



# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Solemn Rite of Consecration  
of St. Paul's New Church**  
by Bishop Daniel E. Garcia  
Saturday, April 11, 2026 · 10:00 AM  
Reception Immediately Following

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Parish Office: (512) 280-4460 Parish Email: <a href="mailto:office@saintpaulaustin.org">office@saintpaulaustin.org</a> Financial Assistance: (SVDP) (512) 420-4077	Address: 10000 David Moore Drive Austin, Texas 78748
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LORD IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	SEÑOR ES BUENO QUE ESTEMOS AQUÍ 2º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA
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**March 1, 2026**  
**PASTORAL TEAM**  
Pastor: Rev. Johnson Nellissery, ISP  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Hector Vega, ISP  
Dcn. Michael Marchek  
Dcn. Rey Garza

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Parish Business Administrator  
John Steen  
  
Office Administrator  
Veronica (Betty) Torres  
  
Director of Religious Ed.  
JJ Flores  
  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Alyssa Duran  
  
Custodian  
Anita Gonzalez  
  
Bookkeeper  
Dewi Sauer

### MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday: 8:00 am (English)  
Saturday: 5:00 pm (English)  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am,  
& 5:00 pm (English)  
12:30 pm (Spanish)  
Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, Noon (Eng.)

### RECONCILIATION+

Thursday in anticipation of  
First Friday at 6:00 pm  
Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
First Saturday: 8:30 am  
or Call Parish Office for an appointment

### BAPTISM

Check the St. Paul Parish  
website or call the Parish Office

### MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office or complete intake form  
on the website 9-12 months in advance.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/ ANOINTING

Call the Parish Office

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday 12:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
First Friday of each Month  
following the Noon Mass until  
Saturday at 7:30 am

### CHAPEL

Open daily 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

## Greetings From Father Johnson

Dear Parish Family,

As we welcome the month of March, the Church turns her attention in a special way to St. Joseph, the faithful guardian of the Holy Family and Patron of the Universal Church. During this Lenten season, we ask his intercession that we may learn from him quiet strength, humble obedience, and unwavering trust in God's providence. May St. Joseph watch over our parish and guide us as we prepare—both spiritually and physically—for the many blessings that lie ahead.

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel of Matthew (17:1–9), we hear the account of the Transfiguration. On the mountain, Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of Christ's divine glory. The radiant light, the presence of Moses and Elijah, and the voice of the Father proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him," remind us that Lent is not only a season of sacrifice, but also a season of transformation.

The Transfiguration strengthened the disciples before they faced the suffering of the Cross. In the same way, our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving strengthen us to carry the crosses in our own lives. Lent calls us to climb the mountain with Jesus—to step away from the noise and distractions of daily life and to listen more attentively to His voice.

I encourage each of you to take full advantage of the many Lenten opportunities in our parish:

- Lenten Confessions with several visiting priests on March 5
- Our Parish Lenten Retreat on March 14, a beautiful opportunity for deeper renewal
- Fridays: Stations of the Cross, followed by a simple Lenten meal and fellowship
- Saturdays: Stations of the Cross with Mary

These sacred opportunities help us encounter Christ more deeply and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

At the same time, there is great excitement within our parish community. Construction of our new church continues to progress steadily, and preparations for the dedication on April 11 are well underway. Although much has been accomplished, there is still important work to complete. I am grateful for your patience, prayers, and generous support during this meaningful time in our parish's history.

As we journey through Lent and look forward to the dedication of our new church, let us remember that the true temple God desires is a transformed heart. May this holy season bring about deeper conversion, renewed commitment, and joyful anticipation of the glory to come.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Father Johnson

### Lenten Penance Service/Servicio Penitencial de Cuaresma

Lenten Confessions - Thursday, March 5th from 6pm-8pm. We will have a few priests to hear confessions.

*Penitencia de Adviento el Jueves 5 de Marzo de 6pm a 8pm.  
Tendremos varios sacerdotes escuchando confesiones.*

## Saludos de Padre Johnson

*Querida familia parroquial:*

*Al dar la bienvenida al mes de marzo, la Iglesia dirige su atención de manera especial a San José, el fiel custodio de la Sagrada Familia y Patrono de la Iglesia Universal. Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, pedimos su intercesión para que aprendamos de él la fortaleza silenciosa, la obediencia humilde y la confianza inquebrantable en la providencia de Dios. Que San José vele por nuestra parroquia y nos guíe mientras nos preparamos —tanto espiritual como físicamente— para las muchas bendiciones que están por venir.*

*Hoy celebramos el Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma. En el Evangelio de Mateo (17:1–9), escuchamos el relato de la Transfiguración. En el monte, Pedro, Santiago y Juan reciben un anticipo de la gloria divina de Cristo. La luz radiante, la presencia de Moisés y Elías, y la voz del Padre que proclama. "Este es mi Hijo amado... escúchenlo", nos recuerdan que la Cuaresma no es solo un tiempo de sacrificio, sino también un tiempo de transformación.*

*La Transfiguración fortaleció a los discípulos antes de que enfrentaran el sufrimiento de la Cruz. De la misma manera, nuestras prácticas cuaresmales de oración, ayuno y limosna nos fortalecen para cargar las cruces en nuestras propias vidas. La Cuaresma nos llama a subir al monte con Jesús, a apartarnos del ruido y las distracciones de la vida diaria y a escuchar con mayor atención su voz.*

*Los animo a cada uno de ustedes a aprovechar plenamente las muchas oportunidades cuaresmales en nuestra parroquia:*

- Confesiones de Cuaresma con varios sacerdotes invitados el 5 de Marzo
- Nuestro Retiro Parroquial de Cuaresma el 14 de marzo, una hermosa oportunidad para una renovación más profunda
- Viernes: Vía Crucis, seguido de una sencilla comida cuaresmal y Convivencia fraterna
- Sábados: Vía Crucis con María

*Estas oportunidades sagradas nos ayudan a encontrarnos más profundamente con Cristo y a preparar nuestros corazones para la alegría de la Pascua.*

*Al mismo tiempo, hay gran entusiasmo en nuestra comunidad parroquial. La construcción de nuestra nueva iglesia continúa avanzando de manera constante, y los preparativos para la dedicación el 11 de abril ya están en marcha. Aunque se ha logrado mucho, aún queda trabajo importante por completar. Estoy agradecido por su paciencia, sus oraciones y su generoso apoyo durante este momento tan significativo en la historia de nuestra parroquia.*

*Mientras caminamos por la Cuaresma y esperamos con ilusión la dedicación de nuestra nueva iglesia, recordemos que el verdadero templo que Dios desea es un corazón transformado. Que este tiempo santo traiga una conversión más profunda, un compromiso renovado y una alegre anticipación de la gloria que está por venir.*

*Tengan la seguridad de mis oraciones por ustedes y por sus familias.*

**Padre Johnson**

### First Friday Devotion/Devoción del Primer Viernes

March/Marzo 6 - March/Marzo 7:

12:30pm - 7:30am - Adoration/Adoración

March/Marzo 7:

8:00am: First Saturday Mass then Holy Rosary and Confessions/  
Primer Sabado de la misa seguida del Rosario y Confesiones.

**COLLECTION REPORT/INFORME DE RECAUDACION**  
February 16 – February 22, 2026

<b>First Collections (Tithing)</b>	<b>\$13,060</b>
<b>Additional Donations:</b>	
New Building Fund	\$1,180
SVdP	\$300
Diocese Second Collection	\$1,528
Total Other Donations	<u>\$3,008</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b><u>\$16,068</u></b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 STEWARDSHIP REPORT/REPORTE**  
**DE MAYORDOMIA - February 22, 2026**

Regular <b>Weekly</b> Collection (Actual Collection)	\$13,060
Amount Needed <b>Weekly</b> (Budgeted Collection)	<u>\$14,500</u>
<b>BELOW Weekly Budget</b>	<b>(\$1,440)</b>
Year-to-Date Actual (July 1, 2025 - Feb. 22, 2026)	\$448,616
Year-to-Date Budget (July 1, 2025 - Feb. 22, 2026)	<u>\$493,000</u>
<b>BELOW 2026 Annual Budget</b>	<b>(\$44,384)</b>

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**  
**¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad!**

**Special Collections/Colecta Especial**

**March/Marzo**

- 1 - New Building Fund
- 8 - For the Poor
- 15 - Catholic Relief Services

**WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE**

<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Saturday 5:00 pm	167
Sunday 8:30 am	169
Sunday 10:30 am	358
Sunday 12:30 pm	384
Sunday 5:00 pm	<u>194</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,272</b>

**Thank you! ¡Gracias!**



The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe wants to thank the St. Paul parishioners for their tremendous support of the January 2026 Bake and Taco Sale fundraiser. The total funds raised were over \$2,300!! Your support is greatly appreciated!

*La Sociedad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe quiere agradecer a los feligreses de San Pablo su tremendo apoyo a la venta de pasteles y tacos benéfica de enero de 2026. ¡Los fondos total recaudados fueron mas de \$2,300!! Se aprecia enormemente su apoyo!*

**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Religious Education*

*Stations of the Cross*  
*During Lent*

**SUNDAYS DURING LENT**

**4:15 PM** (before 5:00 PM Youth Mass)

*Vocation Stations of the Cross*

Led by **High School Students**

All are invited



**MONDAYS DURING LENT**

**7:00 PM** (after Religious Education)

*Children's Stations of the Cross*

Hosted by **Elementary & Middle School Students**

A child-friendly version for families



**Easter Triduum Rehearsals/Ensayos del Triduo Pascual**

**7:00pm Rehearsals/Ensayos**

- March/Marzo 30 - Monday/Lunes - Holy Thursday/Jueves Santo
- March/Marzo 31 - Tuesday/Martes - Good Friday/Viernes Santo
- April/Abril 1 - Wednesday/Miércoles - Easter Vigil/Vigilia Pascual

All those who serve at the liturgy need to be present.  
*Todos los que sirven en la liturgia deben estar presentes.*

**Lenten/Easter Services**

**February 20–March 27th, 7pm:** Bilingual Stations of the Cross and Lenten Meal, held every Friday

**February 21–March 28th, 9:30AM:** Stations of the Cross with Mary in the Rosary Garden, held every Saturday

March 5th, 6 PM: Lenten Confessions.

March 29th - Palm Sunday

March 31st- Chrism Mass (noon eucharistic service)

April 2nd- Holy Thursday Mass 7pm Bilingual

April 3rd- Good Friday 3pm Station of the Cross mime with the youth, 4pm Confessions, 7pm Bilingual passion of the Lord

April 4th- Confessions at 4pm, Easter Vigil Mass 8pm

April 5th- Easter Sunday: 7am Mass with Youth Mime, 8:30am, 10:30am, & 12:30pm (s)

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt at 11:45am by stage outside enjoy pictures with the Easter Bunny!

## Prayer Requests/*Peticiones de Oración*



Lucy Castillo	Letty Flores	Monika Arizmendi
Cesar Lopez	Yvette Robledo	Jane Greenberg
Lisa Rodriguez	Joann Molina	Mike Nielson
George Necer	Imelda Chapa	Joanna Mancini
Pat Ramirez	Charles Saldana	Luis Sanchez
Fran Macias	Charlie Davila	LuAnn Paiz
Richard Boncales	Agnes Bunn	Maria E. Cantu
Elizabeth Walsh	Mary DeLeon	Pablo Reynaga Jr
Jerome Eureste	Jason Wilson	Roberto Reyna
Conner Williams	Scott Spencer	Fernanda Nieblas
Victor Lefebvre	Eddie & Jessie Riojas	Roger & Mary Rice
Georgette & Gaston St-Onge	William Vandermate	

### Online Prayer Requests/*Peticiones de Oración*

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill at this time. Thank you!

*Favor de orar por nuestros feligreses que están enfermos. ¡Gracias!*

We remove the names of the sick at the end of each month, so please contact the office to update regularly. Thank You!

*Eliminamos los nombres de los enfermos al final de cada mes, así que por favor llame a la oficina para actualizar se información regularmente. ¡Gracias!*

## Mass Intentions/*Intenciones de Misas*

Feb 28 5:00pm † Paul & Greg Lipinsky

Mar 01 8:30am † Martha Rose

10:30am † Adolfo Alvarado Sr

12:30pm Mark & Martha Buescher  
40th Wedding Anniversary

5:00pm † Jerry Neilan

Mar 02 12:00pm For the good of our Parishioners

Mar 03 12:00pm † Timothy Rea

Mar 04 12:00pm † For the souls in purgatory

Mar 05 12:00pm † Dominga Urtado

Mar 06 12:00pm † Manuel Carrales Jr

## Blessed Candles/*Velas Bendecidas*

These beautiful 9-inch blessed candles are now available at the front office. We are asking for an \$9 donation per candle to offset the cost.

**Visit the front office today to get yours!**

## Tabernacle Candle/*Vela de Tabernáculo*

We invite you to participate in our parish community by sponsoring a Tabernacle candle with a particular prayer intention. The flickering light will symbolize your intentions and bring solace and hope to all who gather in prayer.



**Intention/Intención:** † Jeannette Sliter Memorial

**From/De:** Flores Family



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
— Religious Education —

# FAITH ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURE

Solve the Clues • Work as a Team  
*Unlock the Mystery of Faith!*

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**Sparks Youth Building**

**For Children Ages 6–12**  
A special Lenten experience to help children grow in faith and prepare their hearts for Easter.



RSVP – Scan the QR Code



## Easter Bulletin Cover Contest

We invite all students to participate!

### Theme Requirement:

Your artwork must represent

**The Resurrection of Jesus and the joy of Easter**

### Deadline:

**March 15**

### Paper Requirements:

- Must be on solid white 8.5 x 11 paper
- Use crayons, markers, colored pencils, or paint
- Artwork should be neat and ready for printing

### Turn In To:

- Your RE Teacher  
OR
- Leave in the Main Office for Mrs. JJ

Help us celebrate the hope and new life of Easter!

For more questions, please email Mrs. JJ at:  
[religious.education@saintpaulaustin.org](mailto:religious.education@saintpaulaustin.org)

## Lumen Gentium Award Nominations

We invite parishioners to submit nominations to Fr. Johnson for the Lumen Gentium Award 2026, recognizing one individual or a couple who faithfully reflect Christ's light through dedicated service to our parish and community. Nominees must be parishioners in good standing and fully compliant with EIM requirements.

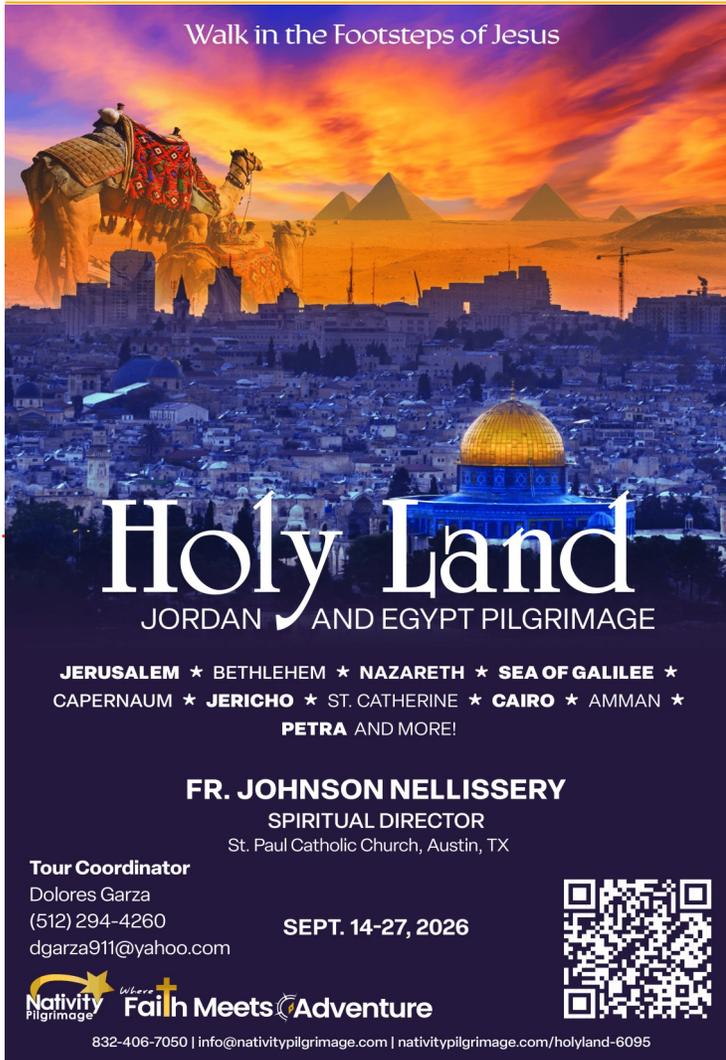
If you know someone whose commitment, leadership, and witness inspire others, please prayerfully consider nominating them. You can email Fr. Johnson at [frjohnson@saintpaulaustin.org](mailto:frjohnson@saintpaulaustin.org).

Deadline for submission: March 15, 2026.

### Nominaciones para el Premio Lumen Gentium

*Invitamos a los feligreses a presentar nominaciones al P. Johnson para el Premio Lumen Gentium 2026, que reconoce a una persona o a una pareja que refleje fielmente la luz de Cristo mediante un servicio dedicado a nuestra parroquia y comunidad. Los nominados deben ser feligreses en buena situación y cumplir plenamente con los requisitos de EIM.*

*Si conoce a alguien cuyo compromiso, liderazgo y testimonio inspiren a otros, por favor considere en oración nominarlo (a). Puede enviar un correo electrónico al P. Johnson a [frjohnson@saintpaulaustin.org](mailto:frjohnson@saintpaulaustin.org). Fecha límite de envío: 15 de marzo de 2026.*



Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

# Holy Land

JORDAN AND EGYPT PILGRIMAGE

**JERUSALEM** ★ **BETHLEHEM** ★ **NAZARETH** ★ **SEA OF GALILEE** ★  
**CAPERNAUM** ★ **JERICHO** ★ **ST. CATHERINE** ★ **CAIRO** ★ **AMMAN** ★  
**PETRA** AND MORE!

**FR. JOHNSON NELLISSERY**  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR  
St. Paul Catholic Church, Austin, TX

**Tour Coordinator**  
Dolores Garza  
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**SEPT. 14-27, 2026**



**Nativity Pilgrimage** *where Faith Meets Adventure*  
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## Readings for the Week of March 1, 2026 *Lecturas para la Semana 1 de March, 2026*

### Sunday/Domingo

#### Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

#### Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

### Monday/Lunes

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday/Martes

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday/Miércoles

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday/Jueves

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

### Friday/Viernes

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33 43, 45-46

### Saturday/Sábado

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



## HELP US Rename OUR CURRENT CHURCH FACILITY

*Be part of this exciting moment in our parish!*

Our current facility will serve our community with:

- Classrooms for faith formation
- Parish offices
- A beautiful space for meetings and special events

We are inviting all parishioners to submit name ideas that reflect our faith, mission, and community spirit.

Submit your suggestions by scanning the QR code below.



Thank you for helping shape the future of our parish!

St. Paul Catholic Church

## March Pope's Intention - For Children With Incurable Diseases



Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## Thank you!; *Gracias!*

Thank you to the **Saint Vincent de Paul** for providing our third Lenten Soup this Friday, March 6, 2026 at 7:30 pm in Grace Hall.

*Gracias a los San Vicente de Paúl por ofrecer nuestra tercer sopa de Cuaresma este viernes 6 de Marzo de 2026, a las 7:30 pm en Grace Hall.*

