

St. Paul the Apostle

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St. Paul the Apostle Parish Community exists for the sole purpose of carrying out the Mission of Jesus the Christ, the salvation of all Humankind, by living and spreading the Good News.

PARISH STAFF

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Pastoral Council Meeting: Meetings are open to all parishioners and announced as scheduled.

Altar Rosary Society: Meetings are open to all parishioners and are held on the second Sunday after the 8:30 Mass in September, through May in Room A.

Knights of Columbus Council 8170: Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

Legion of Mary: Meetings are held on Mondays at 5:00PM in Room "A".

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2692: First Tuesday of each month 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Office. Baptisms will be on the first and last Sunday of the month after the 11:00AM Mass. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle. The child's birth certificate is required. No Baptisms during Advent and Lenten season.

SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE: By appointment only and with notice of six months before the desired date of marriage. Weddings may take place on weekdays at any time and on Saturdays no later then 2:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anytime on request.

Weekday Masses

First Saturday - 8:00AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:00AM Wednesday, First Fridays and Holy Days - 7:00PM **Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5:00PM

Sunday Masses: 8:30AM. 11:00AM and 6:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM, Wednesdays, First Fridays and Eve of Holy Day from 6:00 to 6:45PM and also by appointment.

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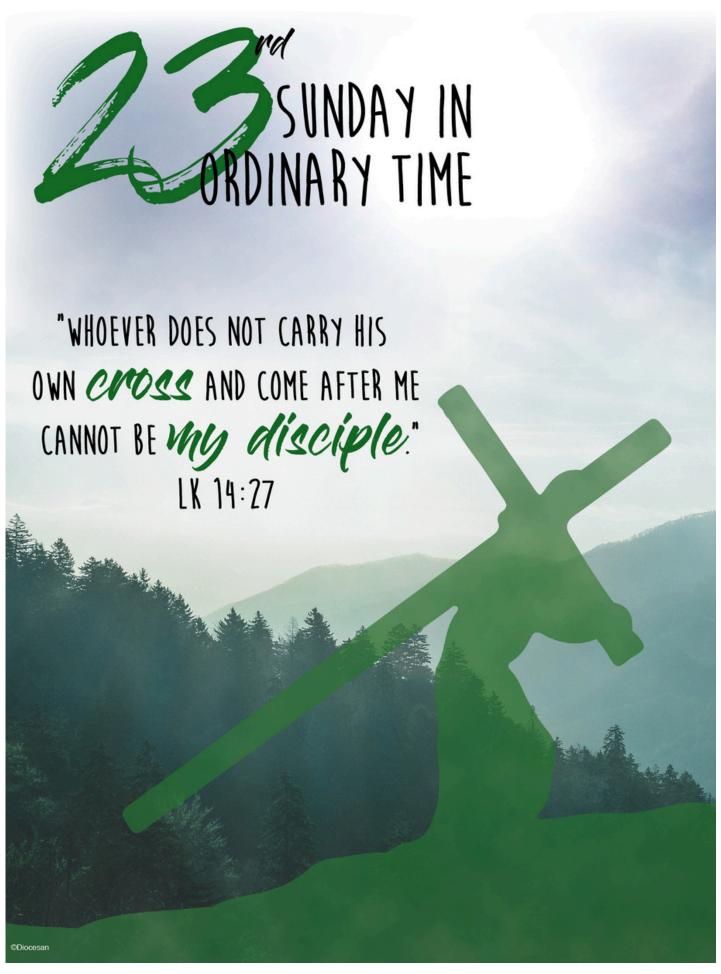
Monday through Friday - 9:00AM - 5:00PM

If you wish to sign up for a particular hour to visit with Jesus every week, please call the Parish Office at 361-937-3864

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday 9:00AM - 5:00PM & Friday 9:00AM to 12 noon.

BULLETIN E-MAIL: Office@stpaultheapostlecc.com Deadline - Tuesday at Noon

REGISTRATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS: We warmly welcome new parishioners and visitors. If you have any questions about our Parish feel free to call the Rectory Office during working hours. New parishioners please register at the Church Office or Online. Anyone who moves out of the parish, or has a change of address, please let us know.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM †Teddy Hodges ~ Family

Tuesday September 9:

8:00 AM † Dalia P. Garcia ~ Buni Moreno

Wednesday September 10:

7:00 PM † Bill Armstrong, † Belva Armstrong, † Ernest Poore,

† Stosh Wondolowski, † Mary Ann Dennehy, † Petronila Baguso,

† S. Baguso Sr., † Luz Garcia, † Evie Lapuz, † Greg Braganza,

† San Juanita Chavez Birthday: Elena Reid

General: Amanda and Charles Nicholson III, Ben Raney and Family

Thursday September 11

8:00 AM †Suk Hi Jun ~ Buni Moreno

Friday September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM † Luz Garcia ~ Sam and Leonora Apiado

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday September 13:

5:00 PM + Artemio (Joe) Dela Cruz ~ Family

Sunday September 14:

8:30 AM Judy Molina, Birthday ~ Mary Hodges 11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle 6:00 PM † Christopher Cisneros ~ Family

Ministers of the Altar

Saturday 5:00PM September 13

Lector: R Marcantonio

EMs V Ayala and Sr Araceli Sunday 8:30AM September 17

Lector: P Rowe

EMs: S Crawford and J Crawford Sunday 11:00AM September 14

Lector: B Mora

EMs: R Escamilla and G Escamilla
Sunday 6:00 PM September 14

Lector: B Alonzo

EMs: D Campbell and D Haag Homebound: J Hoelsher and M Zamora

Monday Evening Devotions

Holy Hour with Praise, Music, Adoration and Benediction. Come tell the Lord all your worries ask for his help with them. You may also want to say prayers for your loved ones and friends and don't forget to also thank Him for the good things in your life.

"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS OWN CROSS AND COME AFTER MC CANNOT BE My disciple." LK 14:27

Dear Parishioners,

ORDINARY TIME

Sometimes the truth hurts. But we need to hear the truth anyway. Sometimes the truth brings to light the many problems around us. But we need to hear the truth anyway.

Today, despite the fact that Jesus' words may be hard to hear, in the end, they are true. They are good. And they will help us to lead better and more holy lives. We love when Jesus says nice-sounding things, pleasing to our ears, such as: "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:14) or "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink" (John 7:37). We like to think of Jesus as making our lives happy, peaceful, and secure. We like to know things will be easy and delightful. But Jesus didn't promise us those things on this side of heaven. In fact, he promised us a share in his Passion!

Today, let's acknowledge that the cross of Jesus brings salvation, and all of our personal crosses are a gift to us. They are our share in the Lord's Passion that has been allotted to us. Here are three reasons why the cross is a gift: first, Jesus' Resurrection reveals to us that after the Passion comes the Resurrection. First the cross, then the glory. The way to heaven leads through Calvary.

Second, in every person's life, there will be suffering. No matter what. The question is what we do about it. Illness and death are coming for everyone. We can get angry about this, or we can accept this. It's our choice: resentment or acceptance. The cross of Jesus helps us to face illness and death with peace. Because of his cross, we have eternal hope. Third, embracing one's cross means to bear the weight of life. It is to bear life's sufferings, turning them into good. By carrying our crosses, we become people who give back to the world more than they take.

Shouldering our cross makes life deeply meaningful. Imagine what the world could be if everyone took up their cross and tried to make their lives and those around them better! This is the Christian calling, and everyone is invited to this Christian way of life.

Sincerely, Rev. TK



Religious Education

All religious education classes begin September 7, 2025. All classes will be on Sunday mornings

Registration cost \$40/child per program \$75 max per family per program. Prices increase September 1, 2025. Scan QR code below to register. For more information call or email: Kayla Davila (361) 937-5875 dre@stpaultheapostlecc.com







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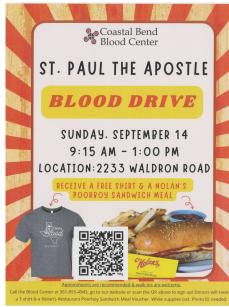
















Catholic Daughters of America

How to join Catholic Daughters? Attend a meeting or event and, of course pray for guidance. If and when the time is right, join.

Membership is open to Catholic women ages 18 and older who love and support the Church. Together, lets live our Motto of "Unity and Charity by serving our community through faith and fellowship".

For more information about joining please call or text Belia Mora 361-765-6576

Mary Our Patroness, "Pray for Us."

Christus Spohn Care Van for Women's OB And Gynecological Services

Christus Spohn Care Van for Women's OB
And Gynecological Services
(medical care for the uninsured)
Will next be here at St. Paul's on September 16th and
September 17th.

To schedule an appointment from 9:00AM -3:00PM call 877-3547

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The Mission of Mercy Medical Center

2421 Ayers Street
Provides medical care for the uninsured.
Call 361-883-5500 Monday thru Friday
From 9:00AM to 5:00 PM to make an appointment



SAFE ENVIRONMENT THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

If you are a new Volunteer or in a Ministry at St Paul's Please ask about our safe environment trainings.

This training is required for all volunteers from the Diocese of Corpus Christi

and will stay valid for 3 years. The training can be done online, link is below.

If unable to do online contact: Denise Campbell At 361-813-9428

https://diocesecc.safeenvironment.org



Knights of Columbus Council #8170

<>< Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Welcome Luncheon for Father Tomasz last Sunday.

<>< Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00pm, Knights meeting, Rosary before at 6:30pm.

<>< Support our Youth Ministry on Saturday, September

13, 6:00 to 8:00pm; Bingo and Taquito Sale.

<>< Sunday, September 28 at 8:30am Knights Mass. Knights breakfast after, Team 3.

<>< Thursday, October 8 Clergy Appreciation Dinner at 7:00pm at MPB.</p>

<>< Saturday, November 8, Mary Fiat Retreat, 8:00am to 3pm. Dive deeper in faith following the example of Mary's Yes to God.</p>

"I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary." Philemon 1:14

God is Calling You

St Paul offers many different opportunities for returning our gifts of time and talent to God.

As stewards of God-given skills and abilities, volunteering in a ministry or organization provides a way to thank God, share our faith with others, and enhance our community.

Three important ones: Lectoring,
Minister of the Eucharist and Homebound Ministries
are in need of assistance. If you feel you are being
called to one or more of these very satisfying ministries,
please contact

Deacon Gary Robinson at (361) 548-4152 or the office at (361) 937-3864 for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure August 31, 2025

Sunday Offering: Online/Mail-in: Total (Thank You) Total Attendance:		\$ \$ \$ 683	6,428.66 2,145.00 8,573.66
Saturday 5:00PM Sunday 8:30 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Sunday 6:00 PM Children	198 137 230 118	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	1,239.00 1,999.11 2,174.00 867.00 149.55

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

In the month of August a portion of your tithes will go to help aid Timon's Ministries, Mission of Mercy Clinic and St Paul's Works of Mercy

Finance Corner

Word of Appreciation

Your continued support through out the year helps our parish greatly. Our parish is open seven days a week and serves many people in the area with our prayers and through our Works of Mercy. To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless

Diocese of Corpus Christi Bishop Stewardship Appeal 2025



Bishop's Stewardship Appeal Goal: Appeal \$ 33,474.00 Pledge Amount \$ 25,577.00 Paid \$ 23,267.00. Your participation is a blessing for our Church and Diocese. Together we share the joy of having made our goal to support the ministries funded by your pledge to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal.

Do Your Share for Our Parish

We are in partnership with St. Peter's by the Sea UMC and Lord of Life Lutheran Church to distribute food monthly through the Coastal Bend Food Bank to households in Flour Bluff. Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution which takes place at St. Peter's by the Sea. Sign up sheets are on the table in the vestibule.

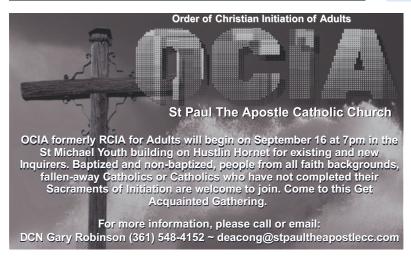
Volunteer to help if you can.

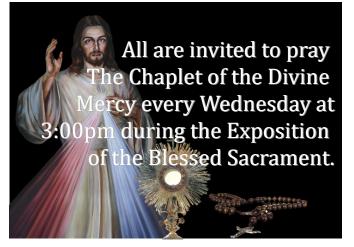
The next food distribution date will take place September 11 from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Distribution days are the 2nd Thursday of each month. St. Peter's by the Sea UMC.

Second Collection

During the weekend of September 6 and 7, we will have a special collection to join the efforts to bring dignity to a hurting population of Catholics and others who are suffering in Gaza.

Please consider what you and your family can perhaps do and/or do without to be the hands of Christ to a hurting community in Gaza





Saint John Chrysostom (c. 344-407) September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (Chrysostom) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life, "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (Sacramentary), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the Liturgy of the Hours not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!"

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab;

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop

and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7;

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;

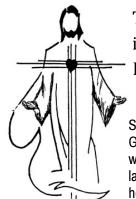
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Flour Bluff Food Pantry

Food Pantry is in the process of restructuring and will be closed until further notice.



Thank you so much to the St. Paul community for your continued support.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Free to Love

St. Paul must have understood today's Gospel very well. Like Jesus, he knew what being a disciple would cost. It landed him in prison. Also like Jesus, he is not afraid to ask others to take that discipleship seriously. And he is

not ashamed to ask a favor: Would Philemon accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, back into his home? Not just as a slave, but as a member of his family.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship. Paul takes that a step further—he reminds us to accept that cost freely. He could have ordered his friend to free the slave. Instead of giving an order, he called Philemon to respond to his request freely. Perhaps we can learn from that example.

Like Paul, when Jesus commands us to love one another, he leaves us free to accept that challenge. Remember, he always says, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus was never compelled to cure anyone or forgive their sins. Yet how often do we go to church because we were told we have to? Do we volunteer for the picnic only because the pastor twists our arm?

We can live life just doing what we have to. Or when Jesus offers us a new motive—love for God because God loves us—we can choose to follow him freely. Let us ask the Spirit to fill us with the freedom to love.

Legion of Mary

St Paul the Apostle

Do you want toserve God more but don't know how? Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and his Mother? Do you want to deepen your spiritual life? The Legion of Mary meets on Mondays at 5:00 PM in Room A. All practicing Catholics, 18 and older are invited to come.

Chapel Vigil Lights

Parishioners of St Paul the Apostle

The Infant Jesus Statue Light

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To Celebrate or Remember

The intention book for 2025 is open for mass intentions. Also, our large vigil lights can be lit for a week in honor of a friend, a birthday, a graduation, an anniversary, or to remember someone you have loved and lost.

Contact the office to reserve the date you want. The usual mass offering is five dollars. To schedule a special week for the vigil light(s) the offering for Infant Jesus light is \$5 per week and the offering for the two chapel lights is \$10.



Please remember those who live in need of prayers:

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Everyone, please look over the prayer list and contact the parish Office at 361-937-3864 or at office@stpaultheapostlecc.com if anyone on the list No longer need to be listed

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