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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 11

- Rita Caruana

Sunday, June 12

9:00am

- John Logan

10:30am

- Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
- Emanuel, Carmela & Tessie Psaila
- Emanuel Mercieca

12:00 noon

- Rita Caruana
- Joe Cilia
- Frank Cini

Monday, June 13

- Anthony Sultana

Tuesday, June 14

- Fr. Lawrence Bonavia

Wednesday, June 15

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, June 16

- Julia Camilleri
- Eugenio Sturino

Friday, June 17

- Joseph Xuereb
- Frank Micallef



MASS INTENTIONS

June 12, 2022
The Most Holy Trinity - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



We do not often think about the Holy Trinity, yet it is something that has become an integral part of our lives as believers. Every time we do the sign of the cross, every time we pray the "Glory be", we always refer to God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Moreover, we were all baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". Why is this dogma so important for us?

I won't attempt here to give an explanation of this mystery – three persons, one God. Scholars and theologians have written huge books trying to explain the trinity, and I do not think it is our scope here to give a scholarly or a deep theological explanation.

It is said that once, St. Augustine was walking by the seashore contemplating the mystery of the Holy Trinity. There he saw a little child running back and forth from the water to a spot on the seashore. The boy was using a shell to carry water from the large ocean and pour it into a small hole that he had made in the sand. Augustine came up to him and asked him what he was doing. "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole," the boy replied.

"What?" said Augustine. "That is impossible, my dear child, the sea is so great and the shell and the hole are so little." "It is no more impossible than what you are trying to do," said the boy, "understand the immensity of the mystery of the Holy Trinity with your small mind!"

Still, there must be a reason why the Church gives so much importance to this feast. Indeed, what I believe about God is going to help me understand who I really am.

In one of the stories of creation which we find in the first book of the bible, there is a verse which I really like. First, when it was time for God to create us humans, God says "Let us create mankind in our own image, in our own likeness". Then, the book continues: "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them".

When we say that we are created in God's image, it does not mean that God looks physically like me! We are in God's image in our togetherness, in our communion with each other. That is why today's feast is so important. Some elements from the feast of the Holy Trinity can help us understand the implications of all this. We believe that the persons of the Trinity are all equal and distinct. Yet, the communion is so strong that it is one God that we speak of, not three.

Being created in God's likeness, we are all equally important and distinct personalities. We are different to each other, not better than any other. And yet, we are not created for loneliness. We need each other. We are made for relationships, for communion.

Unfortunately, this communion has been broken by our sinfulness. We remember that, again in that very first book of the bible, sin brought division in us. There was division between man and God (Adam and Eve hide, because they are embarrassed), division amongst themselves (Adam blames Eve for his wrongdoing), and division between man and nature (Eve blames the snake, and working in nature now becomes difficult and painful). Having seen this, God immediately promised to remedy this situation. We know that this promise was fulfilled by the coming of Jesus Christ. His death and resurrection reconciled us once more to God, amongst ourselves, and with nature.

When I think about myself as a human being, remembering that I have been created in God's own image, I remember that I have been created for communion, to build relationships. It is there that I truly find my fulfilment.

- Fr Mario



FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is being celebrated on June 19. During all Masses of the weekend we thank God for the gift of fatherhood, and in particular for the gift of our fathers. **For those who would like to offer a Mass for their father, we are taking down names during this weekend.** A list with all the names will be put up on Father's Day. We shall pray for all these fathers during our Masses on the day, and then each Mass intention will be offered during the year by our missionaries. Stipend for these Masses is \$10.00. You can also leave your intention during the week at the office.

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.

SACRAMENTS

This Sunday, the following children are receiving their **First Holy Communion**:

Adam Pacheco

Skyler Camilleri

Dylan Vella Baiona

Everleigh Savin

Julius Savin

Oliver-Michael Torres



On Tuesday, the following young people will be receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation**:



Elyssa Camilleri

Zachariah Micallef

Kate Rankin-Goodman

Josephine Skudra

Emmett Keyes

Diego Carreno Palma

Chantelle Cutajar

Alyssa Al Hariri

James Venton

Joseph Aguiar

Kassandra Tello

Andrew Pacheco

Michael Tyryllo

Marcus Le Prevost-Groves

CONGRATULATIONS to all these young people and their families. As a parish community, we accompany them with our prayers. May the love and joy of Jesus be always present in their hearts and may the Holy Spirit guide them throughout their lives.

A big thank you goes to our Catechists **Jason Borg and Abigail Apalit (FHC)** and **Jessica Dingli, Sarah Barone and Andrea Casciaro (Confirmation)**, who helped to prepare our young people for this very important day in their lives.

MARYGROVE CAMP

Next weekend there will be a special collection for **Marygrove Girls Camp** run by the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience at Marygrove. Please give generously to support this important initiative.

FAREWELL

During most of this past year we have been blessed with the presence of **Fr Giovanni Tabone**. Having finished his Masters course at UFT, it is now time for Fr Giovanni to move on. On Monday he leaves for Peru, where he will be sharing a few weeks of ministry with our MSSP missionaries. After that, he will return to Malta. We thank Fr Giovanni for his lovely presence, and wish him well for his future, while keeping him in our prayers.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

Next weekend we will welcome representatives from "Handicraft Holy Land Christians". They will speak to us about their mission and have unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.