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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, May 28**  
• Joseph & Carmen Theuma

**Sunday, May 29**  
**9:00am**  
• For the People of the Parish

**10:30am**  
• Rita Caruana  
• Silvana Dewe  
• Grace Bugeja  
• Charlie & Albert Taliana  
• Tony Axiak

**12:00 noon**  
• Theresa Massa  
• Ricardo & Linda Apalit  
• Carmen Debono

**Monday, May 30**  
• Family Micallef

**Tuesday, May 31**

**Wednesday, June 1**  
• Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass  
• Emmanuel Cachia

**Thursday, June 2**

**Friday, June 3**  
• Doris Micallef  
• Theresa Massa

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**May 29, 2022**  
**The Ascension of the Lord - C**



# Pastor's thoughts ...



In the Bible we have two books which were written by St Luke: the Gospel and the "Acts of the Apostles". The first one tells us about the life of Jesus and his message, while in the latter we have an account of how the first community of believers lived this message. Both books are addressed to a certain Theophilus, a name which means "lover of God". We can say, therefore that these are written for you and I since all of us are people who love God. Interestingly, the story of the ascension of Jesus into heaven (today's celebration) is the link which connects both books - it concludes the Gospel and opens the second book ... and both have a common message.

Both Ascension narratives of Luke (the one in the Acts of the Apostles and in the other one in his Gospel), come with a mission. The disciple of Jesus is not supposed to stay there, "standing, looking into the sky". He is, rather, to be a "witness" of Jesus, sharing with others all that Jesus is and stands for. In particular, he is to preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations". This had been, essentially, the mission of Jesus when he was on this earth. It is the possibility of a new life, free from sin - free, that is, from all that hinders us from being free enough to love God and neighbor.

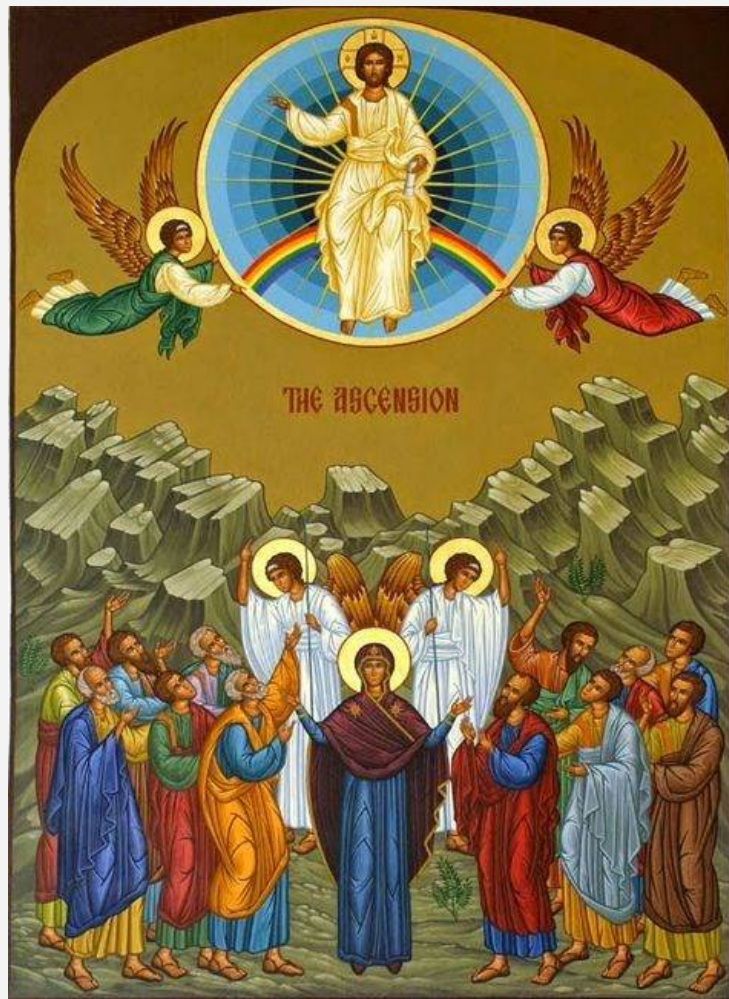
Speaking about this feast-day, Pope Francis made a beautiful reflection:

"This feast contains two elements. On one hand, it directs our look to Heaven, where Jesus, glorified, is seated at the right hand of God. On the other, it recalls the beginning of the Church's mission: why? Because Jesus risen and ascended into Heaven sends His disciples to spread the Gospel throughout the world; therefore, the Ascension exhorts us to raise our gaze to Heaven, to then turn it back immediately to earth, carrying out the tasks that the Risen Lord has entrusted to us."

Yes, I do have to look towards Heaven. Not in a nostalgic way akin to the look of someone looking at an airplane on which a loved one has just departed. But because I have to keep reminding myself that I constantly need Him to be able to fulfil my mission. That look, then, necessarily turns towards the world around me, wherever I happen to be. It is here that I now have to continue Jesus' mission. The need to be truly able to love both God and neighbor is seen and felt all around me.

Sharing in the mission of Jesus might seem a daunting task. A number of questions and doubts may come to mind. Am I worthy? Probably not. Have I got what it takes? On my own, definitely not! But unlike the case of a student trying to imitate his master, what makes it possible in my case is not simply the inspiration coming from what the master has already done. It is, rather, a power coming from the master himself. He has promised to give the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit He had. This is what is being promised today, and what we shall celebrate on Pentecost Sunday.

- Fr Mario



## PARISH DINNER - A GREAT NIGHT TOGETHER!

Saturday, June 11th, at 6:30pm

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- Lasagna
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- Salad & buns
- Dessert, coffee and tea
- Cash Bar

### SHARE LIFE SUNDAY

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### BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome **Noah Santos Al Hariri** and **Valentina Rosa Buttita**, who join our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their families and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help these children grow into mature Christians.



### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This Sunday is the 56th World Communications Day. This year's theme is "**Listening with the Ear of the Heart**". The following extracts are taken from the letter of Pope Francis for this occasion:

"A respected doctor, accustomed to treating the wounds of the soul, was once asked what the greatest need of human beings is. He replied: "The boundless desire to be heard". A desire that often remains hidden, but that challenges anyone who is called upon to be an educator or formator, or who otherwise performs a communicative role: parents and teachers, pastors and pastoral workers, communication professionals and others who carry out social or political service.

... In the Church, too, there is a great need to listen to and to hear one another. It is the most precious and life-giving gift we can offer each other.

... A synodal process has just been launched. Let us pray that it will be a great opportunity to listen to one another. Communion, in fact, is not the result of strategies and programmes, but is built in mutual listening between brothers and sisters."



### REMEMBER:

The **Seniors' Group** meets every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the Lower Hall. This is always a great opportunity to spend a couple of hours together, have a chat and a drink, and, of course, play a few games of BINGO. All are welcome.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, every Wednesday evening, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Includes prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary.