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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 27

- Jane Farrugia
- Doris Micallef

Sunday, August 28
9:00am

- For the People of the Parish

10:30am

- Joseph Fenech
- Silvana Dewe
- Charlie & Albert Taliana
- Tony Axiak
- Grace Bugeja

12:00 noon

- Linda Apalit
- Suzanne Camilleri

Monday, August 29

- Family Micallef

Tuesday, August 30

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Wednesday, August 31

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- Joe & Apolonia Farrugia


Thursday, September 1

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Friday, September 2

- Emanuel Psaila

MASS INTENTIONS



August 28, 2022
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



When I was living in Rome, I had many opportunities to be present at a celebration presided over by the Pope. And I remember, as the Pope passed close to the people there were cameras and cell-phones everywhere. People not only took pictures of the Pope, but those who happened to be close enough turned round to take a selfie with him in it. That way they could say, when they returned home, that they were close to the Pope.

Naturally, this could be said about any important person. We could swap the Pope with an actor, a politician, a famous sportsperson. What matters is that I have proof that I met that famous person. Mind you, even I have a couple of photos with Pope Francis, and am very happy with them! Feeling important,

feeling great, is something secretly lurking inside each one of us. And if I am not an important person myself, rubbing shoulders with someone who is somehow rubs off!

When you think about it, there might be a reason for this. Because, yes, we are important. Each and every one of us. First of all, remember that you are God's work of art, God's masterpiece. That's what St Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians. Just imagine God, like a great artist, the day you were born looking at you and saying, "Wow, I made that ... that's my masterpiece!" (Make sure you remember this when you feel bad about yourself!). Then there is the fact that we are God's children. Nothing can change that.

Irrespective of what you have done in your life, you are always a child of God, His son or His daughter. Remember the story of the prodigal son. Often in life, children of important people use this birth-privilege of theirs to their advantage, saying, "I am the son/daughter of so-and-so"! What greater privilege is there than being the child of God?

In today's gospel Jesus was invited to a meal, and there were a number of important people there too. Not surprisingly, some of the guests were seeking places where they could be seen, where they could feel important. As always, Jesus takes this opportunity to teach those around him. It is not how people see you that is important. This world's glory quickly vanishes ... "whoever exalts himself will be humbled," he tells them.

There is no need to want to feel important in this world. You already are. Once we become aware of it, we only have to live it. As a son, I inherit a lot of my father's characteristics. No wonder the bible tells us that we are created in God's image. We know what God's characteristics are, because they were lived out by Jesus: loving everybody, forgiveness, humility, helping others, giving without counting the cost. That is why Jesus goes on to tell his listeners that, when they throw a party, they should invite people who would not be able to repay them back. The followers of Jesus are not people who seek accolades from other people. Indeed, they do not need them. What matters is their relationship with the Father.

- Fr Mario



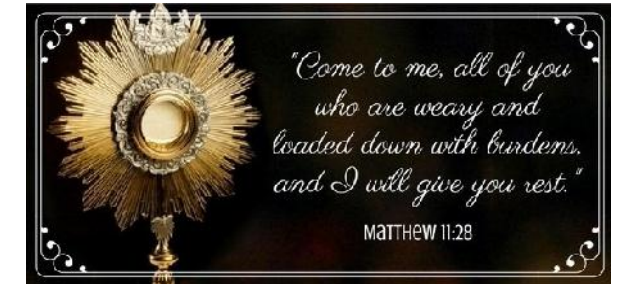
SENIORS GROUP - BINGO

After the Summer break, the Seniors' Group will start meeting again on **Wednesday, September 7**. This is always a great opportunity to spend a couple of hours together, have a chat and a drink, and, of course, play a few games of BINGO. All are welcome ... spread the word!. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAY

Please remember that this coming Friday, September 2, is the first Friday of the month. As usual, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction after the 9:15 Mass.



HELPING AND PRAYING FOR UKRAINE

As the days became weeks, and the weeks become months, the war in Ukraine is still going on. People are still losing homes and loved ones, families are still being torn apart. Unfortunately, it is not a daily front-page news item any more ... we tend to get used to things! It is important that we continue to pray for peace, not only in Ukraine, but also in a good number of other countries around the world where conflict abide. In the meantime, you can still help using the "Humanitarian Relief" envelopes. Our donations help Ukrainians struggling in their own countries, and others who are seeking to find a new home in Canada.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION

In 2015, Pope Francis has designated September 1st as a World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation for the worldwide Roman Catholic Church. This opens the "Season of Creation", which runs through until the feast of St Francis of Assisi (October 4th). It is an opportunity for us "to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home." (Pope Francis)

PRAYER

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

