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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Francis Farrell

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Deacon Raymond Frendo

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily morning Mass:

Maltese/English at 9:15 am:

Mon., Wed. & Fri.

English at 9:15 am.:

Tues. & Thurs.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm (English)

Sunday: 9:00 am (English)

10:30 am

(Maltese/English)

12:00 Noon (English)

Secretary

Mrs. Rita Apalit

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 4:30 pm,

(Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30 am

Marriages: Contact the priest one year in advance of the wedding. A marriage preparation course is mandatory.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Saturdays: 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm

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.

For my weekly corner, I would like to take a moment to contemplate the scripture readings. In the first reading, we meet the Israelites who have recently gained their freedom from generations of slavery. Now, they wander in the desert. Despite their newfound freedom, hunger sets in, and they grumble against Moses, reminiscing about their life in Egyptian bondage, when at least they weren't hungry.

The Gospel recounts a similar scenario with Jesus. After miraculously multiplying five loaves and two fish to feed five thousand people, those very witnesses ask for yet another sign from Jesus to bolster their belief. How swiftly we forget the Lord's goodness! It's all too easy to overlook the blessings He has bestowed upon us, especially during challenging times.

Jesus responds to the crowd by promising an even greater sign - a sign surpassing the multiplication of loaves and fish or the manna that sustained

the Israelites in the desert. He offers the Eucharist: His body and blood, soul and divinity, given for us to consume. The term "Eucharist" itself means "to give thanks." When we approach Jesus, hidden in the Eucharist, are we filled with gratitude?

Life often leads us through metaphorical deserts—times when we feel hungry, lost, and parched. In these moments, it becomes crucial to return to Jesus in the Eucharist. He awaits us in the Mass, providing the sustenance we need to continue our earthly journey. As Christ nourishes us, let us also share this nourishment with others. Through prayer, especially for those facing tough times, we become sources of spiritual sustenance.

The Gospel recounts how the Jewish people asked Jesus for a sign, even after witnessing the miracle of bread and fish multiplication. Similarly, we, too, can easily forget the Lord's goodness during hardships. As we approach the Eucharist, let us do so with grateful hearts, remembering that the Lord cares for us and will guide us through life's challenges, just as He did for the Israelites.

- Fr. Roy

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 3

4:30pm

- +Doris Micallef

Sunday, August 4

9:00am

- Miss Prop Populo

10:30am

- +Nenu Dingli & Dun Angelo Camileri
- +Deceased Members of the Camilleri Family
- +Vic & Josephine Attard & Family
- +George Pulo
- +John Sultana

12:00 noon

- +Joe Sammut & Francine Smith

Monday, August 5

Civic Holiday

- +Maria Conceição Da Silva

Tuesday, August 6

Transfiguration of our Lord

- Needs of Cutajar & Zammit Family

Wednesday, August 7

- +Teresa Massa

Thursday, August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

- +Eugenio Sturino (5th Anniversary)

Friday, August 9

- +Dirceu Teixeira

August 4, 2024



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