



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Mission Statement/Declaración de la Misión

We, the Catholic community of St. Paul, are building the kingdom of God through the celebration of sacraments, faith formation, support of one another, the sharing of gifts in ministry and by evangelization.

Nosotros, la comunidad Católica de la Iglesia St. Paul, estamos construyendo el reino de Dios por medio de la celebración de los sacramentos, la formación en la fe, el apoyo mutuo.



Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Website: www.saintpaulaustin.org

November 30, 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Johnson Nellissery, ISP

Associate Pastor: Rev. Hector Vega, ISP

Dcn. Michael Marchek

Dcn. Rey Garza

Dcn. Salomon Villegas

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Parish Business Administrator
John Steen

Office Administrator
Veronica (Betty) Torres

Director of Religious Ed.
JJ Flores

Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Alyssa Duran

Property Manager
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



Stay awake!

For you do not know on which
day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

Estén despiertos,

porque no saben en qué día
vendrá su Señor

Mateo 24, 42

1st Sunday of
Advent

1^o Domingo de
Adviento

Greetings From Father Hector

Dear Friends,

Anyone who has tried to rouse a grumpy teen from bed on a cold morning knows how difficult it is to tell someone who doesn't want to listen that they need to wake up. It turns out it's not so different for those of us snuggled under the symbolic "blankets" of our spiritual lives. We can't deny what God is asking of us but like a rebellious teen, we hit snooze and hope we can continue sleeping. And yet, we pretend to accomplish everything we have on our to do list. So how can we not only wake up "from sleep," as St. Paul tells us, but also stay awake, as Jesus warns us? We can begin with an uncomfortable look at our own mortality. Many of us try to keep the awareness of our limited life on earth just below the surface of daily life. Yes, we don't know the day or the hour, but surely it won't be this day or this hour, will it? That's the crux of this enigma, because it very well could be this day.

After celebrating my 50th anniversary of ordination last year, I was involved in my first ever real automobile accident. Braking hard and trying to turn right to avoid a head on collision, I thought to myself, "Lord, is this the 'big one'?" God didn't want me roaming around in heaven yet, but knowing that our time is limited is more liberating than terrifying if we hold fast to God's promise and stay awake to what lies before us. As we begin the Advent season, let us ponder this thought and try hard during this coming week, may we follow Jesus's command to stay awake and prepare for His coming!

**Have a blessed Advent journey,
Father Hector**

Altar Flowers/Flores del Altar



The floral arrangements for the Masses this first weekend of Advent, November 29 and 30, 2025, are in celebration of the 63rd Wedding Anniversary of **Michael and Sharon VanderMate**, who were married November 30, 1962. **Congratulations** on a marriage filled with adventure and the blessing of a beautiful family with the Holy Family at the center!

*Los arreglos florales para las Misas de este primer fin de semana de Adviento, 29 y 30 de noviembre de 2025, son en celebración del 63º aniversario de boda de **Michael y Sharon VanderMate**, quienes se casaron el 30 de noviembre de 1962. ¡Felicitaciones por un matrimonio lleno de aventuras y la bendición de una hermosa familia con la Sagrada Familia en el centro!*

First Saturday Devotion/Devoción del Primer Sábado

December/Diciembre 4:

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Advent Penance Confessions/
Confesiones de Adviento

December/Diciembre 5 - December/Diciembre 6

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

December/Diciembre 6:

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

Saludos de Padre Hector

Queridos amigos:

Quien haya intentado despertar a un adolescente malhumorado en una fría mañana sabe lo difícil que es decirle a alguien que no quiere escuchar que tiene que levantarse. Resulta que no es tan diferente para quienes nos acurrucamos bajo las simbólicas "mantas" de nuestra vida espiritual. No podemos negar lo que Dios nos pide, pero, como un adolescente rebelde, posponemos la alarma y esperamos poder seguir durmiendo. Y, sin embargo, fingimos cumplir con todo lo que tenemos en nuestra lista de pendientes. Entonces, ¿cómo podemos no solo despertar "del sueño", como nos dice San Pablo, sino también permanecer despiertos, como nos advierte Jesús? Podemos comenzar con una incómoda reflexión sobre nuestra propia mortalidad. Muchos intentamos mantener la conciencia de nuestra vida limitada en la tierra justo debajo de la superficie de la vida cotidiana. Sí, no sabemos el día ni la hora, pero seguramente no será hoy, ¿verdad? Ahí radica el quid de este enigma, porque bien podría ser hoy.

Tras celebrar mi quincuagésimo aniversario de ordenación el año pasado, sufrí mi primer accidente de coche. Al frenar bruscamente e intentar girar a la derecha para evitar una colisión frontal, pensé: «Señor, ¿será este el final de mi vida?». Dios no quiso que aún estuviera en el cielo, pero saber que nuestro tiempo es limitado es más liberador que aterrador si nos aferramos a la promesa de Dios y permanecemos atentos a lo que nos depara el futuro. Al comenzar el Adviento, reflexionemos sobre esto y esforcémonos durante la próxima semana por seguir el mandato de Jesús de mantenernos despiertos y prepararnos para su venida.

**Que tengan un bendecido Adviento,
Padre Héctor**

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Parish Office Closure and FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 8, in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

As this day is a holy day of obligation, we encourage you to join us for one of the masses listed below.

Mass Times:

**10am and 12pm- English
7:15pm- Spanish**

COLLECTION REPORT/INFORME DE RECAUDACION
November 16 – November 23, 2025

First Collections (Tithing)	\$18,730
Additional Donations:	
New Building Fund	\$5,510
SVdP	\$300
Property	<u>\$150</u>
Total Other Donations	<u>\$5,960</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$24,690</u>

FISCAL YEAR 2025 STEWARDSHIP REPORT/REPORTE DE MAYORDOMIA - November 23, 2025

Regular Weekly Collection (Actual Collection)	\$18,730
Amount Needed Weekly (Budgeted Collection)	<u>\$14,500</u>
ABOVE Weekly Budget	(<u>\$4,230</u>)
Year-to-Date Actual (July 1, 2025 – Nov. 23, 2025)	\$273,170
Year-to-Date Budget (July 1, 2025 - Nov. 23, 2025)	<u>\$304,500</u>
BELOW 2026 Annual Budget	(<u>\$31,330</u>)

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

Please Don't Forget Us!



It is easy to forget about the operating needs of our parish with the focus on our new church. Your regular tithing is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity in helping to support our parish.

Por Favor, No Se Olvide de Nosotros

Es fácil olvidarse de las necesidades operativas de nuestra parroquia al centrarnos en nuestra nueva iglesia. Su diezmo regular es muy apreciado. Gracias por su generosidad al ayudar a sostener nuestra parroquia.

Special Collections/Colecta Especial

December/Diciembre

7 - New Building Fund	21 - Retired Clergy & Religious
14 - For the Poor	28 - Feast of the Holy Family

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass Attendance	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 pm	190
Sunday 8:30 am	188
Sunday 10:30 am	350
Sunday 12:30 pm	283
Sunday 5:00 pm	<u>136</u>
Totals	1,307

Religious Education/Educación religiosa

Last weekend, we had our second annual Friendsgiving, and it was a blast! It was so great to see so many familiar faces and meet some new ones. We hope these events bring our parish community closer together. I'm especially proud of our high school group who came out in full force to help with the event. They're all amazing!



I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and friends. We only have three weeks left of religious education for 2025 and we have a lot of exciting events coming up. I encourage you all to check out the Facebook, website and the bulletin for more details.

ST. PAUL FALL FESTIVAL
WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

COME JOIN US FOR

SHOPPING-FOOD-FUN

PICTURES WITH SANTA, CRAFTS AND DOOR PRIZES

Saturday December 6th
3pm-6:30 pm

Sunday December 7th
8am-2pm
9:15am-12:15pm Pictures with Santa

Prayer Requests/*Peticiones de Oración*



Lucy Castillo	Letty Flores	Monika Arizmendi
Cesar Lopez	Yvette Robledo	Eliseo Salas
Jane Greenberg	Lisa Rodriguez	Joann Molina
Mike Nielson	George Necer	Imelda Chapa
Joanna Mancini	Pat Ramirez	Rocio Garcia
Theo Cyr	Fran Macias	Charlie Davila
Luis Sanchez	LuAnn Paiz	Alex Ojeda
Calian E. Walsh	Charles Warner	Richard Boncales
Agnes Bunn	Maria E. Cantu	Elizabeth Walsh
Mary DeLeon	Carlos Mendoza	Pablo Reynaga Jr
Jerome Eureste	Roberto Reyna	Marty J. Alkis
Scott Spencer	Fernanda Nieblas	Victor Lefebvre
Eddie & Jessie Riojas	Roger & Mary Rice	Stephanie Flores
Marty & Claudia Brown	Georgette & Gaston St-Onge	Jason Wilson

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*

Nov 29	5:00pm	Luis Antonio Apolayo Morrison Birthday Blessings
Nov 30	8:30am †	Betancourt Family
	10:30am †	Max Aviliana Jr
	12:30pm	Saturnino Garcia & Margarita Barrios
	5:00pm †	Janie & Christine Flores
Dec 01	12:00pm	Eucharistic Service
Dec 02	12:00pm †	Beatriz Caga
Dec 03	12:00pm †	For the souls in purgatory
Dec 04	12:00pm	Catherine Hotz - Birthday Blessings
Dec 05	12:00pm †	Manuel Carrales
Dec 06	8:00am	Samir & Eileen Tarsha - Healing

Blessed Candles/*Velas Bendecidas*

These beautiful 9-inch blessed candles are now available at the front office. We are asking for an \$8 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: Kaleb Haass
Birthday Blessings

From/De: Linda Hairston



Notice: No Noon Mass on Upcoming Mondays



Please note that there will be **no Noon Mass** on the following Monday: **December 1**. On these dates, **Deacon Michael** will offer a **Eucharistic Service** in place of the Mass. Thank you for your understanding and continued prayers.

*Por favor, tengan en cuenta que **no habrá Misa del Mediodía** los siguientes lunes **1 de Diciembre**. En estas fechas, el **Diácono***

***Michael** ofrecerá un **Servicio Eucarístico** en lugar de la Misa.*

Gracias por su comprensión y sus continuas oraciones.

December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity.

Desde toda la eternidad, Dios escogió con infinita sabiduría a la mujer que sería la Madre de su divino Hijo. Para preparar un tabernáculo inmaculado y santo para el Verbo Encarnado, Dios creó a María en la gracia y la dotó, desde el momento de su concepción, de todas las perfecciones propias de su dignidad exaltada.



BAKING Spirits Bright

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20, 2025

11AM-1PM

Come join us in our annual Christmas cookie baking, this is a free event and open to all ages!

Learn how to make cookies and make friends! **RSVP REQUIRED!**

Parents may drop children off; however, sign in and out by parent is required.

RSVP BY SCANNING QR CODE OR FOLLOWING LINK

Christmas Ornament Making Event

Open to All Students in Grades 1-12

Get into the holiday spirit with a fun and festive ornament making with Religious Ed!

Friday, December 12th

6:30-8:30pm

Sparks Youth Building



Parents may drop off or stay with children. If dropping off please note you will need to sign the drop off list when you arrive.



All tools and materials will be supplied just bring your creativity!



December Pope's Intention



For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

BINGO NIGHTS

Join St. Paul Fall Festival for Bingo Night!

CASH PRIZES

PULL TABS

Cash only!!!

2nd Friday of the month!

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 GAMES BEGIN AT 7PM

2025 SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 5, 2025
DECEMBER 19, 2025
JANUARY 9, 2026
FEBRUARY 13, 2026

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
(GRACE HALL)
10000 DAVID MOORE DRIVE
AUSTIN, TX 78748

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Readings for the Week of November 30, 2025 Lecturas para la Semana 30 de Noviembre, 2025

Sunday/Domingo

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Primero Domingo de Adviento

Monday/Lunes

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday/Martes

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday/Miércoles

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Memoria de San Francisco Javier, Presbítero

Thursday/Jueves

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday/Viernes

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday/Sábado

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

"A ONE ITEM WISH [NEED] LIST" "UN SOLO ARTÍCULO QUE NECESITAMOS"

With the holidays approaching, it is an opportunity to reflect upon and give thanks for the events of the prior year and the benefits received. For anyone wanting to make either an end-of-year or a **Giving Tuesday** (December 2, 2025) donation to reflect that gratitude, we have one item on St. Paul's "Wish [Need] List." When we designed the Church, there was one large item we had to delay until funding became available, a Lift to the Choir Loft. This Lift will aid mobility impaired parishioners, who volunteer in any of the five Choirs for both Rehearsal and Mass. The cost of the Lift including installation and warranty is \$50,000.

Con la llegada de las fiestas, es momento de reflexionar y agradecer por los acontecimientos del año anterior y los beneficios recibidos. Para quienes deseen hacer una donación de fin de año o para el **Giving Tuesday** (2 de diciembre de 2025) como muestra de gratitud, tenemos un artículo en la "Lista de Deseos" de la Iglesia de San Pablo. Al diseñar la iglesia, hubo un elemento importante que tuvimos que posponer hasta contar con los fondos necesarios: un elevador para el coro. Este elevador facilitará el acceso a los feligreses con movilidad reducida que participan como voluntarios en cualquiera de los cinco coros, tanto para los ensayos como para la misa. El costo del elevador, incluyendo la instalación y la garantía, es de \$50,000.

A One-Floor Lift or A One-Story Elevator Un Ascensor de Una Sola Planta o Un Elevador de Un Piso

It is our hope to fund, purchase, and install the Lift in the New Church Building in 2026. For an online donation ... Please contact the Business Administrator, 512-420-4069, for more information.

Thank you!

Esperamos financiar, comprar e instalar el ascensor en el nuevo edificio de la iglesia en 2026. Para donaciones en línea, comuníquese con la administradora al 512-420-4069 para obtener más información. ¡Gracias

