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## The Noe Valley Parishes

Rev. Tom Martin, Administrator, *pro tem*

### St. Paul's Catholic Church

#### Mass Schedule:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sundays: 8:00 and 9:15 a.m.  
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel  
Confession/Reconciliation:  
Saturdays 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.  
or by appointment.

#### Sacramental Programs:

**Faith Formation:** Grades K- 8 Saturdays:  
9:30-11:00 a.m. (Sept-May)  
Sr. Mary Margaret, LHC, 415 648 7540  
[srmm@stpaulsf.org](mailto:srmm@stpaulsf.org)

**Confirmation Preparation:** Grades 9-12,  
classes twice per month (October-June)

**Baptism Preparation for Parents:**  
First **Tuesday** of the month 7:00PM at  
rectory. Call parish office to register.

**Marriage Preparation:** Contact rectory 6  
months prior to wedding date.

**OCIA Program:** *Order of Christian Initiation:*  
Terri Brady and Deacon Bill McLoughlin  
(October-May)

For further information please call:

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# August 31<sup>st</sup> Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

- **First Reading** – [Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29](#): Be humble in all you do, and you will be loved. Seek wisdom, avoid what is beyond you, and give alms to atone for sins.
- **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 68](#):  
God provides for the poor and needy, giving them a home and bringing joy to the righteous. He protects orphans and widows, and revives the land for his people.
- **Second Reading** – [Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24A](#): You have come to the heavenly Jerusalem, where angels and the righteous gather, and Jesus mediates a new covenant with his powerful, redemptive blood.
- **Gospel** – [Luke 14:1, 7-14](#): Jesus taught about humility, advising guests to take the lowest place and hosts to invite those who cannot repay. He promised that those who humble themselves will be exalted and will be rewarded at the resurrection.

Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.

Luke 14:13

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) [Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13](#) [Luke 4:16-30](#)  
**Tuesday** [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11](#) [Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14](#) [Luke 4:31-37](#)  
**Wednesday** [Colossians 1:1-8](#) [Psalm 52:10, 11](#) [Luke 4:38-44](#)  
**Thursday** [Colossians 1:9-14](#) [Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6](#) [Luke 5:1-11](#)  
**Friday** [Colossians 1:15-20](#) [Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5](#) [Luke 5:33-39](#)  
**Saturday** [Colossians 1:21-23](#) [Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8](#) [Luke 6:1-5](#)  
**Sunday** [Wisdom 9:13-18b](#) [Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17](#)  
[Philemon 9-10, 12-17](#) [Luke 14:25-33](#)

## August 31<sup>st</sup> Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those who have participated in an abortion and feel they have committed an unforgiveable sin:  
May they come to know the Lord's limitless mercy,  
and turn to Him for forgiveness and healing;  
*let us pray to the Lord:*



### CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Labor Day! The office will be closed
Tuesday	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Spiritual Journey – 9:30am in the Baptism Class – 7pm
Wednesday	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	
Thursday	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> .	
Friday	Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> .	8:30am Mass in the Church – St. Mother Teresa Feast Day Adorations – 2:30pm to 7pm
Saturday	Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> .	
Sunday	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> .	Donuts and Coffee following 9:15am Mass

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

Weekly Collection: Aug 24, 2025	\$ 2,500.00
E Collection July 2025	\$ 8,169.00
2025 Annual Appeal	\$ 74,922.00
Collected as of July 28, 2025	\$ 28,924.00
Balance Still Remaining for the 2025 Appeal	\$ 45,998.00

This week's bulletin picture is perfect as we reflect on the one-month anniversary of Fr. Mario's death and the Feast Day of Saint Mother Teresa. May they both rest in peace

#### Second Collection

**The weekend of, September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** there will be a second collection for Preservation Fund. Please place your donation in the second collection taken up after communion. Thank you for your generosity, thoughts and prayers.

#### Monthly Spiritual Journey's Meetings

Join Us for a Time of Reflection and Growth

We are delighted to announce that the Monthly Spiritual Journey's meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month. These gatherings offer a wonderful opportunity for reflection, growth, and community fellowship.

- Date: Tuesday Sept 2, 2025
- Time: 9:30 AM

#### Baptism Class

- Date: First Tuesday of each month, The next class is, September 2, 2025
- Location: Parish Rectory, 221 Valley St., San Francisco, CA 94131
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Sign-Up: Please call (415) 648-7538 to sign up for the next class

**The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place on the First Fridays of every month at St. Paul's Church, this month's date is Sept 5, 2025. This sacred practice invites the faithful to spend time in the presence of the Sacramental Jesus, providing a space for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

We warmly welcome you to stop by and visit with the Sacramental Jesus from 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM in St. Paul's Church.

#### Important dates Upcoming Faith Formation Registration and Meetings

September 20<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Meeting 9:30am to 10:30am Parish Meeting room

September 27<sup>th</sup>: First Day of Faith Formation

September 28<sup>st</sup>.: Catechetical Sunday at the 9:15AM Mass

**Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for:  
For those who have died: Fr. Mario Farana**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **Saturday Mass 4:30pm**

Rosa Maria Hinojose (D)

Augusto Asbani (D)

#### **Sunday Mass 8am**

Anna Marie Raffo (D)

#### **Sunday Mass 9:15am**

Mila Coyne (L)

Consuelo Virtucio (D)

#### **Monday 8:30am**

Bridget O'Malley (D)

#### **Wednesday 8:30am**

Irene Callaghan (D)

Elsa Vides (D)

#### **Friday 8:30am**

Silvia Garcia (D)

Fr. Mario Farana (D)

Sally Eder (L)

#### **Saturday Mass 4:30pm**

Josephine & Jack Shea (D)

Manuel Diaz (D)

Mercedes Escobar- Chow (D)

Catherine & Richard Coulton (D)

#### **Sunday Mass 8am**

Alfred & Carmela Raffo (D)

Magdelina Punla (D)

Kathy Joyce Makiver (D)

#### **Sunday Mass 9:15am**

Mario Farana (D)

Sharon Hing (D)

Mel Chua (D)

Robert Rhynard (L)

Maria Q. Vela (D)







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OCTOBER 18, 2025

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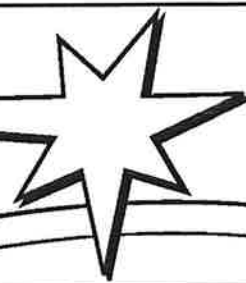
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September 2025

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Dorothy Vigna, Director of Religious Education



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence longed for sainthood from an early age. A mystical encounter confirmed his calling to religious life. Though pressured to enter an advantageous marriage, he chose to follow his vocation. He escaped to the Canons Regular of St. George, where he eventually became the order's general. Known for his zeal, penitential life, and deep charity—especially toward the poor—he was later appointed Bishop of Venice by the pope.



### We are never alone

Our existence depends entirely on God. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that without God's will, we would cease to exist. Many saints taught that His love is constant, personal, and sustaining. At Baptism, He comes to dwell within us. Even in silence or struggle, we are never alone. An unseen Friend walks with us, always.

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jeremiah 31:3).*



## Five saints to help youngsters become holy

It can be discouraging helping children grow in holiness in our fallen world, but parents can turn to the saints to offer clear, practical models. Here are four powerful approaches:

**Persistent prayer:** All parents worry about their children. St. Monica prayed tirelessly for her son, Augustine, during his years of rebellion. Her perseverance bore fruit—he experienced a profound conversion and became one of the Church's great saints. We don't always see the full results of our prayers, but they are never wasted.

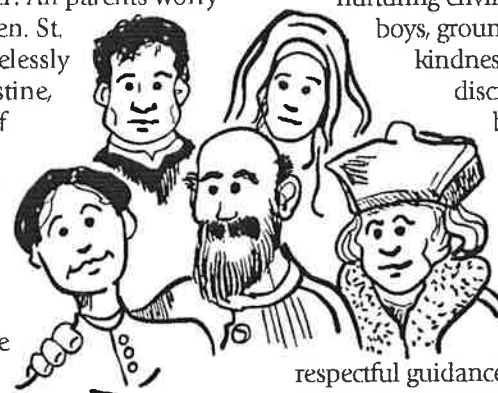
**Virtuous example:** Despite intense pressure, St. Thomas More refused to acknowledge King Henry VIII as head of the Church and was imprisoned for

treason. We want children to be good citizens, but God's laws come first. Children can learn from St. Thomas' example.

**Kindness:** St. John (Don) Bosco built a nurturing environment for struggling boys, grounded in the power of kindness. He believed discipline should be firm but compassionate, always rooted in trust and love. He rarely raised his voice, relying instead on consistent expectations and

respectful guidance. He expected the boys to practice the kindness he showed them.

**Surrender:** Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin dedicated every part of family life to God. They offered joys, sorrows, and struggles to Him. When we entrust our families to God, we invite His grace to shape and guide us.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

We honor Mary's name because she is the Mother of Jesus and the Queen of Heaven. Moreover, even though her name doesn't have the power that the Name of Jesus has, it still carries a significant influence.

## Why do Catholics honor Mary's name?



Pope Innocent XI extended the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary to the entire Church after the King of Poland defeated an advancing Ottoman army in Vienna in 1683, crediting this victory to Jesus and Mary, whose names he invoked while fighting.

# Holy homework hacks

Even the saints had to do homework. St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students, used practical strategies to tackle demanding workloads. Try these study habits inspired by his example:

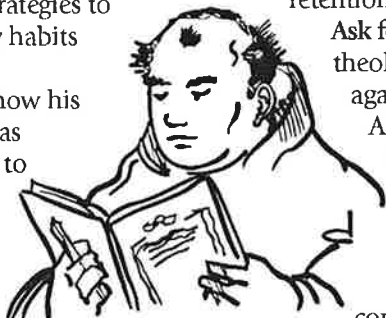
**Take notes:** St. Thomas's surviving notes show his use of symbols and shorthand to capture ideas quickly. Students can adopt similar methods to stay engaged during class, study sessions, or group activities.

**Take breaks:** Known for his intense focus, St. Thomas also made time for short walks around the monastery courtyard. Encourage

students to take brief breaks after focused study to boost retention and motivation.

**Ask for help:** When struggling with a complex theological text, St. Thomas once leaned his head against the tabernacle and prayed for guidance. Asking for help—whether through prayer, a teacher, or a classmate—is a wise and humble step.

**Pray:** Above all, St. Thomas dedicated his work to God. He began his studies with prayer, "Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion ... Amen."

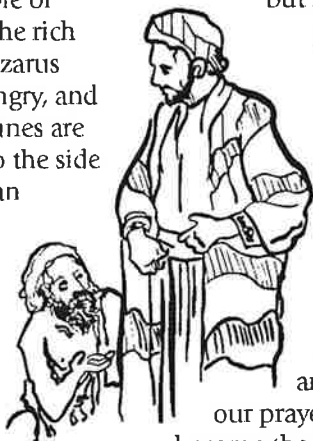


## Scripture LESSON

### Luke 16:19-31, Love in action

This passage tells the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. The rich man lives in luxury, while Lazarus suffers at his gate—poor, hungry, and alone. After death, their fortunes are reversed: Lazarus is carried to the side of Abraham, and the rich man finds himself in torment.

Notice that the rich man isn't condemned for outright cruelty or injustice, but for his failure to demonstrate charity. He knew Lazarus by name. He likely stepped over him daily, but ignored Lazarus' suffering. In the afterlife, the rich man begs for relief and for Lazarus to warn his brothers,



but his chance to do good has passed.

*What can a parent do?*

Teach children that following Jesus isn't just about avoiding wrongdoing—it's about doing what is right. The Gospel makes it clear: love is active. When we live our faith through compassion, generosity, and awareness of others,

our prayers become action. We become the hands and feet of Jesus. And when we love as Jesus loves, we reflect His heart—and that's the path to true, lasting joy.

## Parent TALK

Tina has always been direct—sometimes to a fault. She doesn't hesitate to critique my outfits, and once made a classmate cry by telling him his shirt smelled bad. After her teacher expressed concern about her harsh comments, we agreed to help her use her honesty more constructively.

I told Tina I admired her courage to speak up when something's wrong. But I explained that bluntness should serve a purpose—to help, not hurt. If someone is in danger or something is truly wrong, she should tell a teacher privately. That's not tattling; it's responsibility.

A week later, Tina saw a student being bullied and immediately got help from an adult. Her quick thinking and honesty became a tool for good.

By guiding her to use her strengths rather than punishing her for them, we saw real growth—and so did her classmates. Sometimes, it's all about redirection, not correction.



## Feasts & Celebrations

**September 10 – St. Nicholas of Tolentino (1305).** Born to pious parents, Nicholas was known for his holiness, purity, and penances. He became an Augustinian monk. After his ordination, he developed a reputation as a great preacher and confessor. He spent the rest of his life traveling and preaching inspiring sermons in Tolentino, Italy.

**September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows.** In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified while others ran away.

**September 20 – St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companions (1846).** The first Korean-born Catholic priest, Andrew was the son of Christian converts. Upon being ordained, he tried to introduce French missionaries, and was arrested, tortured, and martyred with several others.

**September 29 – Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.** Today we honor three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



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