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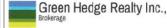
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Pastor: Fr. Mario Micallef MSSP

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.

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, May 21

Carmena & Carmnu Schembri

## Sunday, May 22

### 9:00am

Rita Caruana

#### 10:30am

- Nenu Dingli
- Rita Caruana

#### 12:00 noon

- Maria Fenech
- Mary Borg & Holly McGetchie

#### Monday, May 23

Joyce Camilleri

#### Tuesday, May 24

• For the people of the parish

#### Wednesday, May 25

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Paul Delicata

#### Thursday, May 26

For deceased priests

## Friday, May 27

Doris Micallef



May 22, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter - C Pastor's thoughts ...



After Christ's Resurrection, the Church's liturgy is preparing us for his return to Heaven and the subsequent sending of the Holy Spirit. Today we re-listen to the final words of Jesus, as he gathered his disciples during the Last Supper. We hear Jesus promising the gift of the Holy Spirit. And we see the first communities of Christians being born.

Like all beginnings, the birth of the first Christian communities did not happen without problems. People had to adjust to new realities, to let go of what they were used to for hundreds of years. In this case, they now had to learn how to allow themselves be guided by God's Spirit.

Perhaps the magic word here is "new". As St Paul would write to the Corinthians: "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" The New Jerusalem of this week's second reading is no more the city-symbol of one people. It's gates now welcome people from all corners of the world. Some of the early believers found difficulty in accepting this new, universal opening, this new way of being Church. It was not easy to let go of their old cults, rituals and belief-systems. In this case the leaders of that first community were mature enough to come together, pray and talk about the issue. The end result was a strong show of unity, embodied in a letter they sent to all believers urging them not to be disturbed by those who were not willing to embrace the new. Perhaps the most powerful statement in this letter is when they wrote "it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us". For them the presence of the Holy Spirit is so real that it seems he was physically with them at the discussion table. As a consequence of this, the believers could find peace. They need not be troubled any more.

We are living in a time when we are hearing a lot about synodality in the Church. As Pope Francis often

reminds us, our task as believers is not that of doing what the majority decides. It is, rather, coming together with an open heart so that, together, we can see where the Spirit is leading us. We acknowledge that we are still far from the ideal, but a liturgy like today's gives us courage, hope, and peace in our hearts.

This is precisely what Jesus had promised on that Thursday evening. His words echo like balm in times of confusion, trouble or fear. "Do not let your hearts be troubled ... do not let them be afraid ... Peace I leave with you." This was supposed to be the effect of the presence of the Holy Spirit who was to be sent to the believers. Jesus calls him the "paraclete" or "advocate", literally meaning one who is called to be with, to accompany.

We are not alone. As Jesus was preparing his disciples for his departure, he wanted to make sure that they understood the fact that they would never be abandoned. Christ's departure only implied a new way of having God at their side. Indeed, what seemed to be the evening of Jesus' life became dawn.

Peace
I leave with you,
my Peace
I give unto you...

Let not your heart be
troubled,
Neither let it
be afraid.

Fr Mario

#### PARISH DINNER

Saturday, June 11th, at 6:30pm

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Our 2022 parish calendar has this letter of the Pope as a general theme.

#### **BAPTISM**

This weekend we welcome **Keiran Gregory Mercieca** who joins our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.



We congratulate his family and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help him grow into a mature Christian.

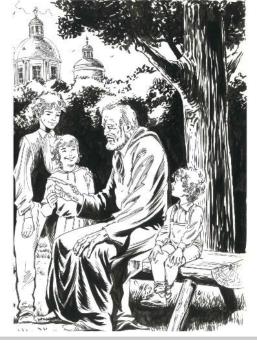
"Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and helps us to persevere. A servant of God ought always to be in good spirits. Charity and cheerfulness, or charity and humility, should be our motto."

- St Philip Neri (Feast day: May 26)

#### Living the Gospel through ShareLife

Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Thus far we have raised \$3,265 toward our goal of \$9,000. Please make your donation via the parish website, at sharelife.org, or during the next ShareLife Sunday special collection on June 5.



#### **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS**

This weekend there is a special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, **particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters.** By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.