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Pastor: Fr. Mario Micallef MSSP
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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, June 4

- Emmanuel Sammut
- Josephine Gatt
(10th year death anniversary)

Sunday, June 5

- 9:00am**
- Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Schembri
 - Carmen Grech

10:30am

- Vince Cremona
- Mary, Joseph, John, Julian & Cynthia Mifsud
- Enzo Gusman
- Josephine Said

12:00 noon

- Holly McGetchie
- Helen Pullicino

Monday, June 6

- For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, June 7

- Family Micallef

Wednesday, June 8

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Frank & Tony Zammit

Thursday, June 9

Friday, June 10

MASS INTENTIONS



**June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday - C**

Pastor's thoughts ...



One day when Jesus was speaking with his friends he told them: "It is better for you that I leave, because if I do not go, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you".

I can imagine that it must have been very difficult for the disciples to accept, or even understand, these words. Here they were, listening to someone in whom they had put all their trust and their hopes. They had seen him performing miracles. They had listened attentively to his teachings. They had seen the crowds following him in their thousands. Meeting him must have been the best thing that ever happened in their lives. And now he is telling them not only that he must go, but that it is for their own good. Because if he

does not go, the "paraclete" or "advocate" – whoever that might be! – would not be sent to them. The conclusion for the disciples must have been clear, and huge! This one who will be sent by Jesus when he goes will be even better than Jesus himself for them!

Jesus could not stay physically with them. He was to return to the Father – a celebration which we celebrated last week. Many times in his life he had promised that he would not abandon his disciples. And Jesus keeps his promises. He found a number of different ways how to do this. He founded the Eucharist, through which we believe he is always present for us. And he gave us his own Spirit. By receiving the Spirit, we have received a share of Jesus' own being. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, which, literally, means someone who is called (kalein) beside/ alongside (para). This Spirit is given to us, therefore, to accompany us throughout our lives. The Spirit is there to help us, to give us courage when it fails us, to enlighten us in times of confusion, to strengthen us when we feel weak. Indeed, now we are now never alone.

What happened on that day of Pentecost when the disciples were locked in that upper room is truly amazing. These were people who, just a few weeks earlier, had run away, terrified. Having had some courage to venture out, Peter had soon discovered that he was probably scared more than the others. He forcefully denied knowing Jesus. Now, after receiving the Holy Spirit they went out to preach, and nothing could stop them, not even the barrier of language. They found courage; they found wisdom to say the right things. They found energy within themselves, like a burning fire. The image of tongues of fire in this story is very powerful,

Unfortunately, we often tend to forget the beauty of this gift which we have received in our baptism. Jesus knows that, on our own, we cannot do much good. He knows our weaknesses, our limitations, our brokenness. That is why he gave so much importance to this gift when he spoke to his disciples about it. We too are often painfully aware of what holds us back from doing good, or from doing what we know we should be doing. It is precisely in those moments when we need to remember what power we have received. All we have to do is to humbly ask for help. We won't be disappointed.

- Fr Mario

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

written by St George Preca

God the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from God the Father and God the Son, come and remain in us. We need you in everything. We cannot do any good without you.

Come and remain in us in order to enlighten us against the deceits of the devil, of the world and of ourselves; to give us strength for holiness, for forbearance, and for self-denial in everything that pleases us.

Come and remain in us in order to comfort us in every sorrow. It's only through your help alone that we can live a holy life, shun sin, and eventually, at death, enter into everlasting life where we praise you, the Father and the Son.



PARISH DINNER - A GREAT NIGHT TOGETHER!

Saturday, June 11th, at 6:30pm

Welcoming back Fr Ivano, and farewelling Fr Giovanni

For Bookings, contact Freda (416-762-1891) or the Rectory

Adults: \$40

Children 5-12 yrs: \$20

Children 0-5 yrs: free



- Bruschetta
- Lasagna
- Veal cutlet with mushrooms, potatoes, mixed vegies
- Salad & buns
- Dessert, coffee and tea
- Cash Bar

WELCOME BACK

During this week we welcome back **Fr Ivano**, who will be returning from Australia on Tuesday.

MALTESE-CANADIAN MUSEUM

During Covid-restrictions, our volunteers at the Museum have been busy sorting, cataloguing, cleaning, and ordering all the different exhibits. Now, it is time to open again for the public. The first public event is going to be: "**A Junction Retrospective**" - A photographic exposé of **Junction streetscapes and buildings**. Photographed by **E. Mifsud**.

From June 11 to July 3. Open after weekend Masses, and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00am-12:00.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome **Ryleigh Lennon Vassallo**, who joins our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate her family and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help her grow into a mature Christian.



R.I.P.

This week we celebrated the funeral of our brother **Charles Psaila**. While we ask our merciful Lord to give him eternal rest with Him, we pray for his loved ones during this time of grief.



SHARE LIFE

This weekend is the final ShareLife Sunday of the year. But ShareLife is more than a collection. It's how we as a community say "we care." In solidarity with Catholics throughout the Archdiocese, we provide a witness of God's love by actively supporting those in need locally and the greater world. Thank you for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. God blessed your generosity