Augustine's Seminary. Justin currently resides at Serra House. He will be joining us to help with select Sunday Masses as arranged by the seminary. Additionally, he will participate in various parish activities throughout the year.

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