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**Pastor:** Fr. Mario Micallef M SSP  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Ivano Burdian M SSP  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs. Rita Apalit

**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday & Friday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm  
 Emails and phone calls are still being attended to.

**MASS SCHEDULES & OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING NORMAL TIMES!**

**Daily 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 generally held on the first & third Saturdays of the month at 11:00am.

**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, April 10**

**Sunday, April 11**

9:00am

- John & Rita Galea

10:30am

- John Azzopardi
- Rita Mangion

12:00 noon

- Margarita Escobar

**Monday, April 12**

**Tuesday, April 13**

**Wednesday, April 14**

Our Lady of the Immigrant  
 Perpetual Mass

- Emanuel, Anna & John Vella

**Thursday, April 15**

- Eugenio Sturino

**Friday, April 16**

MASS INTENTIONS



**April 11, 2021**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter- B**



# Pastor's thoughts ...



This Sunday, as we conclude the Octave of Easter, the Church celebrates the feast of the Divine Mercy. This date was officialized by Pope St John Paul II, during the canonization ceremony of St Faustina Kowalska who promoted this devotion throughout her life. During his homily on this Sunday the following year, John Paul said, "this is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."

It is in this context that, in our liturgy for this week, we meet St Thomas. We know the story. After his resurrection Jesus appears to his disciples when Thomas is not with them. When Thomas comes back, they tell him what happened, but he does not believe them saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." Jesus comes back a

week later, specifically for Thomas. Upon seeing the Lord, Thomas erupts in that beautiful expression, "My Lord and my God!"

Because of this story, Thomas is often referred to as the one who doubted his faith. Looking at the gospels, I doubt whether Thomas really lacked faith in Jesus. I believe what was really lacking here was faith in his friends. With him, they all had abandoned Jesus in his moment of trial, having earlier professed that they would never leave him. They, all of them, were not people one can rely on. Still, we can safely say that what saved Thomas was the fact that he never abandoned his community. Yes, they were broken, weak, disillusioned. It was not a perfect community – far from it. Yet Thomas knew that his place was there. That was where he belonged. Had he abandoned that small community he would probably have never had the chance to meet the risen Christ.

Jesus knew what was going through Thomas' mind. The merciful Lord returns not to condemn Thomas for his actions, but to help him. And what he does is truly amazing. Jesus shows Thomas his wounds. The apostle recognizes his master through the signs of the scary and scandalous events that had happened just a few days earlier. The resurrected Jesus Thomas saw had a wounded body, not a perfectly healed one.

What happened to Thomas can also happen to each one for us in our lives. Often, we are scandalized by a Church that is wounded. We doubt the validity of the community we form part of. And yet, it is only there that we can meet the risen Christ. On the road to Damascus St Paul recognized that Jesus Christ and the Church were one and the same thing. Jesus invites Thomas to put his hand and fingers in those wounds. The apostle had to learn that he was not to be scandalized by those obvious reminders of what evil can do. He had to acknowledge them knowing, however, that they did not have the last say. In spite of what had happened on Good Friday, Jesus is alive. Those wounds did not stop him from coming out of the tomb to see his friends again. And he gives that broken, wounded community a mission: to go out, to forgive, to heal.

On this Sunday we remember and celebrate Christ's merciful love for us. We are also invited not to let our own brokenness paralyze us. With the power of the Holy Spirit given to us by the risen Christ, let us be true bearers of the merciful love which we all continue to receive.

- Fr. Mario

## OFFICE HOURS

During this pandemic, the Parish Office is **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**, however phone calls and emails are still being attended to during normal office hours:

**Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.**

Please call the office at 416-767-7054 to make masses, or to make arrangements to pick up or drop off items.

**These appointments can only be scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays between 2:00pm and 5:30pm.**

### Reminder:

These items are still available.

- 2021 Offertory Envelopes
- 2021 Parish Calendars
- 2021 Sunday Missals

## A Big Thank You...

Thank you to all who, in many different ways, have helped us during our Easter celebrations. To the big number of you who spent long hours practicing, rehearsing, cleaning, decorating, setting up, and making sure that all goes well so that our liturgies will be a truly prayerful experience. To all of you who actively participated in all our liturgies, making these feasts a wonderful expression of the living Body of Christ. Thank you also to all parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity, and to those donated Easter lilies for our Triduum Celebrations. God bless you all.

### Prayer In Time Of Covid

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of Covid 19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life. Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, strength to family members, friends, relatives, clergy and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the healthcare professions. Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Bishop Robert Kasum CSB, Auxiliary Bishop Central Region  
Archdiocese of Toronto

### Welcome Back Fr. Mario

If all goes well Fr Mario will arrive in Toronto this Friday, April 16th, and begins his 14 days of Quarantine. After three days rest in a Hotel, he will be back here on Monday, April 19th morning. Here he will complete the remaining 11 days of his quarantine. So hopefully he will be back on deck the weekend of May 1st/2nd.

### Parish Rectory closure and timetable during Fr. Mario's Quarantine

As a consequence of Fr Mario's quarantine in the rectory, Fr. Ivano will also enter quarantine with him.

The Rectory will be closed to the public from Monday the 19th April until Friday 30th April.

There will be no weekday masses (Tuesday to Friday) during the period of closure.

The Church will be open for prayer Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am to 10.00am during the same period.

There will be the usual Masses on the weekend of the 24th/25th April (i.e. Saturday night and Sunday morning masses.)

### During this time of quarantine:

For any emergency, please contact your local parish (for those not living in our area) or one of neighbouring parishes.

In case of funerals please arrange with your funeral director to find a priest.

The parish office will be closed to the public. Phone calls will still be monitored.

Rita will be taking her vacation from Tuesday, April 20th to Friday, April 23rd. She will then work from home starting on Tuesday, April 27th until Friday, April 30th, and will be attending to calls and emails. Rita will return to the office on Tuesday, May 4th.

### GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE Protect yourself and others!!

"We long for the day where, once again, we may return, without restrictions, to full and active participation in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our spiritual journey. I encourage Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto to be vaccinated at the appropriate time, given the distribution plans outlined by the relevant authorities".

- Thomas Cardinal Collins

During this past week we had the funeral of **Rose Vazquez** (d. April 1).

While asking the God of Mercy to grant her eternal rest with Him in heaven, we also pray for her family and loved ones during this time of loss.



### REGULAR MASS & PRAYER TIMES

Until Fr. Mario returns - no Mass on Mondays.

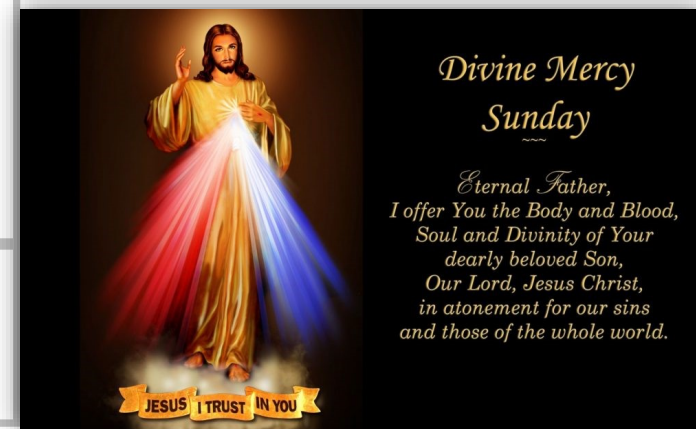
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:15 in English  
Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:15am in English and Maltese  
Weekend Masses - as per normal weekend schedule

**Please remember to not congregate in the lobby, or in front of the church before and after Masses**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION.**

## ShareLife

The first ShareLife collection this year will be held on the weekend of **April 17th/18th**. You will find an envelope with your bulletin, or may also find envelopes at the back of the church. Please put your envelope in one of the offertory boxes at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



*Divine Mercy  
Sunday*

*Eternal Father,  
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dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.*