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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, October 16

- Scott Bielecki (birthday)
- Alfred Saliba
- Mary Saliba (for Health)

Sunday, October 17

9:00am

- Margarita Escobar
- Austin Spiteri

10:30am

- Paul Borg
- Gemma Ellul
- Edmond & Carmel Scicluna

12:00 noon

- Suzanne Camilleri

Monday, October 18

- Manuel Martins & Erine Bento

Tuesday, October 19

Wednesday, October 20

Our Lady of the Immigrant
 Perpetual Mass

- Frances Galea

Thursday, October 21

Friday, October 22



MASS INTENTIONS

October 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Pastor's thoughts ...



Let's face it: we all love feeling important, respected and appreciated. Perhaps even feeling more important, or special, than others. Some of us openly admit to it, others secretly harbor it in their hearts. The apostles of Jesus were no exceptions. In today's gospel we see two of the chosen twelve, James and John, demanding something from Jesus. They want special places, one being on his right and the other on his left, when He is in His "glory". It is ironic that they ask this when He had just predicted His own death and resurrection. Instead of focusing on the reason behind this future event – Jesus' self-giving love for all humanity – they choose to focus on the glory. And to think that these were two of the three special ones who were always closest to Jesus!

As usual, Jesus takes the opportunity to give them an important lesson. First he warns them that, in order to enter into his glory, they will first have to go through the same process as He does – that of suffering, passion and death, of giving one's own life for the sake of others.

It's beautiful to see in the gospel the reaction of the other ten disciples. Mark says that they became angry at James and John. We can imagine them grumbling amongst themselves, "who do these two think they are? What's so special about them?" Sometimes we might think of the saints or, in this particular case, of the apostles, as some super-Christian heroes who always did the right thing. But the gospel shows us that becoming a disciple requires a learning process. We grow into becoming holy.

When Jesus notices the reaction of the group, He calls them closer to Him and, patiently, continues with his teachings. He tells them not to follow the lifestyle of worldly people. In the world importance means power. According to Jesus' logic, on the other hand, anyone who wants to feel important must be a servant of others. "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve," He tells them, "and to give his life as a ransom for many." The life of the disciple must be modelled on that of the Master.

Looking at today's gospel story we might be tempted to think that we are not like James and John of the gospel. We would never dare tell Jesus to give us the number-one seat in heaven! But how often do we look down on others? How often do we judge others when we notice their mistakes or "sinful life"? How often do we refuse to forgive, or even to be the first to seek some form of reconciliation, when we hurt each other? The words of Jesus keep reminding us that, if we want to be His disciples, we must be servants of all, we must be willing to give our life for them. And this, even when they do not deserve it!

- Fr. Mario

El Señor de la Paciencia (the patient Jesus), an image which is very common in South America, and which I found in one of the MSSP parishes in Peru. Often I wonder about the amount of patience Jesus has to have in dealing with me, just as He did with the apostles!



OFFICE HOURS

During this pandemic, the Parish Office is **opened on a limited schedule** (Tuesday to Friday from 2:00pm to 5:30pm), however phone calls and emails are still being attended to during normal office hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.

Please call the office at 416-767-7054 to offer masses, or to make arrangements to pick up or drop off items.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next **Sunday, October 24th, is World Mission Sunday.** On this day we remember in a special way, and thank God for, the many people (lay people, priests, Religious sisters and brothers) who leave all their comforts to bring God's message of love to others around the world. Many of them live in poor and difficult situations. In his message for this year's Mission Day Pope Francis reminds us that this day is an opportunity to:

- "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts ... the Good News that we have received;
- help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel;
- recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel;
- be courageous ourselves and to beg "the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest".

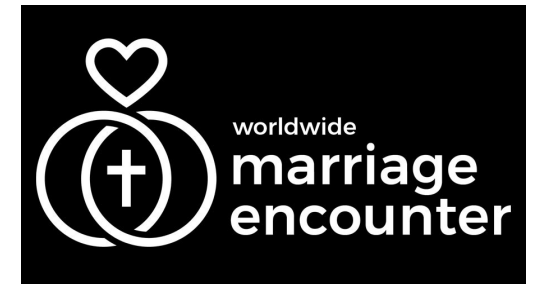
Our contributions in next week's collection can be one small way of sharing in the mission of the Church.

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- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way that a non-baptized person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. It provides the ritual actions for all the stages of initiation as well as, guides those who might not participate in the full Rite, but who are not yet in full communion with the Church.

If you, or you know someone who is interested in the **RCIA** program please contact the office.

Sacramental Classes

Preparation Classes for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will begin towards the middle of November. We are envisioning that the Sacraments will, then, be conferred in June.

Please pick up registration forms from the back of the church, or from the Office and return them as soon as possible.

Adoration

The weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been moved to Wednesdays, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus in prayer and adoration.

THANK YOU ...

- to all of you who contributed to last week's collection for the Collection for the **Needs of the Catholic Church in Canada**. The amount collected as: \$370.
- also, to all who donated food items on Thanksgiving Day for **Good Shepherd Ministries**

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