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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 20

Joseph & Carmen Theuma

Sunday, November 21

9:00am

Magri Family

10:30am

Speditu & Carmena Camilleri

- Nenu Dingli
- Pauline Migliore

12:00 noon

- Suzanne Camilleri
- Tony Axiak
- Maria Fenech
- Frank Cini

Monday, November 22

• Family Vella

Tuesday, November 23

• For the people of the Parish

Wednesday, November 24

 Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, November 25

• Paul Delicata

Friday, November 26

All Souls



INTENTIO

November 21, 2021 Christ the King- B

Pastor's thoughts ...



Not many today can relate to kings and queens and monarchies. When we think of them today, what comes to mind is often a reality that is alien to us, or a figure-head in countries such as far-away England where the queen does not have much direct influence in her subjects' everyday lives.

But in Jesus' time it was real, significant and powerful. Pontius Pilate, in fact, had decided to let Jesus go during the passion-trial. But when they told him, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar," he got scared and, acting out of fear, handed Jesus over to them. This, in spite of the fact that

Jesus had openly declared that his kingdom is not of this world. In reality, Neither Pilate nor Caesar had anything to fear. Their kingdom would not have been usurped by this unassuming man from Nazareth. Jesus' kingdom is something different, something that, Pilate and anyone who is solely concerned with worldly power cannot comprehend.

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to celebrate Christ as King of the universe (yes, not only of this world!), offering us a gospel reading which is part of the passion narrative from the gospel of John. We've been journeying with the gospel of Mark throughout most of this year - a journey which saw Jesus finally arriving in Jerusalem. Here he is to meet his passion, death and resurrection. It's only logical, then, that we are invited to reflect on Jesus' kingdom through his passion story, now that he has arrived at his destination.

The dialogue between Pilate and Jesus is quite interesting. When Pilate asks Jesus whether he is really the king of the Jews, Jesus does not answer. Instead, he asks Pilate how he got this information. Pilate and Jesus have two very different notions of kingdom. Throughout this dialogue Jesus never denies that he is king. On the contrary, he tells Pilate that it was precisely for this that he came into the world. But he also declares that his kingdom is not of this world. If it were a normal kingdom, his followers would have come to save him during that unfair trial. But Jesus is not about saving himself. His life is always about "others": serving, loving, helping others. The kingdom proclaimed by Jesus throughout his ministry was the Kingdom of God. The only weapon used in this kingdom is Jesus' own Word – a word of love, mercy and forgiveness.

Not surprisingly, Pilate did not understand what Jesus was saying. Frankly, he probably did not care much either! Yet, at the end of it he put a sign on Jesus' cross declaring him as "Jesus of Nazareth, king of the Jews".

The kingdoms of the world and the Kingdom of God are very often opposed to each other. While one tells you to look after your own interests, the other tells you to be ready to even give your life to others. While one tells you to seek vengeance (often disguised as justice), the other tells you to forgive.

At the end of our liturgical year, having journeyed with Jesus and listened to his teaching for a whole year, we are now being invited to make a decision. To which kingdom do I belong? How much do I allow his words and his teachings to guide and enlighten all that I do in my life? This King is not a fairy tale. Rather than seeking to be served, he is one who, true to his words, made of his kingdom a life of serving and giving of himself to others.

- 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.

SUNDAY MISSAL - 2022

The Sunday Missal for the next Liturgical Year is available. It's a good

available. It's a good source to have the weekly Word of God with you for your personal prayer and reflection. You can pick them up after Mass. Cost: \$5.00

The new liturgical year will begin next Sunday, which is the first Sunday of Advent.

REGISTRATIONS



Anyone who still needs to register for our sacramental programmes, please do so as soon as possible. Preparation classes will commence in the first weeks of December. Those who have registered will soon be receiving a note with all the necessary details.

REST IN PEACE

Silvana Dewe, who passed on to eternal life during this week.

As we ask the resurrected Christ to grant her eternal peace with Him, we also remember in our prayers her loved ones during this time of loss and grief.



VETCH - ĠULBIENA

A very beautiful Maltese Christmas tradition is that of decorating the statue of Baby Jesus, or the Nativity Scene, with vetch. According to ancient Maltese tradition, light-deprived vetch seeds are grown over a period of a few weeks and placed next to the statue of the baby Jesus in the manger. Light deprived vetches grow white and stringy.

As from next weekend, you will be able to buy your vetch seeds from the back of the church after Mass (\$5.00 per packet - instructions included).



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This Saturday Anthony Paul
Zammit & Ferdinand Angelo
Luiz Micallef-Jones have
received the Sacrament of
Baptism.

While welcoming them into our catholic community, we pray for them and for their families as they help them grow as mature Christians.



