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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, April 16

• Alfred Galea

Sunday, April 17

9:00am

• Patricia Nielsen

10:30am

• Emanuel, Carmela, Tessie
 & Joseph Psaila

12:00 noon

• Theresa Massa
 • Susanne Camilleri
 • Carmen Debono

Monday, April 18

• Family Micallef

Tuesday, April 19

• Carmel & Edmond Scicluna

Wednesday, April 20

• Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
 • Mike Micallef

Thursday, April 21

• For the People of the Parish

Friday, April 22



MASS INTENTIONS

April 17, 2022

The Resurrection of the Lord - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



There are moments in life which can never be rightfully expressed in words, no matter how eloquent the writer may be. I witnessed one such moment during the prayer of the Way of the Cross led by Pope Francis at the Colosseum in Rome. During the thirteenth station, Christ's death on the Cross, one Ukrainian and one Russian nurse carried the cross together. Meanwhile, Pope Francis was covering his face in deep prayer. It was a gesture that created a lot of controversy, for which some religious and political authorities had expressed their disapproval. Like any prophetic gesture, no words are needed to explain or justify it. It only needs to be witnessed. And the most eloquent scene was watching the two women looking at each other. Only God knows what was going through their minds at that particular moment. Questions that remain unanswered, hope for a better future, feelings for each other's pains. Whatever the thoughts, one thing is certain. By insisting to go ahead with what was being planned, in spite of everything, these two women showed that there is something much bigger and more powerful than the evil engulfing their respective countries. In a situation where there seems to be no hope, where evil forces seem to be having the upper hand, they dare to give a positive sign of reconciliation. They dare to hope.

This is precisely the message of the Resurrection which we are celebrating today. Looking at the events which we have been celebrating during these last couple of days, we see a story of betrayal, abandonment, brutality, injustice, and death. Evil seems to have had the upper hand. For some, Jesus and his message were uncomfortable, and they had to get rid of him. Now, on that Friday afternoon, they must have thought that it was all over. After death there is no more hope. They probably took his cry from the cross, "it is finished", as their victory cry.

But God had other plans. Early on the Sunday He showed that He is more powerful than all the evil combined. He is even more powerful than death itself, the paradigm of all that is wrong.

In his gospel St Luke tells us that some of his close friends – women – refuse to let go. They go to the tomb early in the morning to anoint the body – for a last look, a final good-bye. But all they find is an empty tomb. After moments of anguish and confusion, they believe. They run to share the news, but are only met with incredulity.

It is not easy to believe in the resurrection, that good is stronger than evil. Perhaps, unfortunately, we are too accustomed to bad things happening around us. Whether it's in the news or in our family (because, unfortunately, sometimes we do not need to travel far to see evil at work), it seems that bad things constantly happen everywhere. The message of Easter does not deny this. His death was real, and the power of evil was really at work. But what Easter tells us is that the story does not end there. "Why do you seek him amongst the dead? He is not here. He is risen!". Indeed, there is life after death, there is hope after disillusion.

This is why the Resurrection of Jesus is so central to our faith. Jesus is not a mere historical figure of the past. He is Risen. He is Alive. And this sure gives us hope in moments of darkness, light when only darkness is all that we can see.

Happy Easter to you all. May the light of the Resurrected Christ shine always in your lives.

- Fr Mario



A Ukrainian and a Russian woman carry the cross during the Way of the Cross in Rome.



We wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

May the Peace of the Risen Christ dwell always in your hearts.

Fr Mario, Fr Giovann, Fr Ivano (all the way from Australia!) and the Parish Team

Thank you to all who, in many different ways, have helped us celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week. To all who spent long hours practicing, rehearsing, cleaning, decorating, setting up, and making sure that all goes well so that our liturgies be a truly prayerful experience; those who used their God-given talents by giving their service in one of the ministries during our celebrations; all of you who actively participated in all our liturgies, making these feasts a wonderful expression of the living Body of Christ. Thank you also to all parishioners who have donated Easter lilies for our Triduum celebrations, or donated money for flowers. God bless you all.



WE REJOICE!

On this Easter Sunday, we rejoice with those who, having followed the RCIA program, have received the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil.

Danielle Vassallo and Thippathong (Dorothy) Piluk have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion;

Dorothy's children, **Auston Brody and Maddox Richard**, have been baptized;

Jessica Azzopardi has been received in the Catholic Church;

Andrew Agius has received the sacrament of Confirmation.

As one community of faith we support them with our prayers.

ANOTHER THANK YOU!

To all of you who have donated food-stuff, good clothes, and other donation for the mission of Huancane' in Peru. We were inundated with donations towards this effort. Now, the arduous task of organizing and categorizing everything needs to take place before shipment can be arranged in the next few days. Anyone willing to help, please contact the parish or one of the Mission Group members.



SAN GORG

Next Sunday, April 24, we shall be celebrating the Feast of St George during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

