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Pastor: Fr. Mario Micallef MSSP
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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, August 6

- Charlie & Christina Cini & Rita Camilleri

Sunday, August 7

- 9:00am
- For the People of the Parish

10:30am

- Joseph, Maria, Julian, Cynthia & John Mifsud
- Charles Mifsud
- Enzo Gusman

12:00 noon

- Linda Apalit
- Geoff Rodda

Monday, August 8

- Family Micallef

Tuesday, August 9

- Enzo Gusman (birthday)
- Sunny & Bridget Fernando

Wednesday, August 10

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Charlie & Christina Cini & Larry Attard

Thursday, August 11

- Katie & Rose Sammut

Friday, August 12

- Mohan & Agnes Randender

MASS INTENTIONS



August 7, 2022
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



"Do not be afraid".

This is a phrase we hear over and over again throughout scriptures. This was, definitely a constant theme in Jesus' meetings with his disciples after his resurrection from the dead. It seems that God knows that fear paralyzes us. Moved by fear, we cannot do much good in life. Moreover, God constantly wants to remind and assure us that, if we are united with Him, there is no real need to be afraid. There will be difficulties in life. Problems and crises are part of the life of each and everyone of us. But the good news is that He is stronger than any of these. The passion-death-and-resurrection event is the living proof.

This theme introduces for us the gospel of today. Not only. The prelude to today's gospel helps us understand who we are, and gives us a reason why we should not be afraid: "Do not be afraid little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom".

"Do not be afraid little flock." This is how Jesus addresses us. Little flock. For Jesus it is the quality that counts, rather than the quantity. So, a first question I can ask myself today is, "Am I part of this little flock?" As Jesus journeys towards Jerusalem, he is continuously helping us understand who we are as his disciples. It is not just a matter of once having had my name inserted in the parish's baptismal records. How am I living my life as a baptized Christian? Jesus is realistic. He is aware that those who are true followers of his are not the majority. Our numbers might be small. Our journey might often go against the mainstream current around us. But this is no reason to be afraid. Then he tells us why.

It is the Father's pleasure to give us the kingdom. Being part of God's kingdom, not after death, but in the here and now. He only urges us to stay focused, to keep our minds set on what really matters. This is what we have been hearing during these last few weeks: Mary's choice as compared to that of her sister Martha, or the foolishness of the rich man who was more concerned about amassing his profits here on earth than anything else.

Jesus can visit us any time. So, it is important that we are always ready to greet him when he visits, dressed for action, with our lamps lit. Again, it is not necessarily at the moment of death that Jesus visits us. He constantly knocks on the doors of our lives telling us that the spouse is here, inviting us to join him into his banquet-hall, to leave behind us that which is not really important so that we can embrace what is of His Kingdom. Am I ready to greet him when he knocks, to change direction if he asks me to do so, to embrace the Kingdom of Love?

"Do not be afraid" is the refrain that keeps echoing in our minds as we journey with Jesus. Changing direction, letting go of that which gives us security or comfort, can be difficult at times and also scary. But really, there is no need to be afraid. If we are ready, if we recognize him and welcome him, he will "come and serve us". That is his promise. What could be more comforting than this?

- 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.

CANADIAN MISSIONS

Next weekend, we shall have a special collection for Canadian Missions.

Catholic Missions in Canada fosters and extends blessings of the Catholic faith

by supporting many regions of our country that are isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in our country. They are usually regions where the population is too small or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry.

Thank you for your support of this important work!



Catholic Missions In Canada

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

The solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady is celebrated on August 15. 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.

Next Sunday, August 14, we shall be honoring the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Maltese. Fr Victor Paul Farrugia, O.Carm will be the main celebrant.



POPE FRANCIS IN CANADA



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #58 requested that the Pope apologize to the "Survivors, their families, and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis children in the Catholic-run residential schools" in Canada. The Pope has come and gone, and it is now up to us to, first and foremost, not cease to pray that positive things will continue to come out as a result of this historic visit.

You can learn more about this visit by visiting www.papalvisit.ca