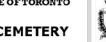
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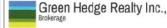
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OFFICE HOURS

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.

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, October 8

Domenic Bartolo

Sunday, October 9

9:00am

Rita Caruana

10:30am

- Mifsud Family
- Doris & Elisabeth Borg
- John Clark
- Carmena Bonnici & Antonia Cini

12:00 noon

Frank Cini

Monday, October 10

- Willie & Publius Micallef
- Anthony Sultana

Tuesday, October 11

For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 12

Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass

Thursday, October 13

Francis, Frank & Maria Buttigieg

Friday, October 14

Rose Cutaiar (Thanksgiving - 80th birthday)



October 9, 2022 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Pastor's thoughts ...



THANKSGIVING

It is very appropriate and providential that I am writing this message on Thanksgiving weekend. As we celebrate Eucharist, we indulge in the greatest act of thanksgiving possible. "Eucharisteo": this is the Greek word for thanksgiving. That's what it's all about. This is what we celebrate. This is what we live as Christians.

This weekend I celebrate with you my last act of thanksgiving before moving on. Moving on at this stage is not my choice. This time it is not even that of my superiors. The way it happened is unreal, senseless, and many would say unfair.

Anger and disappointment have been expressed in many different ways. Yet, there comes a time when one notes that all possible avenues have been tried, and the truth has to be accepted and embraced. From now, I thank God for whatever He has in store for me in the future. In moments like this, the phrases "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord", and "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him" do not remain just favorite bible-verses or cliches.

My time with you has been relatively short. Yet, the amount of love I have received during these short years has been incredible. I can honestly say that I feel humbled by the outpouring of love received in particular during these last few weeks. Many of you have written to different "important" people, trying to make some sense of all this, or even change the decision. One of your Members of Parliament wrote in his letter of support: "the outpouring of support that my office has seen for Fr Micallef is palpable".

While distance may separate us, yet the bonds of love and friendship remain. And for this, I am

grateful. Each one of you, in your own different ways, has been a God-given gift to me. In today's gospel the untouchable, outcast leper thanks Jesus when he finds himself healed from leprosy. Perhaps the bigger suffering brought by that illness was not the physical suffering of the body but the fact that the leper was cut off from everyone. Human relationships were severed and he finds himself alone with his illness. Now that he is healed, he can return to and re-embrace his family, his loved ones, his friends.

What we mean and are to each other can never be taken for granted. As I move on, a living memory of you will stay etched somewhere in my heart. And this will always find a spot in my daily prayer-time, as I share some intimate time with my God.

May God's blessings abundantly fill your hearts and those of your loved ones.

- Fr Mario



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Saturday, October 22nd, 2022

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Those who have registered will soon receive all relevant information from our catechists.

FR MARIO

Fr Mario will be leaving Canada on Wednesday, October 12th. From here he will be going to help the MSSP mission in Peru. Unless anything changes, the plan is that he stays there until after Christmas, and then go to Malta for some time with the MSSP community there and with his family.

Please keep him and our superiors in your prayers during this time of transition and discernment.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Carly Vella and Giuseppe Laverde who, this Saturday, join each other in the sacrament of marriage. We ask God to bless this union and help the couple as they form this new family.



PLEASE NOTE:

On Monday, October 17th, the morning Mass has been cancelled.

PAKISTAN FLOODS

Devastating floods in Pakistan have displaced hundreds of thousands, at one point leaving a third of the country inundated with water. More than 1,500 people have died following record rainfall with 33 million throughout the country affected by this disaster

We are being invited to help by donations through Humanitarian Relief. All donations will go to agencies in Pakistan through the Archdiocese.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,

We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.

For each one, we are grateful.

For each one, we are blessed.

For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.

May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.

We praise you.

We rejoice in you.

We give you thanks.

Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving to all