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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 13

- For the people of the Parish

Sunday, November 14

9:00am

- Grech Family

10:30am

- Tony Attard
- Pauline Migliore
- Pawlu Cauchi
- Emanuel Mercieca

12:00 noon

- Edmond & Carmel Scicluna

Monday, November 15

- All Souls
- Anthony Cristina

Tuesday, November 16

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Wednesday, November 17

- Our Lady of the Immigrant
 Perpetual Mass

Thursday, November 18

- All Souls

Friday, November 19

- Family Micallef

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday November 14, 2021
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Pastor's thoughts ...



A first reading of today's gospel can give us the impression that Jesus is talking about the end of the world. After all, this passage does fall under what we call "apocalyptic" literature. It is a term coming from the Greek verb "apokalýptein", which means to take the cover off, or to reveal. However, Jesus made it clear that his concern at that particular moment was not the end of the world. "About that day or hour no one knows, neither the Angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father," He told His listeners.

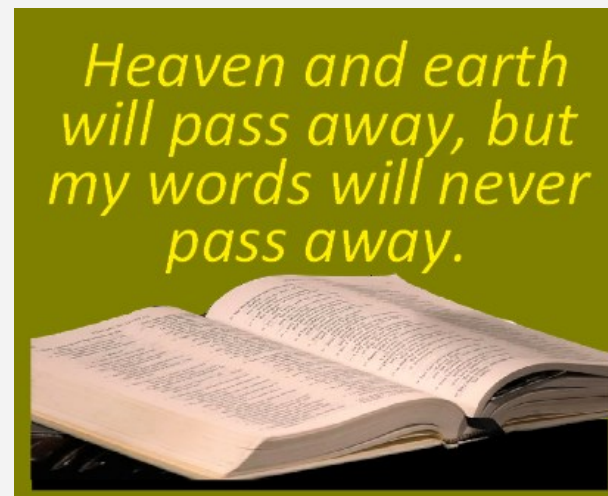
The people to whom Mark wrote this gospel were going through hard times. In Rome Nero was mercilessly persecuting the Christians, from the great fire of Rome in the year 64 onwards. The First Jewish-Roman War was on (66-73 AD), culminating in the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple in the year 70 AD. Tensions were also growing between different factions within the young Church itself. It was a time of crisis, and people were justifiably asking "where are we heading?" Many in Mark's community would have been wondering if the end times were in fact quite near. In moments like this, apocalyptic literature was often used, to reveal God's presence and action in such crisis. To the people, this gave hope. Its essential message was an assurance that God's beautiful designs will be fulfilled, despite all appearances to the contrary.

In the gospel Jesus speaks about the sun that will be darkened, and the stars falling. Mark's readers immediately knew that Jesus was referring to the many gods worshipped by the people surrounding and persecuting them. Besides, Caesar himself was worshipped as a god. Jesus is saying that the end of these idols will eventually come, and "then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory." The message of Christ's resurrection, His victory over death and all that is evil, could not be forgotten! The reference to the blooming fig tree is also significant. In spite of everything, the young Christian community, still in its infancy, will eventually grow and produce fruit, fruit that is as sweet as the fig.

Sometimes we might find ourselves in the same situation as that of Mark's community. How often have I heard people wondering "where are we heading?" or lamenting that the world, or the Church, is not what it used to be! Jesus' message is a message of hope, not of pessimism. Without denying the reality and existence of evil (after all, Jesus was really murdered) His resurrection tells us that evil does not have the last word.

As I reflect on today's message, the great English mystic Julian of Norwich comes to mind. During her lifetime Julian experienced, among other things, the Black Death and the Peasants' Revolt (which affected most of England in 1381). Besides, when she was 30, she became so seriously ill that she thought she was on her deathbed. She lived to be at least 73 years old. In one of her writings Julian says, "If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love." And this is what really matters.

- 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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This weekend the Shepherds' Trust collection takes place in all parishes in the Archdiocese. As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. **The Shepherds' Trust supports our priests to help them live their retirement years with dignity.** This trust fund is a tangible way to care for those who cared for us and to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

REGISTRATIONS



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

SUNDAY MISSAL - 2022

The Sunday Missal for the next Liturgical Year are available. You can pick them up from the sacristy after Mass. Cost: \$5.00

The new liturgical year will begin in two weeks' time, with the first Sunday of Advent.



November 14 - 5th World Day of the Poor



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

For the poor you have always with you

"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice."

- St John Chrysostom

WELCOME

This Saturday we welcome **Josiah Ohene Kankam** into our Church as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism.

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Saturday, November 20, 2021

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