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Rev. Mario P. Farana, Pastor

Noe Valley Parishes

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 and 9:15 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts following 9:15 Mass

Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass and Devotions

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

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Grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Saturdays: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

September - May

Confirmation Preparation for High School Teens

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Chapel

Baptismal Catechesis Class - by appointment only

English on the first Wednesday of the month

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, program runs September through May

Marriage Preparation, contact Fr. Mario Farana at least six (6) months in advance



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St. Paul's: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow + serving Noe Valley over 140 years

January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

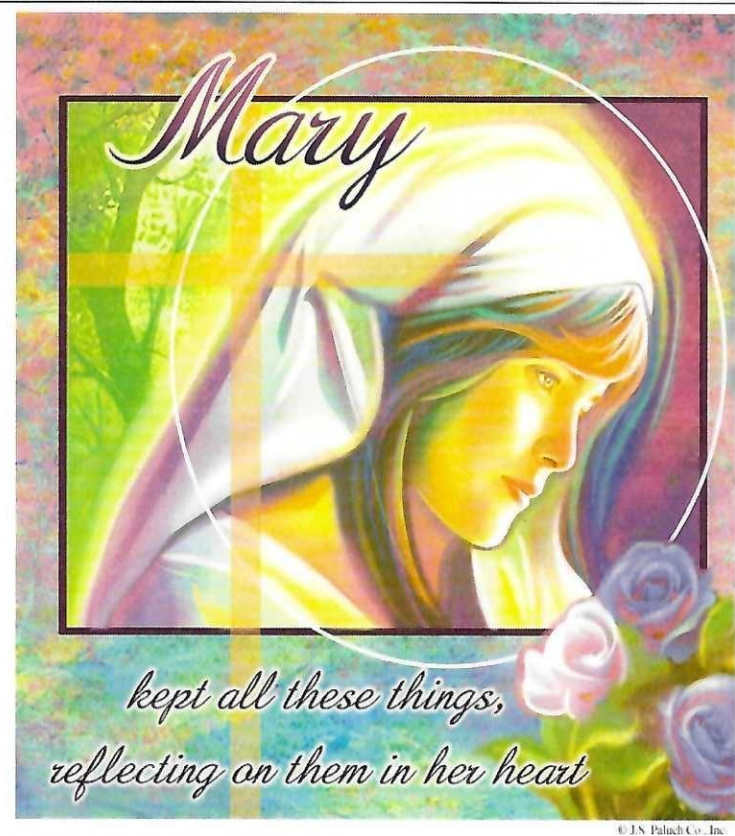
BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace

Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.



January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

May friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child; We pray to the Lord:

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January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The shepherds
went in haste to
Bethlehem and found
Mary and Joseph,

and the infant
lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday	Jan. 2 nd	
Tuesday	Jan. 3 rd	Spiritual Journey 9:30am
Wednesday	Jan. 4 th	Baptism Class 7pm
Thursday	Jan. 5 th	
Friday	Jan 6 th	First Friday Adorations
Saturday	Jan 7 th	CCD Class 9:30am to 11am
Sunday	Jan. 8 th	Donuts and Coffee following 9:15am Mass

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK

Weekly Collection: Dec 25 th Christmas	\$ 16,128.25
E-contributions for Dec 2022	\$ 23,646.00
2022 Annual Appeal Goal	\$ 83,431.00
Collected as of October 2022	\$ 57,723.00
Balance Still Remaining for the 2022 Appeal	\$ 23,631.00

Blood Drive 2023

You can sign up ahead of time for our first Blood Drive 2023. This will be on
February 12, 2023

Sign up on line at www.bloodheroes.com or call Jill Alcantar @415-586-8911 to schedule an appointment

Happy New Year!

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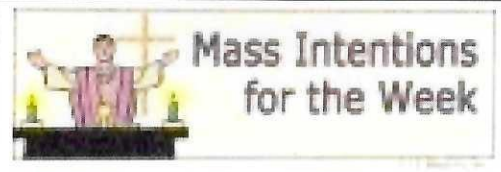
From Father Mario and the Parish Staff
we want to wish you and your families a
very Happy and Safe New Year
2023!!

First Friday Adorations **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place on the First Fridays every month at St. Paul's Church, this coming month's will be on Friday **January 6, 2023**. Father Mario invites you to stop by and visit with the Sacramental Jesus from 2:30 -7:00 PM in St. Paul's Church. We are grateful to the Missionaries of Charity who will prepare the altar and have assured us of their presence in the church

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Come see our newly updated Web page

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Saturday Mass 4:30pm
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Sunday Mass 8:00am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Sunday Mass 9:15am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)

Monday 8:30am
St. Paul's HS Benefactors (L&D)
Jose Gonzalez (D)
Tuesday 8:30am
Vincent Eder (D)
Wednesday 8:30am
Kathy Daly (D)
Aurora Lopez (D)
Thursday 8:30am
Ada Lacayo (D)
Friday 8:30am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)

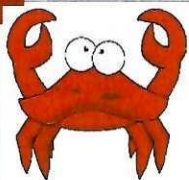
Saturday Mass 4:30pm
Josephine & Jack Shea (D)
Sunday Mass 8:00am
Margaret & Jack Kotlanger (D)
Rev. Michael Kotlanger (D)
Sunday Mass 9:15am
Cal Hue (D)
Heidi Stolte (D)
Don Cervelli (D)
Mantueffel & Garlitos families (D)





*May the
New Year Of 2023
Fill Your
Lives With*

*Love,
Peace,
Joy,
Hope,
Prosperity,
Good Health,
and
Much Happiness,
Always
Remembering
That
You are the hands and feet of
Jesus Christ!!*



St. Paul's Athletic Board Crab Feed & Auction



St. Paul's Parish Center

Saturday, February 4, 2023

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Dinner service begins at 6:30 pm

Dinner includes Fresh Crab, Caesar Salad, Pasta, Bread and Dessert

Advanced Ticket Purchase is required and seating is limited!

\$75.00 Adult, \$25.00 Child,
under 5 years free
child ticket: students in grades K-8th

Thank you for your support!

to order tickets online visit: <https://stpaulparishandschool.schoolauction.net/crabfeed2023> or scan QR Code



last day to purchase tickets is January 31, 2023

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR • PLEASE, NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR ALCOHOL



Family Name _____

Phone _____ email _____

Child's name(s) and Grade(s) if a St. Paul's School Family _____

Seating preference (Family or Grade) will be accommodated as best as possible _____

No. of Adult Tickets: _____ x \$75.00/ticket \$ _____

No. of *Child Tickets: _____ x \$25.00/ticket \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____

No. of Children under 5: _____ x free

*Child Tickets are for students in grades K-8th

For more information please contact: athletics@stpaulsf.net

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St. Paul's Athletic Board

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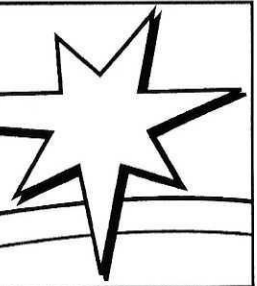
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January 2023

St. Paul's Church

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Thoughtful Moments

The Church is family

The Catholic Church is more than just a building or an organization. The Church is a family we join at Baptism and to which we belong forever. Wherever our children go in their lives, they can always come home. Keep them close to the Church as they grow. Remind them often that every Catholic church is their home, and the parish is their family.



Kindness

In today's busy world, showing kindness to others can make a big impact. Remember how good it felt the last time someone showed you an unexpected kindness? Look for ways to show kindness, even when it's unexpected. You can make a difference with a simple act, like holding the door for the person behind you, taking a moment to talk to a lovely stranger, or offering up prayers for people who need them.

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels"
(Hebrews 13:2).



Build a Christ-centered home

A Christ-centered home is one in which, "Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen guest at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation." His presence is always felt. Knowing Jesus and following Him are key to living joyful, fulfilling lives in this world and being happy with Him in the next. As a family, make your top New Year's resolution to center your home on Christ.

Joy – Different than happiness, joy comes from understanding that our welfare lies in Jesus' hands alone. Teach children to give all their concerns to Him. No circumstance can rob us of our joy if we truly believe we belong to Christ.

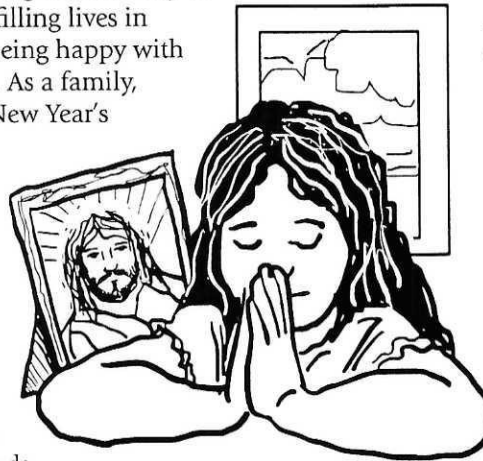
Grace – Our homes must be safe places filled with love. Family members

need to know that love, not perfection, is the point of the family and that mistakes aren't fatal. Children will encounter hostility, judgment, antagonism, and criticism out in the world. A Christian home should be a place of comfort, rest, and healing.

Service – Jesus will give us everything we need. Sometimes, he uses other people to deliver His gifts. Christ-centered families place all that they have at His disposal and

pitch in with an attitude of service and selflessness.

Worship – Homes centered on Christ make Scripture, prayer, and God's will top priority. Nothing comes before Mass and Sacraments.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Christ" is not Jesus' last name. In fact, it is a title from the Greek *Christos*, meaning, "anointed one." It refers to an ancient Jewish tradition of anointing a new king with oil.

For Jesus, calling him, "Christ," affirms that His

Why do Catholics call Jesus "Christ"?



Lordship includes all of creation and points to His mission as the Savior and the promised Messiah of the Jews. By recognizing Him as "Christ," Christians affirm they're under His kingship and that they owe their final loyalty to Him.

Forming good habits

Forming responsible, independent children into responsible, independent adults involves encouraging good habits early. Try these tips to help your youngsters become thoughtful, independent, and wise:

Thoughtful: When the situation allows, explain in age-appropriate ways why you want your youngster to perform particular tasks, such as, "Eat your vegetables so the nutrients will help you grow healthy and strong." Giving them explanations can help them make thoughtful choices later.

Independent: Let children be part of keeping



the household running well. Set predictable routines and apportion chores to each person in the home. Encourage youngsters to take responsibility for their chores without having to be reminded. Make a checklist and assign the task of checking off daily duties when complete. Reward success with praise.

Wise: Wisdom often comes from experience. Make your home a place where it is safe to learn from mistakes. Encourage youngsters to come to you when they have erred. Explain what went wrong and work to identify steps to make it right. Help them learn from the experience.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12a, The pathway to happiness

When God created us, He put into our hearts the desire to be happy (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1718). In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus pointed out the path for happiness and gave us a compass we can use to navigate our way. Our path to happiness lies in surrendering to God's will and trusting in Him.

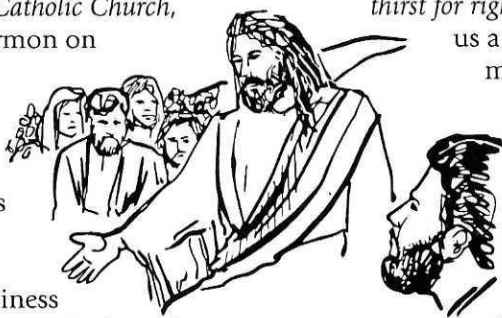
When Jesus said, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, they who mourn*," He promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. When He referred to "*the meek, the*

merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," He gave us a compass. We can measure our

behavior against these standards to see if we are on the right path to happiness.

What can a parent do? Read the Sermon on the

Mount with your children and help them compare their behavior against its standards. Teach them to see that Jesus gave us these guidelines to help us be happy on Earth and eventually get to Heaven.



Feasts & Celebrations

January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1821). An American, St. Elizabeth became Catholic after her husband died. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, a teaching order that established affordable schools.

January 9 - Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was to be baptized to "*fulfill all righteousness*" (Matthew 3:15). This was also when God reveals Jesus as his "*beloved Son*" (Matthew 3:17).

January 17 - St. Anthony the Abbot

(356). St. Anthony the Abbot was born to a rich family around 250 A.D. in Egypt, yet he gave up his riches to live a life of simplicity in the desert. He is the founder of monasticism.

January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus (1st century). Timothy was converted by St. Paul and became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work, especially at Corinth. Titus served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.



Parent TALK

My New Year's resolutions were not going well. I hadn't gotten to the gym, regularly attended daily Mass, cleaned the house daily, and still be patient,



loving, and kind! A few weeks after New Year's Day, I realized the rest of my family was struggling, too.

"How about,"

suggested my husband, "we each pick just one resolution on which to focus." "Something that's challenging, but doable," Kara chimed in.

"One is more doable than five," agreed my daughter, Tessa.

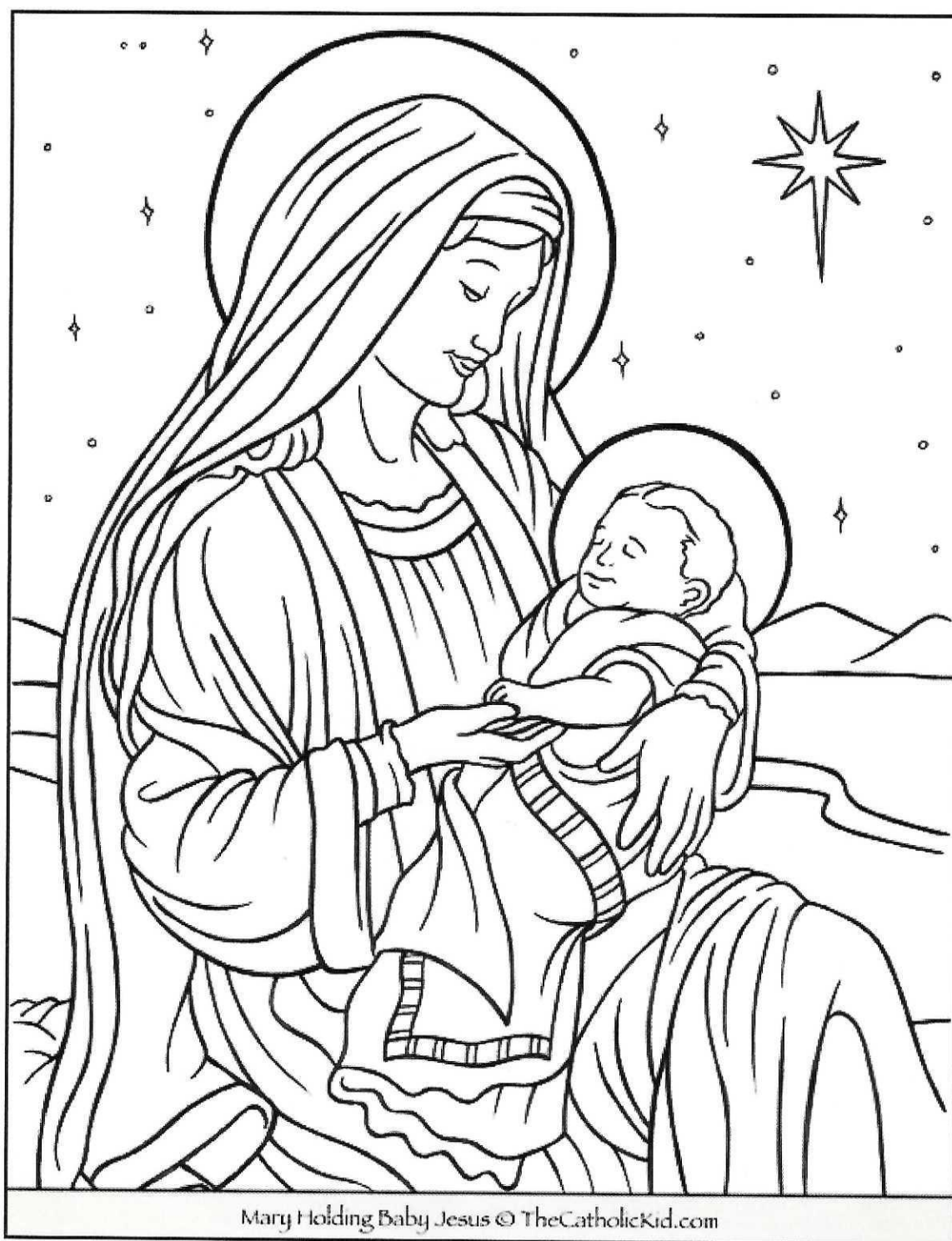
We each declared our resolutions: helping around the house, no TV during the week, no procrastinating, and going to Mass more often. I wrote our names next to our resolutions and taped the list to the refrigerator. Every week, we check in to see how our resolutions are going and offer encouragement when we struggle to keep them.

With God's grace, we are keeping our resolutions, one day at a time.

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