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**Pastor:** Fr. Mario Micallef MSSP

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Ivano Burdian MSSP

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs. Rita Apalit

**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, April 9**

- Larry Attard

**Sunday, April 10**

**9:00am**

- Hortencia Calle

**10:30am**

- Joe & Matilda Zammit
- Kathleen Healy & Kathleen Curran
- Fr. Karm Borg
- Enzo Gusman

**12:00 noon**

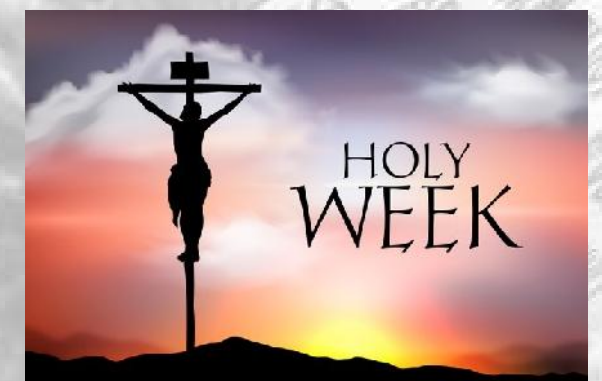
- Carmen Muscat
- Carmen Debono
- John Azzopardi

**Monday, April 11**

- For the people of the Parish

**Wednesday, April 13**

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass



**April 10, 2022**  
**Palm Sunday - C**

MASS INTENTIONS



# Pastor's thoughts ...



Today we enter Holy Week ... the holiest of weeks of the year. With the "hosanna" singing and palm-waving we embark on what is in all probability one of the most tumultuous weeks of human history. As Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem, as the crowds sing their "hosannas" and "blessed", little did they know how things would change in a matter of a few short days.

It is, indeed, a short journey: from the city center up to Golgotha. Jesus' crucifixion took place a few hundred meters from the Temple, and less than 2 kilometers from Gethsemane. And yet, so much has happened in that short space and time

This week we are being invited to walk with Jesus. To participate, rather than being mere spectators. We too are called to do the journey and allow ourselves to be part of the story.

First we enjoy the Hosanna and bask in the glory of the moment. There is a sense of achievement, a sense of victory. Many would have thought on that day that it is now mission accomplished – the one who came to save the world has achieved to do what he came for. The crowds are with him and, let's face it, having witnessed so many miracles, it couldn't be otherwise. Who doesn't like a free meal of bread and fish, or some wine magically made from pure water? Not to talk of the healings and, yes, the occasional bringing back of dead people to life.

But Jesus' glory was not of this world, he had told that crowd over and over again. This is not what he came for. Things change, and the same crowd that sings Hosanna yells "crucify him" a mere four days later. Our challenge is to stay with him, to continue with the journey. His disciples fled. Those whom he had personally chosen, through whom he had planned to expand his mission, were too confused and too scared to witness what was happening. They just could not handle it. The man who had given them so much hope, so much to look forward to, is now being mocked, shoved and pushed all over the place, beaten and eventually sentenced to death. All this makes no sense! They feel disillusioned, betrayed, fooled. So, they flee.

Mary stays. For her, too, all this does not make any sense. She too had heard some wonderful promises about her offspring thirty-three years earlier. How does all this fit into the story? Frankly, it doesn't. Not if we do not manage to go beyond Golgotha, and the brand-new tomb. In spite of the confusion, Mary remains and deep down she believes that, in some incomprehensible way, this is part of the story.

Without rushing into the conclusion which we know so well, let us take time to stay with Jesus along the way. Let us feel the excruciating pain of the whips, the rod, the wood, the thorns, the nails. Moreover, let us try to feel that much bigger pain of the loneliness and the abandonment.

Having journeyed all the way with Jesus, Saturday night's victory will then be sweeter. The Resurrection is not the denial of death, of the power of evil. On the contrary, it acknowledges its existence and tells us that there is something, or someone, more powerful than that.

As we celebrate our Palm Sunday liturgies, as we listen in the same liturgy the narrative of the passion story, let us allow our Hosanna and Blessed to gush out from the depth of our hearts. This is not a denial of our own pain and suffering, or a running away from it. It is an anticipation of what is yet to happen: during next weekend's celebrations

- Fr Mario



## HOLY WEEK PROGRAM



All details of this week's celebrations are on the program which has been distributed a couple of weeks ago. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please do so. Take note of the various liturgical celebrations so that we can celebrate together, as one Body of Christ, the Paschal Mystery of our Savior.

## EASTER LILIES



During this week, Easter Lilies will be accepted to be used for our Easter Triduum liturgies. Donations for flowers will also be accepted. Let us make it beautiful: Jesus deserves the best! THANK YOU to all who have already

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Friday we will have the annual Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. Each year on Good Friday, we are called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

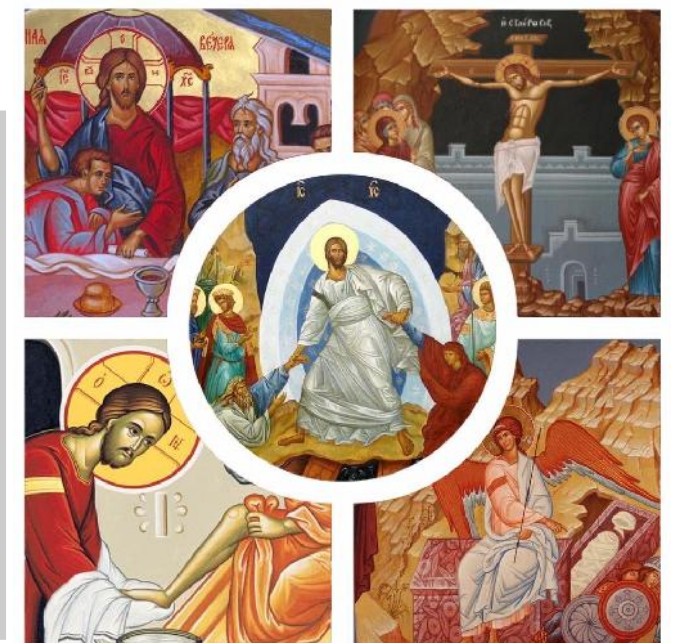
## HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

All ministers: Please do not forget to put your name on the form being provided, showing for which celebrations you can give your service during the Holy Week celebrations. It is important that all liturgies during this very important liturgical season of the year are covered.



## EASTER TRIDUUM

As a parish community, we are all encouraged to live the whole liturgy of the Easter Triduum together. The different celebrations over the three days are one continuous liturgy. We begin with The **Mass of the Last Supper** on Holy Thursday. After this Mass the Blessed Sacrament is placed in a special place, so that we can do vigil with Jesus as he moves into his Passion. On Friday we gather to **adore the cross of Jesus**, then move into the silence of Saturday, until we gather for the **Easter Vigil** to celebrate Christ's Resurrection.



## WELCOME

This Saturday we welcome **Elyse Skylar Ponte** into our Church as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray for her and for her family as they help her to continue to grow as a mature Christian.

## MORNING MASSES

Please note that, during this coming week, there will **only** be morning Masses on **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

\*\*\* **Tuesday**, Frs Mario and Giovanni will be concelebrating with all the other priests of Toronto at the Chrism Mass at St Michael's Cathedral. During this Mass the Holy Oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination, as well as the oil of the Sacrament of the Sick are blessed by our Archbishop, Cardinal Collins, and distributed to all parishes.

\*\*\* **Thursday** there will only be the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening, then we enter into the Easter Triduum. Please follow the program provided.