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**Pastor:** Fr. Mario Micallef MSSP  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Ivano Burdian MSSP  
**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..

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, August 13**

- Rita, Sunny & Emmanuel Camilleri

**Sunday, August 14**  
9:00am

- Rita Caruana
- Charlie & Christina Cini
- Guillermo Solis

10:30am

- Frank 'Cikku' Zammit
- Vic & Josephine Attard

12:00 noon

- Frank Cini

**Monday, August 15**

- For the People of the Parish

**Tuesday, August 16**

**Wednesday, August 17**

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

**Thursday, August 18**

**Friday, August 19**

**August 14, 2022**  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C



# Pastor's thoughts ...



**“Go, set the world on fire.”**

St Ignatius of Loyola loved the missions. He would have loved to go to the missions himself, but since he was not allowed to due to health reasons, he personally sent some of his first members of his Order (the Jesuits) to the Far East. Amongst them was St Francis Xavier, a good friend of his, who was to eventually become one of the patron saints of the missions. It is said that, when St Ignatius sent this first group of missionaries, he told them “Go, set the world on fire”. Ignatius also often used this phrase at the end of his letters to his missionaries.

I imagine that, in using this expression, St Ignatius was thinking of Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel: “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already

kindled!” Another biblical image that comes to mind is the tongues of fire which descended on the apostles on Pentecost, giving them the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the fire which the Apostles were to take with them as they went throughout the world, obeying Jesus’ command, to proclaim Jesus’ Good News. It is also the fire which we receive, and which we pass on to our children on the day of baptism as we light our candle from the Easter Candle. Fire implies light, warmth, passion. It can also burn, destroy and purify.

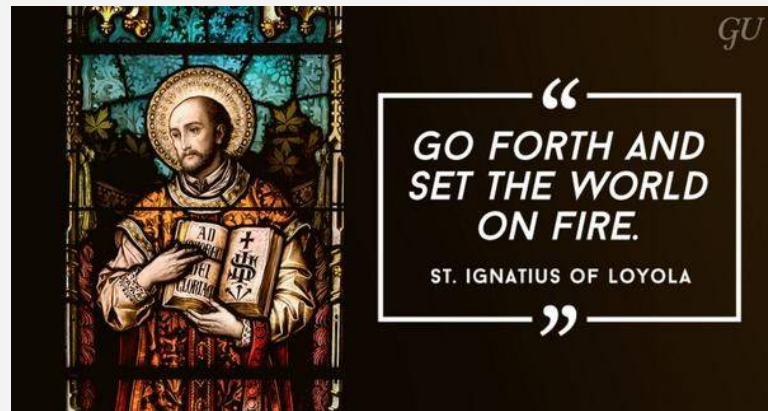
As we journey with Jesus, being his disciples, we are invited to share in his mission of spreading this fire. So, the first question that comes to mind is: “Do I have the fire burning inside me?” Because, the simple truth is that, unless I have it, I cannot share it with others! We all have something we are very passionate about in our lives. So, a better question would be, “What kind of fire do I have burning inside me?”

The fire which Jesus brought to the world is the fire of Love. Everything he did was a living expression of this Love. He did not hesitate to say that Love is the greatest commandment of all the laws that the Jews had to adhere to. When he was about to leave this world, the instruction he gave to his disciples was simply to love one another as he had loved them.

Unfortunately, not everybody is willing or ready to accept the message of Jesus. Some people tend to put their own interests before anything else. This can cause divisions, as people who do not share the same values might not approve of some our decisions. How often have we been called stupid of old-fashioned for sticking to the values of Jesus Christ? Sometimes, these people can be our own friends or family members. Jesus spoke openly about this, so that we will not be taken by surprise when such things happen in our lives.

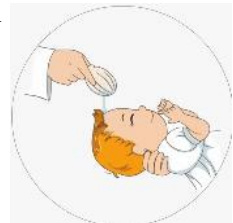
As Christians, as followers of Jesus, all we have to do is to keep walking on the footsteps of our Master. Often, a small good action can have great effects. It is like a small spark, which can spread and become a huge fire. To share in the mission of Jesus we might not be asked to do great things. St Catherine of Siena reminds us: “Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire.”

- Fr Mario



## BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome **Evelyn Maria Debono**, who joins our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate her family and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help her grow into a mature Christian.



## MISSION GROUP

St Paul the Apostle Mission Group is, this weekend, launching another campaign in preparation for the next container to be sent to the MSSP missions in Peru. This is being planned for the end of October.

All details are in the insert which you find with this bulletin.

## PLEASE NOTE:

**\*\* Monday, August 15, Solemnity of Our Lady, the 9:15 am Mass will be in English.**

**\*\* Wednesday, August 17, there will be no adoration in the evening due to the Mass at the cemetery.**

## CANADIAN MISSIONS

This weekend, we have a special collection for Canadian Missions. **Catholic Missions in Canada** supports many regions of our country that are isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for your support of this important work!

## ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Monday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Commonly known amongst the Maltese as **Santa Marija**, this celebration is very dear to Maltese Catholics.

This is also a very important day for the **Missionary Society of St Paul**, as Santa Marija is patroness of the Society. In 1933, Msgr Joseph DePiro wrote:

“We too chose her as our most cherished patroness, we who since the beginning of the Institute (the MSSP) felt Mary’s help. Since the Institute had its beginning in the island of Saint Paul, we felt that we could not do better than venerate her under a very ancient custom in Malta when, under the title “Santa Marija” her assumption into heaven is celebrated throughout the whole place.”

The Assumption was defined as dogma in the Catholic Church by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, when he declared that “that he Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

**Prayer:** Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Paul the Apostle Church			
Income and Expenditures			
For the 6-months Ending June 30, 2022			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditures</b>	
Sunday Collection	62,938.50	Salaries	63,270.55
Other Collections	11,122.00	Utilities	19,387.12
Diocesan Collections	12,591.00	Diocesan Assessment	15,606.00
Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals	6,855.00	Church Expenses	2,575.14
Donations	6,393.00	Office Expenses	4,981.91
Mass Offerings	2,900.00	House Expenses	3,102.22
Candles & Missals	5,264.00	Hall Expenses	1,844.70
Bulletin Advertising	2,000.00	House Upgrades	10,879.12
HST Rebate	2,685.25	Social Group Expenditures	2,925.42
Social Group Fundraising	7,330.00	Diocesan Collections	11,401.00
Other Income	2,597.91	Miscellaneous Expenditures	2,807.60
	122,676.66	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>138,780.78</b>
Extraordinary Item:			
CEWS - Covid Wage subsidy from Gov't	2,869.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>125,545.66</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>138,780.78</b>		
	<b>13,235.12</b>		

## Financial Report: Jan-June 2022

We are presenting here the income and expenditures of the Parish for the first 6 months of the year. A couple of things to be considered: weekly attendance is not yet back to what it was in pre-Covid times. Also, as you are well aware, prices of everything keep increasing every year!

A big thanks to all of you for your generous contributions, in many different ways, throughout the year.

A big thank you from all of us also goes to Mr Larry Cini and Mrs Violet Sillato, who diligently look after our book-keeping.

## ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The annual mass for the faithful departed organized by Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services of the Archdiocese of Toronto will be celebrated on **Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m.** at Assumption Cemetery. Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be the main celebrant.

