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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 23

- Al Caranci

Sunday, July 24

- 9:00am**
- Joseph Fenech
 - Marta Cvetka 'Flora' Tibljas

10:30am

- Charlie & Albert Taliana
- Nenu Dingli
- John Farrugia

12:00 noon

- Tony Axiak
- Maria Fenech

Monday, July 25

- Paul Delicata

Tuesday, July 26

- For the people of the parish

Wednesday, July 27

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Doris Micallef
- Alfred Galea

Thursday, July 28

- Joseph Fenech

Friday, July 29



MASS INTENTIONS

July 24, 2022
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



“Lord, teach us to pray”

I have no doubt that many of those following Jesus in the Gospels were good people. They went to the synagogue (or to the temple, if in Jerusalem) on a regular basis. They respected their prescribed times for prayers during the day. They also had their traditional prayers, either written or passed on from generation to generation. These prayers they knew by heart.

Yet, they must have seen something in Jesus which they did not possess. Once, they said that the way he teaches is not the same way their other masters teach. He teaches with authority. Now they must have seen something else: the way he prayed was, somehow,

different to the way they were used to, or taught. And they must have also realized that it was good. Hence, they wanted to start praying like him. Perhaps they also saw that his prayers were more effective than theirs.

In answer to their request, Jesus did not give them a prayer-book to learn. Neither did he start teaching them how to sit or stand, taking different postures, etc. Instead, he gave them the Our Father – a prayer which we ourselves say probably more than once a day.

This prayer must have shocked quite a few people in those days. First of all, Jesus invites us to call God Father. Unheard of, in Jesus' time. We remember that one of the accusations brought against Jesus during his trial was the fact that he called God “Father”. For the Jews, this was a more serious crime than working on the Sabbath: “For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.” (Jn 5:18). Now, he is inviting us to do the same!

For Jesus, prayer was not just rituals, or saying formulas, often expecting some magical outcome. For Jesus, prayer is a dialogue with a loving Father, a Father who knows what is good for us, a Father who would never do anything that would harm us. More importantly, Jesus invites us to enter into a relationship with a God who wants to be close to us. This is why prayer is so important. Because, not unlike any other relationship, our relationship with God has to be nourished and nurtured in order to grow. Otherwise, it will slowly taper off and die.

“Lord, teach us to pray”. This is a good question to ask, as disciples of Jesus. Being his followers, we desire to walk on his footsteps. Our hope is that, one day, our life will be like his. And prayer is a very important element of this lifestyle. Through the Our Father, Jesus teaches simplicity, honesty and humility. Above all, he teaches trust.

Simplicity, because there is no need for too many words. The essentials that come from the heart is enough.

Honesty, because he teaches us to present ourselves and our desires as we really are. With God, there is no need to pretend otherwise.

Humility, because through this prayer we know that we need God even for as little as our daily bread, as much as we constantly need his forgiveness in our lives.

Finally, trust. Because we trust that He knows what's best for us, and that He will give this to us. With a childlike trust, we are invited to throw ourselves into God's loving arms.

Fr Mario



PAPAL VISIT IN CANADA

This Sunday Pope Francis arrives in Canada for what he has termed a “Penitential Pilgrimage”. The Pope’s visit will provide him with another opportunity to listen and dialogue with Indigenous Peoples, to express his heartfelt closeness and to address the impact of colonization and the participation of the Catholic Church in the operation of residential schools throughout Canada. The papal visit also provides an opportunity for him to connect with the Catholic community in Canada.



As a community of faith we accompany Pope Francis with our prayers during these coming days.

“Salt and Light” will be fully covering the Pope’s visit. For a full schedule, visit:

<https://slmedia.org/popeincanada>



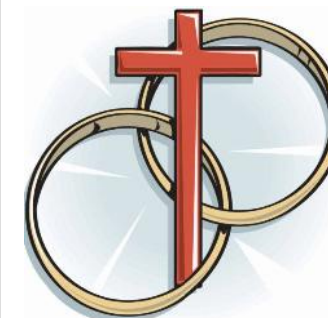
WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

“In old age they will still bear fruit” is the theme chosen for this year’s World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is celebrated this Sunday. It highlights the fact that grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for our communities.

Pope Francis has decided to institute this Church-wide celebration to be celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the grandparents of Jesus. We thank God in a special way today for the gifts that elderly people are in our families and in our parish community.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Jessica Ovalles** and **Brandon Farrugia**, who are being united in the sacrament of marriage during this weekend. We accompany them with our prayers, as they embark on this journey of love in their life.



JULY 25 - FEAST OF ST JAMES

Saint James, son of Zebedee (death 44 AD) was one of the disciples of Jesus. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the Evangelist. He is called Saint James the Greater to distinguish him from the other apostle named James (James, son of Alphaeus). James is described as one of the first disciples who joined Jesus. The Synoptic Gospels tell that James and John were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to begin traveling (Mt.4:21-22, Mk.1:19-20). According to Mark, James and John were called Boanerges, or the “Sons of Thunder” (3:17). Acts of the Apostles (12:1-2) records that King Herod had James executed by sword (Ac.12:1-2). He was likely the first of the apostles martyred for his faith.

Prayer to Saint James the Greater

O Glorious St. James, because of your fervor and generosity Jesus chose you to witness his glory on the Mount and his agony in the Garden. Obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending struggles of this life.

Help us to follow Christ constantly and generously, to be victors over all our difficulties, and to receive the crown of glory in heaven.

Amen