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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, February 5,

- Nina & Camena Schembri
- Rita, Leli & Sunny Camilleri
- Joe Gauci

Sunday, February 6

9:00am

- John Logan
- Maria Di Maulo

10:30am

- Enzo Gusman

12:00 noon

- Frank Cini
- Carmnu Vella
- Alfred Micallef
- Silvana Dewe

Monday, February 7

- For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 8

- Amante Camilleri
- Lina Bonello

Wednesday, February 9

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, February 10

- Eugenio Sturino

Friday, February 11

- For the sick members of our parish community.

MASS INTENTIONS



February 6, 2022
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



- “Woe is me! I am lost,” says Isaiah as he recognizes his nothingness when compared to God’s wonderful glory which he had just seen in a vision. Then the vision continues with an angel touching Isaiah’s lips with a burning coal, thus purifying them and making him ready to go out and proclaim God’s message to the people.
- St Paul never denied the fact that he was a great missionary. “I worked harder than any of the Apostles,” he says in today’s second reading. Yet, he was aware that this was only possible because God’s grace was working in him. He knew that without God’s grace he was not even fit to be called an apostle.

• Peter the fisherman had wasted a whole night fishing without catching anything. Jesus arrives early in the morning, asks Peter to go out again into deep waters and throw the nets. The miraculous catch of a huge number of fish happens. Not unlike Isaiah in the first reading, when faced with the divine, Peter acknowledges his nothingness, judging himself unworthy to be in Jesus’ presence: “Go away from me, Lord,” he tells Jesus, “for I am a sinful man.” Yet Jesus entrusts to him the mission to become a fisher of men!

When we look at today’s liturgy we notice a common thread in all three readings. God had a mission for all of the three main characters of our stories. All of them considered themselves unholy and unworthy. Yet, this did not stop God from approaching them and entrusting them with their respective missions. What they were to do was not going to be done through their own powers. All they had to do was allow God to work in them and through them.

The real miracle in the gospel story is not the big catch of fish. It is, rather, the fact that the expert, professional fisherman listened to a carpenter-turned-rabbi who probably knew nothing much about the art of fishing!

We all have a mission in life, and all of us are called to holiness. Like our friends in today’s readings, we go through times when we may find ourselves unworthy of God’s love for us or incapable of fulfilling whatever it is that we are called to do. In moments like this we remember that we are not supposed to do it alone. God is there ready to help us. The people in Jesus’ time knew this, and they flocked to listen to his words. “The crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,” St Luke tells us. They knew they needed to be nourished by his words.

Perhaps sometimes we tend to rely too much on our own efforts in life. We do not appreciate enough, like that crowd did, what we can receive by coming to listen to God’s word.

The words that Jesus said to Peter: “Do not be afraid”, are addressed to each one of us. St Paul received God’s word in his life and allowed it to transform him. In his case it was grace not lost. “His grace toward me has not been in vain,” he says. May we all allow God’s grace to work in us, transform us, and use us for the good of others.

- 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.

ST PAUL'S WHIPWRECK



NAWFRAGIU TA' SAN PAW
Feast of St Paul's Shipwreck

On **February 10th** the Catholic Church in Malta celebrates the feast of the **Shipwreck of St Paul**. It is also one of our country's national holidays. And rightly so, because it marks the day when, through a providential accident, Paul brought the Christian faith to the Maltese islands.

This day is also the principal feast of our parish. We shall be celebrating it as a community during next weekend's masses.

*** Also next weekend, during the 10:30am mass we shall take the opportunity to thank and farewell **Dr Raymond Xerri**, who will be ending his term as Consul General soon after.

TAX RECEIPTS

Please note that all tax receipts for donations given during 2021 are going to be mailed to you straight from the chancery of the Archdiocese. They are presently being processed and you should get them by the middle of the month. Many thanks to everybody for your continued and generous support to the parish.



In the meantime, there are still some Offertory Boxes for this year to be picked up, at the Church entrance. If you have not been coming to church lately due to the pandemic, and still want your envelope box, please contact the office.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 13

(On the eve of St Valentine's Day)

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and over) in 2022. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. You can follow the mass livestream at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

We pray for all married couples, especially for those who are going through a difficult time in their relationship, and also for all couples who are preparing for marriage.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Friday, February 11, is World Day of the Sick. This day was instituted by St John Paul II thirty years ago in 1992, “to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them.”

We pray for all sick people and all who lovingly look after them, in particular those within our parish community.



MEETING WITH POPE FRANCIS

It has been announced that the meeting of a delegation from the Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami with Pope Francis at the Vatican has been scheduled for the week of **March 28 to April 1, 2022**. From now, we pray for a successful outcome of this meeting and for healing, reconciliation and peace.

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