



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

December 14, 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



Greetings From Father Hector

Dear Friends,

We have arrived at the 3rd week of Advent. We are encouraged to be joyful, because we are halfway to the Christmas mystery and to be patient while we await the coming of the Lord. In this life, we will face hardships. Like the rain, the flood, and the wind that shake a house, a broken relationship, an illness, a financial struggle, or a strong temptation can shake our lives. But if at the very center of our life we remain attached to God, then the storms and floods will come, but they will not destroy us. We are to rejoice amidst the darkness that may surround us.

Let's take a lesson from the song, 'To Life' from Fiddler on the Roof, *To life, to life, l'chaim. L'chaim, l'chaim, to life. Life has a way of confusing us, Blessing and bruising us. Drink, l'chaim, to life! God would like us to be joyful, even when our hearts lie panting on the floor. But how much more can we be joyful when there's really something to be joyful for? To life, to life, l'chaim.*

As we enter this 3rd week of Advent let us be patient with ourselves and with others as we encounter possible setbacks and as someone told me once, "If you have the joy of Christ in your heart, kindly inform your face." Smile!

Have a most blessed Advent week!
Father Hector

Rejoice! Christ Is Born;/Regocíjense, Cristo ha nacido!

As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, we warmly welcome all parishioners, families, and guests to join us for Christmas –New Years Masses.

Mientras preparamos nuestros corazones para celebrar la Natividad de Nuestro Señor, damos una cordial bienvenida a todos los feligreses, familias e invitados para que se unan a nosotros en las Misas.

Christmas - New Year Schedules

Dec 24: Masses 5 pm (English/Christmas Pageant),
7 pm (Sp), Midnight (English)

Dec 25: Masses at 10.30 am, 12.30 pm (Sp)

Dec 26: Mass at Noon;
Friday Adoration 12.30 pm – 10 pm

Dec 27: Confessions at 4 pm, Mass at 5 pm

Dec 28: Masses at 8.30 am, 10.30 am
12.30 pm (Sp), 5 pm

Dec 29: Eucharistic Service at Noon

Dec 30: Eucharistic Service at Noon

Dec 31: Eucharistic Service at Noon;
Special New Year Eve Holy Hour 7 pm

Jan 1: Holy Day of Obligation:
Masses at 10.30 am and 12.30 pm (Sp)

Saludos de Padre Hector

Queridos amigos,

Hemos llegado a la tercera semana de Adviento. Esta semana vale para alegrarnos, porque estamos a medio camino del misterio de la Navidad. También debemos ser pacientes mientras esperamos la venida del Señor. En esta vida, enfrentaremos dificultades. Como la lluvia, la inundación y el viento que sacuden una casa, una relación fracasada, la enfermedad, una dificultad financiera o una fuerte tentación pueden sacudir nuestras vidas. Pero si en el centro de nuestra vida permanecemos unidos a Dios, las tormentas y las inundaciones vendrán, pero no nos destruirán.

Debemos regocijarnos en medio de la oscuridad que nos rodee. Aprendamos una lección de la canción "A la Vida" de El Violinista en el Tejado. 'A la vida, a la vida, l'chaim. L'chaim, l'chaim, a la vida. La vida tiene una forma de confundirnos, bendiciéndonos y lastimándonos. ¡Beban, l'chaim, a la vida! Dios quiere que estemos alegres, incluso cuando nuestros corazones jadean por el suelo. Pero, ¿cuánto más podemos alegrarnos cuando realmente hay algo por lo que alegrarnos? ¡Viva la vida, viva la vida!'

Al comenzar esta tercera semana de Adviento, seamos pacientes con nosotros mismos y con los demás al enfrentar posibles contratiempos. Como alguien me dijo una vez: «Si tienes la alegría de Cristo en tu corazón, avísale a tu rostro». ¡Sonríe!

¡Qué pasen una semana bendecida!
Padre Héctor

December - Immaculate Conception of the



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.

AUSTIN VOCATIONS

Heart of Jesus

Men's Discernment Retreat
Retiro de Discernimiento para Hombres

Dec. 17-19, 2025 | 5:30 p.m-12:30 p.m.
Del 17 al 19 de diciembre del 2025

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center

5602 Texas 317, Temple, TX 76502

Open to men ages 18 to 49
Para hombres de 18 a 49 años de edad

Scan to register, or visit
Escanee para registrarse, o visite
www.austinvocations/events



COLLECTION REPORT/INFORME DE RECAUDACION
December 1 – December 7, 2025

First Collections (Tithing)	\$15,144
Additional Donations:	
New Building Fund	\$6,097
SVdP	\$250
Interior Campaign	<u>\$300</u>
Total Other Donations	<u>\$6,647</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$21,791</u>

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 STEWARDSHIP REPORT/REPORTE
DE MAYORDOMIA - December 7, 2025**

Regular Weekly Collection (Actual Collection)	\$15,144
Amount Needed Weekly (Budgeted Collection)	<u>\$14,500</u>
ABOVE Weekly Budget	\$644
Year-to-Date Actual (July 1, 2025 – Dec. 7, 2025)	\$302,015
Year-to-Date Budget (July 1, 2025 - Dec. 7, 2025)	<u>\$333,500</u>
BELOW 2026 Annual Budget	(\$31,485)

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

14 - For the Poor 28 - Feast of the Holy Family
21 - Retired Clergy & Religious

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass Attendance	<u>Attendance</u>
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



**RE Christmas Events
All Are Invited!**

We invite all parishioners, families, and friends to celebrate the Christmas season with us. For complete schedules, activities and for donations needed, please refer to the flyers available in the church, bulletin, website and FB.



**Eventos Navideños de Educación Religiosa
¡Todos Están Invitados!**

Invitamos a todos los feligreses, familias y amigos a celebrar la temporada navideña con nosotros. Para ver los horarios completos y las actividades, y donaciones que necesitamos, por favor consulten los folletos disponibles en la iglesia, en el boletín, el sitio web y Facebook.

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucarística



"Jesus is the greatest Friend you will ever have. tell Him your secrets, tell Him your joys and the things that make you sad. Tell Him about the people whom you love." Jesus is inviting you to be with Him for one special Holy Hour each week. This hour may be spent any way you want: You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the Rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from being in the Presence of the One Who loves you the most.

"Jesús es el Amigo más grande que jamás tendrás. cuéntale tus secretos, cuéntale tus alegrías y las cosas que te entristecen. Háblale de las personas a las que amas". Jesús te está invitando a estar con Él durante una Hora Santa especial cada semana. Esta hora puede ser gastada de la manera que desee: puede traer sus propios libros de oración, usar los libros en la capilla, leer la Biblia, rezar el Rosario, o simplemente sentarse, relajarse y disfrutar de la dulce paz que proviene de estar en la Presencia de Aquel que más te ama.



**Prayer for the New Church
Building Project**

Heavenly Father, we are most grateful to be at this point in the construction of our new church. As this phase of the project progresses, we ask that you may protect the builders from all harm. We also pray that we the people of St. Paul may be built up into living temples of your love, so that the inner challenges of becoming a genuine Family may be overcome. May this spirit of family become the cornerstone of our new Church. May the Blessed Mother always be there to tell her Son, "They have no more wine..." when we are confronted with grave challenges. Kindly grant us the best solutions for our needs and may our efforts, gifts, talents, and sacrifices be pleasing to you. Amen.

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
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*

Dec 13	5:00pm †	Staufert & Roldan Families
Dec 14	8:30am †	Gene & Joanne Cable
	10:30am	Betty Torres - Birthday Blessings
	12:30pm †	Jose Angel
	5:00pm	Tania Macias - Birthday Blessings
Dec 15	12:00pm	For the good of our Parishioners
Dec 16	12:00pm †	Consuelo Robledo
Dec 17	12:00pm †	Phyllis Link
Dec 18	12:00pm	Bessie Boncales - Birthday Blessings
Dec 19	12:00pm	Stephens S. Reyes & Family

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: Eliseo Salas
Prayers

From/De: Torres Family



God's Blessings on Your 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Victor & Dora Lefebvre

December 14, 2025

December Pope's Intention - 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.

Oremos para que los cristianos que viven en áreas de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en Oriente Medio, puedan ser semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza.

Prayer Activities/*Actividades de Oración*

We invite you to join us in some of the activities we offer:

Mondays: a group of parishioners gather at 9am in the chapel to pray the rosary in need of prayer requests.

The prayer group in Spanish gathers every Thursday at 7pm in Grace Hall to pray and praise.

Join us for the daily Mass at noon.

Adoration every Friday - 12.30pm – 10pm
(First Fridays all through the night)



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JOIN US FOR A
Merry
& Bright

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
AND
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

DEC | 18 | 6 PM

ST. PAUL STAGE

FREE FOOD, DRINKS, GOODIES,
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNUAL

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



Religious Education
DONATIONS NEEDED

We are hosting our 3rd annual Baking Spirits Bright event. We are in need of a few donations to help this event.

Below is the link to their Amazon wishlist.
If you have any questions, please contact
Mrs. JJ Flores at 512-420-4070.

All donations are needed by

DECEMBER 15TH




Readings for the Week of December 14, 2025 Lecturas para la Semana 14 de Diciembre, 2025

Sunday/Domingo

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Tercero Domingo de Adviento

Monday/Lunes

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday/Martes

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday/Miércoles

Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday/Jueves

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday/Viernes

Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday/Sábado

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Beware of Spam and Scam Emails

Urgent: We have received reports of parishioners receiving emails and/or texts from Fr. Johnson or staff requesting the purchase of gift cards, or requesting assistance.

This is a scam: Please do not respond/reply to these emails and do not purchase any gift cards or offer any assistance.

Cuidado con Correos Electrónicos Falsos o Fraudulentos

Urgente: Hemos recibido informes de feligreses que reciben correos electrónicos y/o mensajes de texto del P. Johnson o de la oficina solicitando la compra de tarjetas de regalo o solicitando ayuda.

Esto es una estafa: Por favor, no responda a estos correos electrónicos y no compre ninguna tarjeta de regalo ni ofrezca ninguna ayuda.

BINGO NIGHTS

Join St. Paul Fall Festival for Bingo Night!

CASH PRIZES
PULL TABS **Cash**
FOOD **only!!!**

2nd Friday of the month!

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 GAMES BEGIN AT 7PM

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

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