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Pastor: Fr. Mario Micallef MSSP

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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 6

- Philip Bielecki (birthday)

Sunday, November 7

9:00am

- Anthony Sultana
- Antonia Zammit
- Maria & Pietru Portelli & Joseph Portelli

10:30am

- Pauline Migliore
- Antoinette Ellul
- John Clark & Clark Family

12:00 noon

- Pauline Migliore
- Carmen Muscat

Monday, November 8

- For the people of the parish

Tuesday, November 9

- Charlie Portelli, Charles Portelli Jr. & Jason Portelli

Wednesday, November 10

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, November 11

Friday, November 12

- Antonia Micallef



MASS INTENTIONS

November 7, 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Pastor's thoughts ...



It was a Saturday evening many years ago, and I was out for a walk having finished my church-duties for the day. On the way I met three of our young parishioners, three girls in their teens, well dressed up obviously for a night out with some friends. In our small conversation they remarked that they had nothing in particular in mind. They were just going for a walk along the esplanade (it was a cool, summer evening) "to see and to be seen". As I continued on my walk, I thought of how important it is for young people to be "seen" and to be acknowledged as they grow through so many uncertainties and develop their securities.

This episode came to my mind as I was reading today's gospel. Jesus, now in Jerusalem, was in the temple and must have been observing the many comings and goings of all the different kinds of people. The Passover (Easter) was close, and the place must have been busier than usual. He could not help but notice how the scribes made it so obvious that they liked to be seen. Probably there was nothing wrong with that, just some teen-age like immaturity. The problem with these people was that they would do anything to feed their delusion of grandeur. According to Jesus, they would even "devour widows' houses", just to feel important. Now we know that widows and orphans were special in God's eyes, because they were the most vulnerable people of society in those times. Jesus had strong words for these scribes, probably the only time in the gospel where He uttered condemnation.

Through His keen eyes Jesus saw another detail which many probably would have missed. There was a poor widow who gave as an offering to the temple "two small copper coins". She was one of many in the crowd, probably invisible and anonymous for almost everyone there ... except for Jesus, of course! Jesus noticed her gesture, and praised what she did. He told his friends that, in spite of the small amount she gave, she had in fact given her everything, all that she had. And this she did in silence, without being noticed.

This woman of the gospel reminds me of the many people we have in our parishes who give of their time, their energy (whatever is left!), and their resources without much fanfare. No name-engraving on brass plaques, no expectations of a public thank-you, just silent, hidden gestures often known only to God.

Often what really matters in life is not what we do, but why and how we do it. The widow of the gospel gave much less than most other people, but it was her that Jesus praised. In a way, she becomes a model of Jesus' disciple who is expected to forego everything to follow Him. When, recalling last week's gospel, we put God as the number one in our lives and manage to love Him above all else with our whole being, then we would not need to seek other people's approval and glory.

As St Theresa would say in her wisdom, "Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

- Fr Mario



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.

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NOVEMBER SERVICES - Reminder



- Sunday, November 14, at 3:00 p.m.: Memorial Service at the Malta Band Club.
- Friday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m.: Memorial Service at Melita Soccer Club

WELCOME

Chloe Lala Hollands, Eleonore Iarisoa Hollands & Charlotte Nirina Hollands

and

Brixton George Grech

who, through the sacrament of Baptism they received this week, have become part of our Christian Community. We keep them and their families in our prayers.



LEST WE FORGET

Thursday, November 11, Remembrance Day

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them."

We pray:

- For those who have died in conflicts, and for their families;
- For those who suffer because of war
- For those who still carry the scars of conflict

**** WE PRAY FOR PEACE! ****



Hope you remembered!!!!



REGISTRATIONS

Anyone who still needs to register for our sacramental programmes, please do so as soon as possible.

- RCIA program started this weekend
- Confirmation classes will hopefully start November 21
- First Holy Communion classes will start beginning of December

HEALING RETREAT

Thursday November 11, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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