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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 16

- Angelina Sturino
- Theresa Massa
- Carmen Imbroil

Sunday, July 17

9:00am

- Carmelo & Maria Cutajar

10:30am

- Enzo Gusman
- Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
- Emanuel, Carmela & Tessie Psaila

12:00 noon

- Olga Pace
- Marietta D'Elia
- Jose Bento De Andrade

Monday, July 18

- Lorenza Agius

Tuesday, July 19

- Francis Attard

Wednesday, July 20

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, July 21

- Paul & Nina Buhagiar & Family

Friday, July 22

- Litichia Tranchell
- Sandra Sammut



MASS INTENTIONS

July 17, 2022
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



There is an ancient pilgrimage route in Europe running from the cathedral city of Canterbury in England, through France and Switzerland, to Rome. It is called the "Via Francigena". Running through the Swiss Alps, very close to the Italian border, there is an ancient monastery called the "Great St Bernard Hospice" which gives shelter and caters for the needs of pilgrims passing through there. The motto of the monks looking after that place is, "Hic Christus adoratur et pascitur", which means "Here Christ is worshipped and nurtured". The monks constantly remind themselves that they meet, worship and nurture Christ in each person who seeks shelter at their place.

This beautiful detail came to my mind when I was preparing the readings of today's liturgy. In the first reading we see God visiting Abraham, under the guise of the three travelers. By then Abraham and his wife were old and childless. There had been a promise of an offspring ten years earlier, but nothing had come out of it. Abraham insists on offering the strangers food and hospitality, without even knowing who they were. After refreshing themselves, the three men (or, rather, God speaking through them) renewed the promise of a son to Abraham and Sarah his wife, and so it happened within the year.

In the gospel passage Jesus visits the house of his close friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Again, it was probably an unexpected visit, as Martha goes into panic-mode trying to prepare something for Jesus to make him feel welcome. Her sister, on the other hand, chooses to just sit with Jesus listening to what he had to say. Needless to say, Martha was not impressed! "Don't you care," she tells Jesus, "that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?"

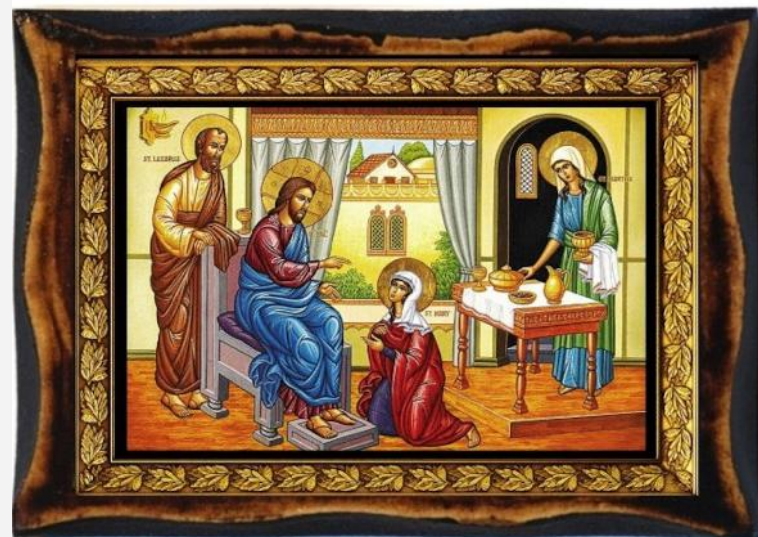
Jesus tries to help Martha understand that it does not matter whether the house is in order and the meal is impeccably presented. He is there to be with them. Rather than food or perfection, Jesus longs for presence, relationships, friendship. "You are worried and distracted by many things," he tells Martha. What she was doing for Jesus was distracting her from his presence. Jesus does not rebuke Martha for wanting to get things done. Her problem was in worrying too much and being distracted.

In our lives God often visits us when we least expect him. He visited Abraham in the person of the three travelers. In spite of their human looks which had nothing extraordinary about them, Abraham managed to meet his God in them through his care and hospitality. Martha and Mary had no problem in knowing who Jesus was. Still, Martha was too preoccupied with other things and missed out on enjoying Jesus' presence.

In our lives God can visit us in many different ways, and when we least expect him. He can visit us in the person who needs a listening ear, the stranger who needs some food, or the relative who longs for forgiveness. If we are too busy or distracted, we might miss out on the joy of meeting him!

In every person we meet, let us remember the motto that rules the lives of the "St Bernard" monks: Here Christ is worshipped and nurtured.

- Fr Mario



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

Pope Francis has decided to institute the Church-wide celebration of **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. This is held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the grandparents of Jesus. During this week, let us thank God for the gifts that elderly people are in our families and in our parish community.



POPE FRANCIS IN CANADA - July 24-29



Pope Francis will make a pastoral visit to Canada from July 24 to 29, 2022. The Pope's visit will provide a unique opportunity for him, once again, 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 will also provide an opportunity for him to connect with the Catholic community in Canada.

During this week we pray for a positive outcome of this visit.



**WALKING
TOGETHER**
POPE FRANCIS CANADA 2022

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome **Mila Concetta Bested**, who will join our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism. While congratulating her and her family, we accompany her with our prayers as she begins her journey to become a mature adult Christian.



THE ST BERNARD DOG

The St Bernard dog breed was created at the Great St Bernard Hospice from cross-breeding dogs. The breed was originally raised to provide guard dogs for the hospice, before they became mountain rescue dogs. The St Bernards were specially bred and trained for the role of mountain rescue because they were sufficiently strong to cross deep snow drifts and had the capacity to track lost travelers by scent. The dogs are often depicted as carrying a small flask of brandy around their necks to revive travelers.

