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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, July 2

- Vanessa Bielecki (birthday)
- Emmanuel Sammut

Sunday, July 3

- 9:00am
- For the People of the Parish
- 10:30am
- Doris Micallef
 - Helen & Emanuel Cachia

12:00 noon

- Theresa Massa

Monday, July 4

- Helen Cachia
- Frank & Carmela Camilleri

Tuesday, July 5

- Nina Schembri
- Deceased members of the Camilleri Family

Wednesday, July 6

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, July 7

- For deceased priests

Friday, July 8

- Joseph Psaila



MASS INTENTIONS

July 3, 2022
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



I remember, once I met someone who was asking to have his child baptized and told me that he was a “regular” church-goer: he never missed Christmas and Easter and even came to some other special celebrations! Having said that, I know that most of you reading these lines have got a different definition for “regular”.

More commonly, I often hear people telling me that they celebrate Eucharist much more often than the above-mentioned gentleman and even pray at home. This is all very good, and indeed needed. Today's liturgy is, however, offering us a challenge to ask ourselves: is this enough for me as a Christian?

Last week we have seen Jesus embarking on a journey (towards Jerusalem), during which he called some to follow him. In the gospel he had already sent the twelve apostles “to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick”. Now he is sending another seventy-two disciples. These do not form part of the intimate group of twelve. Like you and me, they are normal people who, for some reason, decided to follow Jesus - people who have somehow experienced an encounter with Jesus and discovered that this person is worth following. He can offer something which others cannot.

What Jesus does in today's gospel helps us understand what being a disciple of Jesus really entails. It is good and important that we follow Jesus. It is by following that we learn how he lives, how he responds to different situations. It is by being close to him and journeying with him that we can listen to his words and teachings. As Pope Francis reminds us: “The missionary disciple has first of all a center, a point of reference, which is the person of Jesus.” And now Jesus is showing us that it is not enough for his disciples to follow and receive from him - whether it is a particular teaching or some form of healing. Like the chosen twelve, all disciples share in the mission of Jesus. They are all sent to proclaim, to give witness. Pope Francis reminds us that the status as missionaries is not a consequence of ordination, but of baptism, and that all of us are called to be missionary disciples, to be sent by Jesus and speak on his behalf. If I were to be a disciple who seeks only to receive from Jesus without sharing with others that which I have received, I would be a very selfish disciple. And selfishness and Jesus do not go very well together!

Finally, the Master tells us to take with us only what is essential for the journey. When I speak about this fact that we are all given a mission in life, there is almost always someone who would point out that they feel they do not have what it takes to do what is being asked. Those who are sent to proclaim are “secure only in the love of the one who sends them, remaining strong only on the power of his word which they go to announce,” the Pope reminds us. And what we are to give to others is the gift of his peace.

The twelve, and then the seventy-two, eventually changed the world. They shared the same passion for the well-being of humanity that Jesus had. This is our calling as Christians; to be people who, with passion and love, bring his peace wherever we are sent.



WORKS IN PROGRESS

As announced last week, we are currently doing some maintenance works around the place. During this week a lot of work has been done in the rectory and office-area. Meanwhile, some work has been done on the church-walls and Our Lady of Ta' Pinu chapel.

During this coming week, our workers shall be working mostly in the church. Because of this, weekday Masses (Monday-Friday) will be celebrated in the parish hall.

Following our appeal, some of you have already sent in their contributions to cover some of the costs. As explained last week, we are not organizing a fund-raising event for this work. Please use the blue “maintenance” envelopes, or else clearly mark your donations as “maintenance”. Those who would like to contribute by e-transfer,

please use our parish email: stpaulmssp@gmail.com

SUMMER

As we enter into Summer, the lives of most of us change. Children have a break from school, some of us go to the cottage or overseas for vacation. After two years of covid-related restrictions, some of us, in fact, couldn't wait! A break from normal routine is needed by everybody.

Pope Francis reminds us that this can be a time when we can “rest and restore the spirit, especially through a more quiet reading of the Gospels”. It is a time when, “with the Bible in hand, in silence, we begin to feel this interior beauty, this joy that the word of God generates in us ... It's important,” the Pope tells us, “that in the period of rest and breaking away from daily concerns, you restore the energies of your body and soul, deepening your spiritual journey.”

In the meantime, whether it's at St Paul's or anywhere else, please remember that when we go to Church for Mass, we are entering God's House for a moment of prayer. Please dress accordingly. What serves us well at home or at the beach might not necessarily be fitting for a liturgical celebration!

May whatever you do during Summer bring you rest in your body and peace in your soul.



BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome the three siblings **Penelope, Lily and Ruby Wight**, who will join our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism. While congratulating them and their families, we accompany them with our prayers as they begin their journey to become mature adult Christians.

