



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

Parish Office: (512) 280-4460

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Website: www.saintpaulaustin.org

December 21, 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

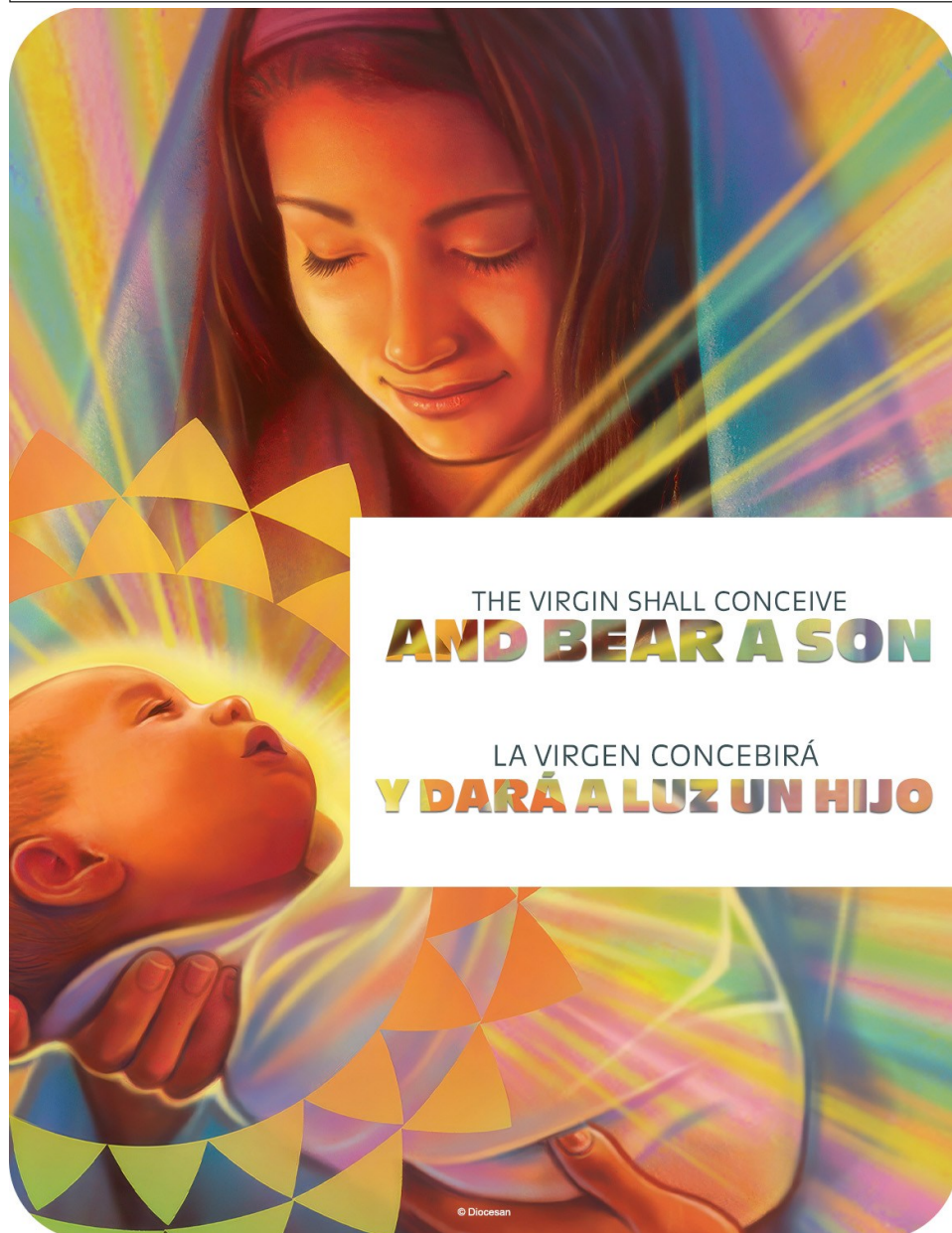
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE
AND BEAR A SON

LA VIRGEN CONCEBIRÁ
Y DARÁ A LUZ UN HIJO

Greetings From Father Johnson

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we come to the Fourth and final Sunday of Advent. Our season of waiting, hoping, and preparing is nearly complete. The candles on our wreath now shine with full brightness, reminding us that the Light of the world is so close at hand. In these final days before Christmas, we are invited to pause and consider how God has been preparing our hearts to welcome His Son once again.

Our Gospel, Matthew 1:18–24, offers us the quiet and courageous faith of St. Joseph. Faced with uncertainty, Joseph listened to God's message in a dream and opened himself up to the divine plan. By welcoming Mary and the Child, he becomes a model of trust, obedience, and humble service. As we prepare for the birth of Christ, may Joseph's example inspire us to receive the Lord with the same openness of heart.

This week is filled with joy for our parish family; on Wednesday evening we will gather for the Christmas Vigil with our children, highlighted by their beloved pageant—a moment that always renews our sense of wonder at Bethlehem. Christmas Day follows on Thursday, inviting us to celebrate once again the mystery at the heart of our faith: that Jesus, our Savior, comes to dwell among us. Please take note of the Mass schedule and plan to join us as we rejoice in this holy season.

As you finalize your end-of-year charitable giving, I kindly ask you to remember St. Paul Parish. Your generosity sustains our ministries, strengthens our mission, and supports the future of our community. With the New Year approaching, we look toward 2026 with hope, trusting in God's providence for all that lies ahead.

Next week, the priests of our community will be away for our annual gathering. Please keep us in your prayers during this time of fraternity and renewal.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of our new church construction. I truly see this project as God's gift to us—a sign of hope, unity, and the future of our parish.

May these final days of Advent fill your hearts with peace, and may the joy of Christmas draw you ever closer to the Lord who comes to dwell among us.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Johnson



Please note that the Parish Office will be closed in observance of Christmas from Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26. The office will reopen on Monday, December 29 at 9am.

And for New Year's, the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2, 2026. The office will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9am.

We wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Saludos de Padre Johnson

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Hoy llegamos al cuarto y último domingo de Adviento. Nuestra temporada de espera, esperanza y preparación está a punto de terminar. Las velas de nuestra corona brillan ahora con todo su esplendor, recordándonos que la Luz del mundo está muy cerca. En estos últimos días antes de Navidad, se nos invita a hacer una pausa y considerar cómo Dios ha estado preparando nuestros corazones para recibir a su Hijo una vez más.

El Evangelio de hoy, Mateo 1, 18-24, nos ofrece la fe tranquila y valiente de San José. Ante la incertidumbre, José escuchó el mensaje de Dios en un sueño y se abrió al plan divino. Al recibir a María y al Niño, se convierte en un modelo de confianza, obediencia y servicio humilde. Mientras nos preparamos para el nacimiento de Cristo, que el ejemplo de José nos inspire a recibir al Señor con la misma apertura de corazón.

Esta semana está llena de alegría para nuestra familia parroquial; el miércoles por la noche nos reuniremos para la Vigilia de Navidad con nuestros niños, en la que destacará su querido desfile, un momento que siempre renueva nuestro sentido de asombro por Belén. El día de Navidad es el jueves, y nos invita a celebrar una vez más el misterio que está en el centro de nuestra fe: que Jesús, nuestro Salvador, viene a habitar entre nosotros. Por favor, tomen nota del horario de Misas y planeen unirse a nosotros para regocijarnos en esta temporada sagrada.

Al finalizar sus donaciones benéficas de fin de año, les pido amablemente que recuerden a la parroquia de St. Paul. Su generosidad sostiene nuestros ministerios, fortalece nuestra misión y apoya el futuro de nuestra comunidad. Con la llegada del Año Nuevo, miramos hacia 2026 con esperanza, confiando en la providencia de Dios para todo lo que nos depara el futuro.

La semana que viene, los sacerdotes de nuestra comunidad estarán fuera para nuestra reunión anual. Por favor, manténganos en sus oraciones durante este tiempo de fraternidad y renovación.

Por último, les expreso mi más sincera gratitud por su continuo apoyo a la construcción de nuestra nueva iglesia. Realmente veo este proyecto como un regalo de Dios para nosotros, un signo de esperanza, unidad y futuro para nuestra parroquia.

Que estos últimos días de Adviento llenen sus corazones de paz y que la alegría de la Navidad los acerque aún más al Señor que viene a vivir entre nosotros.

Con mis oraciones y bendiciones,
Padre Johnson

December - Immaculate Conception



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.

COLLECTION REPORT/INFORME DE RECAUDACION
December 8 – December 14, 2025

First Collections (Tithing)	\$10,222
Additional Donations:	
New Building Fund	\$40,339
SVdP	\$2,062
Interior Campaign	<u>\$3,100</u>
Total Other Donations	<u>\$45,501</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$55,723</u>

FISCAL YEAR 2025 STEWARDSHIP REPORT/REPORTE DE MAYORDOMIA - December 14, 2025

Regular Weekly Collection (Actual Collection)	\$10,222
Amount Needed Weekly (Budgeted Collection)	<u>\$14,500</u>
BELOW Weekly Budget	(\$4,278)
Year-to-Date Actual (July 1, 2025 – Dec. 14, 2025)	\$312,237
Year-to-Date Budget (July 1, 2025 - Dec. 14, 2025)	<u>\$348,000</u>
BELOW 2026 Annual Budget	(\$35,763)

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

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

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass Attendance	<u>Attendance</u>
Saturday 5:00 pm	165
Sunday 8:30 am	157
Sunday 10:30 am	344
Sunday 12:30 pm	285
Sunday 5:00 pm	<u>151</u>
Totals	1,262

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 de Navidad y Año Nuevo.

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

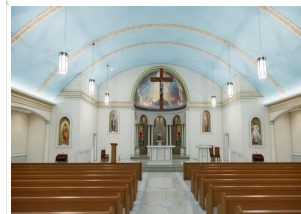
Dec 28: Masses at 8.30 am, 10.30 am
12.30 pm (Sp), 5 pm

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)



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	Alma Carrales
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!

Mass Intentions/*Intenciones de Misas*

Dec. 20	5:00pm	Alexis Flores - Birthday Blessings
Dec. 21	8:30am †	Ray & Dolores Eckert
	10:30am	Eric Nguenyn
	12:30pm †	Maria Gamez-Zapata
	5:00pm †	Edward McLaughlin
Dec. 22	12:00pm	For the good of our Parishioners
Dec. 23	12:00pm †	Lina Padilla
Dec. 24	5:00pm †	Carolyn Eckert & Cindy Cable
	7:00pm †	Albert & Eileen Kolmer
Dec. 25	12:00am †	Castillo Family
	10:30am †	The Tierney Family
	12:30pm †	Ramirez, Lopez & Salas Families
Dec. 26	12:00pm †	John & Kelly Badger

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: Salas & Torres Families Prayers

From/De: Torres Family



Religious Education/*Educación religiosa*

This past weekend, our Year Two First Communion children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey in the new year toward receiving their First Holy Communion.

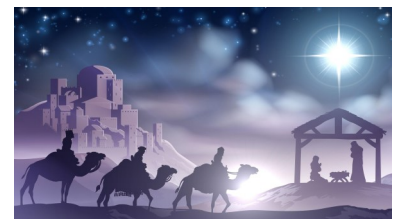
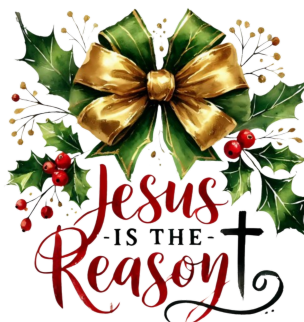


Our Year Two Confirmation youth attended Adoration at the Shrine with Father Gonzalo on Sunday. It was a very heartwarming and meaningful experience. Thank you to Father Gonzalo for graciously hosting us. Please keep them in your prayers as they work towards their confirmation in the new year.



We want to take this time to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! Please stay safe during any holiday travels you may have! We look forward to seeing you all in the new year

Religious Education classes will resume on either Sunday, January 11 or Monday, January 12, 2026



Altar Flowers-Sponsorship/Flores del Altar Apadrinamiento



Is there a special day that you would like to commemorate such as an anniversary, birthday, deceased memorial, etc.? Donations are always accepted and appreciated to sponsor the floral arrangements and to help offset the floral expenses for the parish. You may pay by:

1.) Online Giving (from) the Online Giving Drop Down Menu, select Fees—Pay Here, select Account * Floral', and please fill in the Description field), or

2.) leaving your payment and intention in the office. A donation of \$85 is recommended. (This may exclude weddings and quinceañeras when the arrangements are more lavish and tailored for the occasion. The respective coordinators will guide.) A two-week notice is recommended.

The sponsor and intention will be listed in the Bulletin. Thank you for your support of the Floral Ministry.

¿Hay algún día especial que le gustaría conmemorar, como un aniversario, cumpleaños, memoria de un difunto, etc.? Siempre se aceptan y agradecen donaciones para patrocinar los arreglos florales y ayudar a compensar los gastos florales de la parroquia.

*Puede pagar mediante: 1) Donaciones en línea (en el menú desplegable de Donaciones en línea, seleccione Tarifas - Pagar aquí, seleccione Cuenta * 'Floral' y complete el campo Descripción), o 2) dejando su pago e intención en el oficina. Se recomienda una donación de \$75. (Esto puede excluir bodas y quinceañeras cuando los arreglos son más lujosos y personalizados para la ocasión. Los coordinadores respectivos guiarán).*

Se recomienda un aviso de dos semanas.

El patrocinador y la intención se enumerarán en el Boletín. Gracias por su apoyo al Ministerio Floral.

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.

DECORATING FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON/ DECORANDO PARA LA TEMPORADA NAVIDEÑA



Join us in decorating the Church, Chapel, Foyer, and Upper Room for the Christmas Season. We will meet on Monday, December 22, 2025, from 9:00am - 3:00pm, (breaking for the Mass at Noon). Lunch will be provided. Families and individuals of all ages and abilities are welcome. Please join us as your schedule permits. More hands make light work!

Únanse a nosotros para decorar la iglesia, la capilla, el vestíbulo y la sala superior para la temporada navideña. Nos reuniremos El Lunes 22 de Diciembre de 2025, de 9:00am - 3:00pm (con una pausa para la misa al mediodía). Se servirá almuerzo. Familias y personas de todas las edades y capacidades son bienvenidas. Por favor, acompáñennos si su horario se lo permite. ¡Cuántas más manos, mejor!



Readings for the Week of December 21, 2025 Lecturas para la Semana 21 de Diciembre, 2025

Sunday/Domingo

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Monday/Lunes

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday/Martes

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday/Miércoles

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday/Jueves

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

La Natividad del Señor

Friday/Viernes

Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Fiesta de San Esteban, Protomártir

Saturday/Sábado

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Fiesta de San Juan, Apóstol y Evangelista

2026 Mass Intentions & Tabernacle Candle

All Parishioners are encouraged to submit their 2026 Mass Intentions and Tabernacle Candle, in honor of your loved ones. The minimum is 5 intentions, and we are currently accepting request through April 2026. Request can be submitted online or to the office manager at office@saintpaulaustin.org.

Todos los feligreses están invitados a enviar sus Intenciones de Misa 2026 y la Vela del Sagrario, en honor de sus seres queridos. El mínimo es de 5 intenciones, y actualmente estamos aceptando solicitudes hasta abril de 2026. Las solicitudes pueden enviarse en línea o al administrador de la oficina a: office@saintpaulaustin.org

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.