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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, January 15, 2022

- Leli, Sunny & Rita Camilleri
- Apolonia Farrugia

Sunday, January 16, 2022

9:00am

- Carmel & Salvina Fenech

10:30am

- Carmel & Edmond Scicluna

12:00 noon

- Rosina Andreacchi-Pupo

Monday, January 17, 2022

- Apolonia Farrugia
- Enzo Gusman

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

- Apolonia Farrugia

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Apolonia Farrugia

Thursday, January 20, 2022

- Apolonia Farrugia

Friday, January 21, 2022

- Apolonia Farrugia

MASS INTENTIONS



**January 16, 2022
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - C**

Pastor's thoughts ...



A wedding feast without wine! Unbearable ... unthinkable ... impossible!

For some reason this is what was happening on one particular occasion in Cana of Galilee, many years ago. Jesus happened to be present, together with his mother and some friends. It was actually Mary, the mother of Jesus, who sensed that something was not quite right during that feast. Woman's intuition went into top gear with woman's care. She would not be able to bear seeing the most important day of the newly-wed couple ruined. She knew she had to do something, and her God-son was the only resort she had. Of course, as a mother she wouldn't take no for an answer. She went straight to those in charge of the drinks table and told them to do whatever Jesus would tell them. She had no idea what he

would say or do, but she knew that he would do something.

Jesus' command would have sounded stupid and illogical in those circumstances. Filling six huge jars with water, when what was needed was wine, was of no help. Yet, they obeyed, and the miracle happened.

This story introduces us to the public ministry of Jesus, after celebrating his baptism last week. Mary's words in this story are the last words of hers recorded in the gospels. From that moment, it is the words of Jesus that we shall be listening to. "Do whatever he tells you", she says, as we begin our liturgical year.

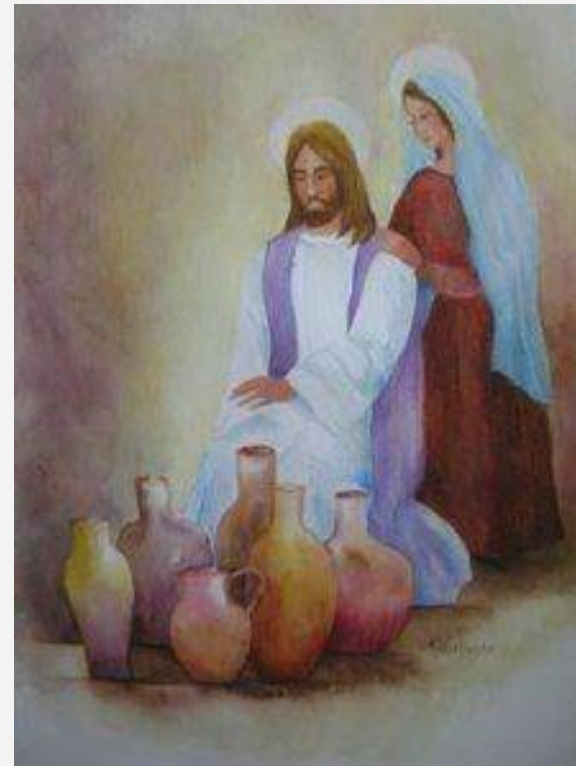
Wine is often used in the bible as a symbol of joy, God's grace and fulness of life. Sometimes it happens to us, too, that we run out of wine. We lose the joy of living, life seems to be just dragging on, we start doubting the validity of our vocation, it looks as if we have fallen out of God's grace! I've seen this happening quite often during this prolonged time of pandemic! Here Mary comes to our rescue with those simple yet powerful words: Do whatever he tells you. During this coming year, we are being invited to listen to his words.

Whatever he tells us might surprise us. The people of today's gospel had only water, and Jesus told them to fill the jars with whatever they had, and fill them to the brim. Then he did the rest.

Very often Jesus does not ask us to do extraordinary things. All he asks from us is to take a good look inside ourselves, see what we have, and make the best possible use of it. If it's only water you have, he told those people, use it and fill the jars to the brim. He asks us to give our all of what we have, even if it might seem insignificant. Remember the story when his disciples only had some fish and a few loaves of bread? Even there, they were asked to give all they had, and with that he did the unthinkable.

During this coming year there will certainly be moments of difficulty or problems in our lives. The best thing to do in these moments is to heed Mary's advice: to listen to his words and do whatever he tells us. At the moment it might seem difficult to comprehend or illogical, but history teaches us that it's always the safest thing to do.

- 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.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 - 25, 2022

We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him. (Mt 2:2)

The week of prayer for Christian unity is held every year in January, climaxing on January 25th, the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. On the evening of the 25th, Pope Francis will lead a prayer service for Christian Unity at St Paul's Basilica in Rome, together with leaders of other Christian Churches.

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches. More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ.

For more information, visit www.weekofprayer.ca



Friars' Student Writing Contest 2022

Open for students 13-19 years of age, who are to submit a 450-500-word essay on Christian Unity.

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Closing date: February 14, 2022

Full information: www.catholicregister.org/writingaward

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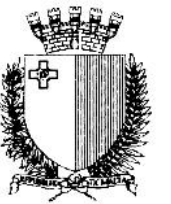
This weekend we welcome in our Christian Community **Hudson Charles Spalding**, who receives the sacrament of baptism. We congratulate his family on this beautiful day. May they actively help Hudson to slowly grow into a mature Christian.



NOTE FROM THE CONSULATE

The Consul General of Malta, Dr Raymond Xerri, would like to inform the following:

The Consulate General of Malta is closed to the public until further notice due to the ever-increasing number of COVID19 cases. Only very urgent appointments are being attended to.



COVID-19 AWARENESS

Following the recent announcements from the Provincial Government, our Archdiocese is asking us to remind everyone of the following:

- "Maximum number for indoor gatherings changes from 10 people to 5 people." Our catechism and RCIA classes have either been postponed or are being held online. No other meetings are being held on parish property.
- "Staff should work virtually wherever possible." People who need to visit the parish office are being asked to do so by appointment only. **Until further notice, the office will be closed**, but the parish secretary will still reply to emails and answer phones during normal office-hours (Tuesday-Friday 10:00am to 5:30pm.)
- If you are not feeling well, please do not come to Church.
- Mass times remain the same, and our church capacity is unchanged since we do not reach 50% of capacity as we maintain physical distance between households.
- We continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated if you haven't already, and get the booster if you have.
- Please do not congregate in groups outside the church before or after Mass.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. It is in these little things that we show we care!