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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 30**  
• For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 31**  
**9:00am**  
• Frank & Diedi Magri

**10:30am**  
• Silvana Dewe  
• Grace Bugeja  
• Doris & George Borg

**12:00 noon**  
• Linda Apalit  
• Susanne Camilleri

**Monday, August 1**

**Tuesday, August 2**  
• Carmel & Edmond Scicluna

**Wednesday, August 3**  
• Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass  
• Doris Micallef

**Thursday, August 4**  
• Deceased members of the Camilleri Family  
• Eugenio Sturino

**Friday, August 5**  
• Nina Schembri



**July 31, 2022**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

# Pastor's thoughts ...



Many of us are familiar with Charles Dickens' book "A Christmas Carol". The figure of Scrooge, the main protagonist in Dickens' novel, came to mind as I was reading the gospel of today. Scrooge is a cold-hearted miser whose unbridled love of money does not allow him to enjoy life, Christmas in particular. In a manner that only Dickens could master, we see how Scrooge's greed has made a caricature of a man out of him: "The cold within him froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shrivelled his cheek, stiffened his gait; made his eyes red, his thin lips blue." With a masterful stroke Dickens managed to mirror the coldness of Scrooge's heart on to his facial features.

Probably it would not be fair to compare the man in today's gospel with Scrooge.

After all, he is probably only seeking justice for what he believes should be rightfully his. And Jesus does not call him a miser either for asking what he asked. The truth however is that, the story is so real, even for us in our times, unfortunately, that what is often termed as "justice" in situations like this can easily turn a normally human being into a Scrooge-like character. This is a story to which probably all of us can relate in one way or another. We all know families, sometimes even too close to us, in which members do not talk to each other because of an inheritance problem.

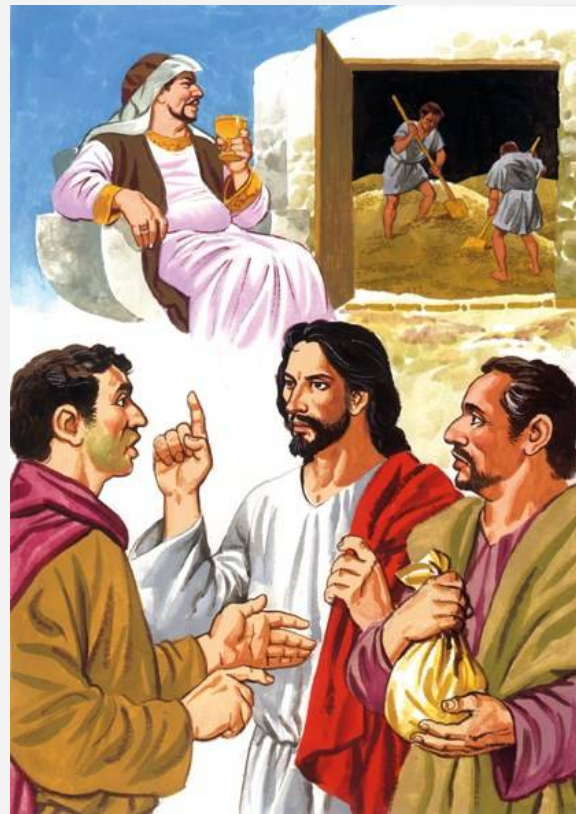
In situations like this it is good to ask ourselves: what is truly most important for me? I have often heard people in similar situations telling me (quite forcefully, I must add) that it is not a question of money, but of justice and principle. Like Jesus, I would not like to enter into the merits of such stories, or try to decide who is right or wrong. After all, my studies led me to become a priest, not a judge. But I always take the opportunity of these occasions to ask myself, as well as the other person who is with me: what is really most important for me in my life? What do I value most? In the gospel, Jesus tries to bring home the message to the man facing him by reminding him that he will take nothing with him beyond his death-bed. A fact that cannot be denied. So, the logical conclusion would be to treasure that which really matters, that which will stay with me forever.

In today's second reading, St Paul exhorts us to: "Seek things that are above ...set your minds on things that are above."

Neither Paul nor Jesus tell us that we should not be careful with our money or possessions. It is needed and without money life would become much more difficult. But the moment I discover that I am losing my peace because of money, or that earthly possessions are becoming more important than my blood-relations, I realize that there is something wrong. I cannot give money that power over my life. Because, as the English philosopher Francis Bacon rightly put it: Money is a great servant but a bad master.

As St Paul reminds us in another famous passage of his, only love survives beyond death.

Fr Mario



## ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to once again celebrate our annual mass in person. Our annual mass for the faithful departed will be celebrated on **Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m.** at Assumption Cemetery. Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be the main celebrant.

### Supporting our Seniors through ShareLife

The pandemic has disproportionately threatened the lives, relationships and wellbeing of seniors. Many have become isolated since the start of quarantine, and remain more lonely than ever.

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### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Maintenance fund to help us cut some of the costs of the recent renovations of the Church, offices and rectory. So far this year the sum of \$9,870 has been donated.



### FIRST FRIDAY

Next Friday is the First Friday of August. There will be a moment of adoration to the Blessed Sacrament, followed by benediction, after the 9:15 am Mass.



### BAPTISMS

We welcome **Selena Sky Al Hariri** and **Santiago Mason Munoz**, who this weekend join our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.



We congratulate their families and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help these children grow into mature Christians.

### ST JOHN VIANNEY

On **August 4** the Church celebrates the feast of St John Vianney, or as he is commonly known the "Curé d'Arns". Due to his pastoral zeal and saintly life, he is regarded as the patron saint of pastors. When, in 1986, St John Paul visited Arns in connection with the bicentenary of Vianney's birth, he referred to him as, "a sign of courage for those who today experience the grace of being called to the priesthood." This week we pray through his intercession for all our priests.

