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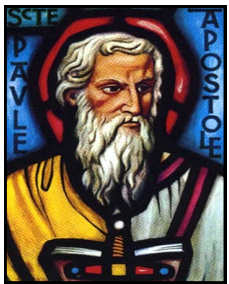
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily morning Mass:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9:15am (Maltese/English)

Tuesday & Thursday

9:15am (English)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:30pm (English)

Sunday:

9:00am (English)

10:30am (Maltese/English)

12:00pm (English)

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Every Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Secretary

Mrs. Rita Apalit

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:00am to 4:30pm

(Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the priests.

Baptisms are

held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am

Marriages: Contact the priest one

year in advance of the wedding. A

marriage preparation course in mandatory.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am

Saturdays: 4:45pm to 5:15pm

Anytime by appointment.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gospel Summary

There is much to be attentive to in today's short Gospel reading. First, Jesus appears to his disciples and says to them, "Peace be with you." Then he says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He concludes by breathing on them the Holy Spirit, saying, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." We see these three statements hinted at in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church: "Peace be with you"—the Sign of Peace; "As the Father has sent me, so I send you"—the Dismissal of the Mass; and "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, . . ."—the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Reflection for Parents

One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children and to our families is the gift of peace. Peace is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit, a visible sign to others that we are living under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and according to the laws and commands of God. Take time today to think about the gift of Christ's peace in your own life. Do you have the gift of Christ's peace? Do you need the gift of Christ's peace? Where are you called to take the gift of Christ's peace today?

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

On a piece of poster board or large drawing paper write the letters of the word *peace* vertically. Create a family Peace Acrostic by thinking of words and phrases that describe what people can do to share the gift of Christ's peace at home, at school, at work, and in the world. For example, the letter P could stand for, "Pray for world peace every day." Challenge family members to name as many words and phrases as they can think of. Post your Peace Acrostic in a place where all family members will see it and will be reminded to share the gift of Christ's peace with others.

Discussion Starters

1. To me, peace means...
2. One of the most peaceful people I know is... because...
3. One place where I really feel at peace is...

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 18

4:30pm

- +Rita, Leli & Sunny Camilleri

Sunday, May 19

9:00am

- Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

- +Nenu Dingli
- +Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
- +Rita & Philip Chircop
- +Maria Sultana
- +Emanuel Cutajar
- +Leonard Attard Sr.
- +Joe Portelli
- +John Sultana

Monday, May 20

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

- All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 21

- +Joe & Apolonia Farrugia, Louise Farrugia

Wednesday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia

- +Censina Gauci

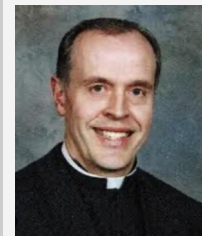
Thursday, May 23

- +Joyce Camilleri

Friday, May 24

- +Cindy Aukovic

From our Pastor's Desk...



This weekend is the Solemnity of Pentecost. It is a profound celebration in the Catholic Church, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (2:1–31). This event took place fifty days after Easter Sunday and is often referred to as the "birthday" of the Church.

Reflection on Pentecost:

Pentecost is a time to reflect on the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. It's a reminder that the same Spirit that descended upon the apostles is present with us today, guiding, comforting, and empowering us to live out our Christian faith. The Holy Spirit brings unity amidst diversity, as seen when people of different languages understood the apostles' preaching.

Significance for Catholics Today:

In today's world, Pentecost encourages us to be beacons of hope and faith. It calls us to reach out to those who may be struggling with their faith or who feel they have none. We are reminded that our actions, inspired by the Holy Spirit, can speak louder than words in witnessing to the love and mercy of God.

Spreading Faith:

To spread our faith, we can:

Live authentically, letting our lives be a testament to the values of the Gospel.

Engage in dialogue, listening and speaking with compassion and understanding.

Serve others, showing the face of Christ to the least among us.

Pray for guidance, that the Holy Spirit may lead us to those who need to hear the message of Christ's love.

Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit:

The Holy Spirit bestows gifts upon us, which include wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are meant to be used for the common good, to build up the Church and serve others.

The fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—are signs of how we are living out our faith. They are the natural outcomes of the Spirit's presence in our lives, and they become our witness to the world.

Living Out Our Christian Faith:

We measure our Christian life by how well we embody these gifts and fruits. They are not just for our own sanctification but are meant to overflow into the lives of others, drawing them closer to God.

Here's a brief prayer we can use to grow in our love for the Holy Spirit.

*Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of Your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created,
And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit,
We may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*



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