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**Pastor:** Fr. Mario Micallef MSSP  
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**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, July 9**

- Rose & Domenic Bartolo
- Amante, Joe & Charlie Theuma

**Sunday, July 10**

9:00am

- Rita Caruana

10:30am

- For the People of the Parish

12:00 noon

- Frank Cini
- Jezulina Pereira Paulo

**Monday, July 11**

**Tuesday, July 12**

**Wednesday, July 13**

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Joe & Paul Mangion

**Thursday, July 14**

- Eugenio Sturino

**Friday, July 15**

- Charles Micallef
- Rose Chetcuti & Salvina Cuschieri

MASS INTENTIONS



July 10, 2022  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C



# Pastor's thoughts ...



“Go and do likewise”

This instruction of Jesus which concludes today’s gospel reminds me of another moment in Jesus’ life when he gave the same instruction. It was that most solemn moment of the Last Supper. In John’s gospel, having had washed his disciples’ feet, Jesus tells them to do the same thing he had just done. In the other three gospels, where we have the institution of the Eucharist, Jesus does practically the same thing. Having given his body and blood, he instructs the disciples to “do this” in his memory.

The lawyer in today’s gospel, to whom Jesus addresses his instruction, had asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life. Being the good teacher that he is, instead of

lecturing him Jesus tells him a story. Everybody likes stories, especially ones we can relate to. It was not unheard of in Jesus’ time that someone would be mugged on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho. It was a dangerous journey often rife with robbers well-hidden among the hills of the winding, deserted road. Jesus tells the story of someone who had gone through that unfortunate experience, and left bleeding to death on the side of the road. Two people pass by, a priest and a Levite, both people of the temple. Had they touched the bleeding man they would have become ritually impure. They had a choice, and instead of helping the man and suffer the consequences of becoming unclean, both decided to keep going. A third person comes by, a Samaritan. We know that there was no love lost between the Jews and the Samaritans. And yet, Jesus tells us that this man went out of his way to help the poor victim. He tended to his wounds, he took him into an inn to recover, and he payed for all his expenses. For that stranger, the Samaritan spent his time and money. Moreover, he did not bother with the fact that, getting in contact with the victim’s blood would have made him “unclean” for temple-worship. Indeed, here was a man who well understood what the prophet meant when he said, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” He also understood Jesus well when he insisted that love is the highest commandment. Love is superior to all other commands, laws, rules and regulations, of which the Jews had more than enough.

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” This was the initial question presented to Jesus by the lawyer. Through his dialogue with Jesus it is clear that he had his priorities right. He knew that love of God and neighbor is supreme. His doubt was about the definition of neighbor. Is it just the person of my own clan, faith or country? By using a Samaritan in his story, Jesus showed in no uncertain terms that my neighbor can be anyone, no one excluded, not even my enemy! This would have been very hard for many of Jesus’ listeners to digest!

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” I suppose this could easily have been our own question if we were to meet Jesus personally. We all want to attain eternal life. And we would not mind knowing from the Master himself if there were a shortcut! If we were to answer that question ourselves, we would probably have given different answers. I am sure that our answers would have included obeying the commandments, prayers, Masses, other expressions of piety, etc. The list could have been quite long. Jesus tells us that it all boils down to the one supreme law: that of unconditional love. “Love one another as I have loved you”, he would tell us later on in the gospel. This is how he loved us, without any conditions, while we were still his enemies as St Paul would say.

As someone once said: Love one another. It’s as easy as this, as difficult as this.

- Fr Mario



## JOB DONE!

These last couple of days we have finished the maintenance work that we were doing around the place. Thank you to Melita Maintenance for a job well done!

Thank you also to the small group of volunteers who did all the dusting, cleaning and washing when the painters were gone. Your help is much appreciated!

Finally, a big thank you goes also to those who have contributed financially to help in the costs of this project. Although not all the expenses have been covered yet, every little bit helps!



## REST IN PEACE

Our brother Francis Xavier Attard has passed on to eternal life on July 6. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday.

While asking the resurrected Lord to welcome him in heaven, we also pray for his family during this time of loss and grief.



## JULY 16 - OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Saint Simon Stock (1165-1265).



## THANK YOU



**Lehen Malti**  
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We have just received a donation of \$900 from **Lehen Malti**. This was collected from their listeners throughout the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day campaigns.

We thank Lehen Malti for this initiative, and all those who chose to support our parish through this campaign.

## WELCOME

This weekend we welcome **Alaiya Rose Bond**, who will join our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.

While congratulating her and her family, we accompany her with our prayers as she begins her journey to become a mature adult Christian.



# SL ShareLife

Today’s Gospel shares the Parable of the Good Samaritan, a beautiful story on bridging differences, sharing what we have, and lending a hand to those in need – regardless of who they are or where they come from.

The parable showed us that compassion knows no borders, and kindness knows no boundaries. In the same vein, ShareLife agencies have put in place an “open intake policy.” This means that the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our communities will be able to receive help.