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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.

**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..

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 17**

- Enzo Gusman

**Sunday, September 18**  
9:00am

- For the People of the Parish

10:30am

- Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
- Nenu Dingli
- Christopher Smith

12:00 noon

- Josephine Borg
- Susanne Camilleri
- Anthony, Carmen & Louis Borg

**Monday, September 19**

- Theresa & Maria Massa

**Tuesday, September 20**

- Helen Cachia
- Dan Tcheriavsky


**Wednesday, September 21**

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

**Thursday, September 22**

- Alexander Cole

**Friday, September 23**



**September 18, 2022**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C**



# Pastor's thoughts ...



Once more we are reminded that Jesus is on an important journey: one which was slowly leading him to Jerusalem. It is a journey that will lead him to that very important moment, the moment of his self-giving for the salvation of everyone. As he goes along, people follow him on this journey. Of course, he has become a popular man. He performs miracles, heals sick people, and, perhaps most importantly, the way he speaks is different to the way their other religious leaders speak. "He speaks with authority", people were saying, implying that the others were not. There was something in his words that made them credible and doable, in spite of the fact that, more often than not, they were difficult words. Surely, the people sensed honesty and integrity in what Jesus said. Speaking about the other leaders of their time, once Jesus

told the people to "listen to what they say, but do not do what they do," because they did not live what they preached. Definitely, Jesus was not like that. He lived what he preached even before he preached it.

So, as people follow him on this journey, Jesus takes the opportunity to explain to them what it means to be a disciple of his. Thus we can say that Jesus' words are addressed to us also, not only to those who were walking with him two thousand years ago. We, too, have sensed something in Jesus which we would not find anywhere else. During these last few weeks Jesus has been helping us to put our priorities right, to make conscious choices in life, to go for that which is truly important, truly good, truly valuable.

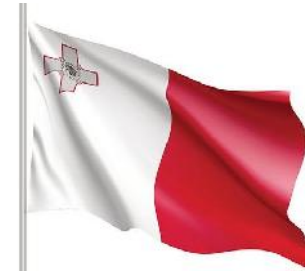
Today is no exception. Although the parable of Jesus in today's gospel might seem difficult or strange, there is a clear message in it. Again, Jesus is asking us to choose. This time my choice is going to be whom to serve in my life: God or worldly wealth. Mind you, it is important to keep in mind, before we go on, that Jesus is not saying that worldly wealth, riches and money are bad. He is simply telling us not to let them become our "master" in life. All these things are good, often they are God-given gifts, but I must not allow them to control my life.

If seen within this context of Jesus' teachings, the parable of today starts making sense. First of all, Jesus is careful to remind us that we are "administrators" not owners of all that we have. The one and only master and owner of all is God. He gives us what we have, so that we can make good use of it. In one of his letters Saint Paul reminds us, "what have you got that you did not receive?"

The administrator in our story of today did not act as a good administrator. We do not know what he did, but for some reason he was going to find himself without a job. And in that moment of crisis something clicked. Rather than money or riches, what he is going to need in life is friends. He sacrifices from what he has—probably from the commission he would have had from the business he was doing for his master—to start creating relationships. And Jesus praises this man for his shrewdness. Rather than being mastered by his money, he has now become the master. He is using the money he was making for something better: human relationships.

As we continue on our journey as disciples of Jesus, it would be good to ask ourselves a couple of questions today. First of all, who or what is my master. On what criteria do I base my decisions in life? Then, how do I use what God has given me? Do I use it for the good of others, to help grow and strengthen relationships?

- Fr Mario



**MALTA DAY**  
Wednesday, September 21, marks the 58th anniversary of the Independence of Malta. As part of these celebrations organized by the Consulate General of Malta, the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Maltese, next Sunday September 25, will be celebrated both as thanksgiving to God for our country of origin, and as a prayer for our nation. A Raising of the Flag ceremony will be held at Malta Park at 10:00 am, and a light reception is being held after Mass at the parish Hall.

## **JUM MALTA**

Nhar l-Erbgha, 21 ta' Settembru, jahbat it-58 anniversarju minn meta Malta hadet l-indipendenza. Bhalta parti mill-program imhejji mill-Konsolat Ġenerali ta' Malta, nhar il-Hadd, 25 ta' Settembru, noffru l-quddiesa tal-10.30 a.m. kemm biex niringrazzjaw 'l Alla għal art twelidna, kif ukoll biex nitobu għall-pajjiż għażiż tagħna. Qabel il-quddiesa tittella' l-bandiera f'Malta Park, fl-10:00am, u wara jkun hemm riċeviment żgħir fis-sala tal-Parroċċa.

## **BISHOPS' COLLECTION**

A special collection for the needs of the Canadian Church will be taken up next weekend. Donations are used to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. As usual, envelopes are to be found in this week's bulletin. May God bless your generosity,

## **BAPTISM**

This weekend we welcome **Scarlett Rose Spiteri**, who joins our Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate her family and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help her grow into a mature Christian.



## **\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE!! \*\*\***

As some of you might know, non-Canadian priests are employed by the Archdiocese with a three-year working permit (technically known "Visitors Record") given from the federal government, and which is usually renewable every three years.

**This time, Fr Mario's application to renew his permit has been refused. No clear reason has been given. The Archdiocese's lawyers have looked into the possibility of appeal, but are informed that the decision is final.**

This means that Fr Mario has to leave Canada. There is a possibility of re-applying from overseas, but it seems that the chances of success are very remote.

We shall keep you updated with any new developments, but in the meantime we keep praying for Fr Mario at this time of transition and uncertainty, and for Fr Ivano who, once more, will have to shoulder the responsibilities of the parish.

## **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 108th **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** (which is celebrated this Sunday) is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees." In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord says, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:34-36).

## **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

This Sunday is "Stewardship Sunday". Each one of us is invited to reflect on how to use one's God-given gifts for the good of the community. Please see pamphlets which are available at the back of the Church.

## **PARISH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE**

**Saturday, October 22**

**More details to follow**

**Let us celebrate together  
KEEP THE DATE FREE!**



**PLEASE NOTE:-** We are not having the weekly adoration next Wednesday, September 21st.