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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.

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, January 1, 2022

10:30am

Carmen Muscat

Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:00am

• Angelo Buttigieg

10:30am

- Rita Zammit, Joe Saliba & Antonia
- Angelo Buttigieg

12:00 noon

• For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 3, 2022

Doris Micallef

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass Nina Schembri

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Friday, January 7, 2022



January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



Today we have another beautiful Christmas-related story with which we all are very familiar. Some "wise men from the East came to Jerusalem" looking for the new-born Jesus who was, according to them, king of the Jews. Sometimes we refer to them as the "three kings", or even magi. In reality, they were neither kings nor some kind of sorcerers. The gospel simply calls them wise men, and that is enough.

The obvious question is why are they referred to as Wise? What's so special about them? They are not wise because they had all the answers. Rather, their wisdom comes from the fact that they were not afraid of searching. It's not so much the fact that they knew how to read the stars, or they spoke different languages. They were people on the move. They could have been rich, and probably they were. But they knew that they lacked something.

And they set out on a journey. They followed the star - a beautiful symbol of light in the skies. When they lost sight of this guide, they were not afraid to ask. They needed help and they knew, in their wisdom, that they did not have all the answers. They were open to learn, to take new paths, to walk in places they had never known. As they journeyed, they learnt along the way and they continued to grow in their wisdom. In the meantime, they constantly got closer to what they were looking for.

Sometimes, they asked the wrong person. Herod, who due to his badness and corruption was frightened that this might be his end, told them to go and find the baby, and return through the same way, so that he, too, "may go and pay homage to him." No wonder that Jesus has very harsh words in John's gospel for those who are guided by evil in their lives:

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

The wise men do not know it all. The wise men are always searching for the truth. God knows and acknowledges this, and he intervenes not to let them return to Herod.

A beautiful reaction is the one these men had when they finally arrived at their destination: They were overwhelmed with joy, the gospel tells us. God often gives us joy or happiness in unexpected ways. They were searching for a king, and yet they only found a baby with his mother. Nothing special. Yet, they believed, and they were touched in their innermost being.

Perhaps a question I can ask myself today is what am I looking for in life? Where do I seek to attain happiness? And what do I use to guide me to get there?

The wise men allowed themselves to by guided by God's own light. They allowed themselves to be surprised by God, and they did not regret it.

- Fr Mario



OFFICE HOURS

During this pandemic, the Parish Office is **opened on a limited schedule** (Tuesday to Friday from 2:00pm to 5:30pm), however phone calls and emails are still being attended to during normal office hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. Please call the office at 416-767-7054 to offer masses, or to make arrangements to pick up or drop off items.

Frs Mario, Ivano and Giovann would like to wish you and your loved ones a New Year filled with God's Blessings.

2022

PARISH CALENDARS

2022 Parish Calendars are now available. You can pick them up from the Church, or from the office during office hours. Inspired by Pope Francis' spirituality and his letter *Laudato Si'*, this year's calendar encourages us to love and respect the nature which God has created for us.



Thank you to the Malta Bake Shop for sponsoring the printing of this year's calendars.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday, January 4th Phones will be attended to from 10:00am to 5:30pm. The Secretary will continue to be in the office in the afternoons, from 2:00pm onwards.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The statue of Baby Jesus which we raffled during the weeks leading up to Christmas was won by Margaret Mercieca. The raffle left \$215 profit for the parish.

ENVELOPE BOXES

There are still some Offering Envelopes to be picked up from the back of the church. When you take them, please do make sure that it is your box, double-checking the address. Some names are very similar!

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support for the parish. Know that it is all very much appreciated, and every little bit helps.

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Pope Francis has launched the **Synod on Synodality**: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality

. On the same page there is a survey where everyone is invited to share their thoughts about different aspects of the Church. Please participate!



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