

St. Paul the Apostle

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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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

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 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM † Gregorio Braganza ~ Family

Tuesday September 16: Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 AM † Teresita Dimalanta

<u>Wednesday September 17: Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and</u> **Doctor of the Church**

7:00 PM † Bill Armstrong, † Belva Armstrong, † Stosh Wondolowski, † Mary Ann Dennehy, † Luz Garcia, † Evie Lapuz, † Greg Braganza † Daniel Jimenez, † Ted Coggeshall, † Filemon Dimalanta † George Finan Sr., † George Finan Jr., † George Finan III General: JoAnna Yelverton, Joshua Stringer, Les and Christine

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Healing: Irma Coggeshall

Thursday September 18

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

Friday September 19: St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 AM † Suk Hi Jun ~ Buni Moreno

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday September 20:

5:00 PM + Stosh Wondolowski ~ Carol and Family

Sunday September 21:

8:30 AM † Nelda DeLeon ~ Family

11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle,

Jerry & Martha Ann Majek 60th Wedding Anniversary

6:00 PM † Luz Garcia ~ Sam and Leonora Apiado

Ministers of the Altar

5:00PM September 20 Saturday

Lector: Sr Araceli

EMs G Maraist and K Maraist Sunday 8:30AM September 21

Lector: L Miguel

EMs: O Herrera and P Martinez Sunday 11:00AM September 21

Lector: CDA EMs: CDA

Sunday 6:00 PM September 21

Lector: C Flores

EMs: R Ortiz and O Flores Homebound: H Reddick and J Robinson

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.



Dear parishioners,

In today's Sunday liturgy, we have the grace to be able to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast has been on-going in different forms since the year 326. It was then that the Christians in Jerusalem found relics of the true cross of Jesus. They found the cross, and they rejoiced! What can the origin of this feast mean for us today?

For a long time, the first Christians experienced persecutions for following Jesus. They were imprisoned, martyred, and tortured for their faith. But eventually, the persecutions waned as the Christian faith grew and

spread across the Roman Empire.

An important historical year to remember is 313 AD, when the Edict of Milan made it permissible to publicly worship as a Christian. This decree made it possible for all people to worship whatever deity they pleased. Shortly after this decree, a history-altering journey was undertaken by the mother of Constantine the Great, St. Helena. She traveled to the Holy Land and desired to use her influence to establish churches and shrines at the holy sites. Until then, there was little established in the way of shrines and churches at the places where Jesus had lived, walked, preached, performed miracles, and especially where he suffered his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. And so, in 326, St. Helena began establishing and recording the locations of the holy sites. Among other things, she helped with excavations of the tomb of Jesus.

Shortly after they began their work, they unearthed the cross of Jesus! They had searched for and found the wood of the cross upon which Jesus had saved the world! This relic caused great rejoicing and was a source of miraculous healing. They began to build a church over the site, and less than a decade later, they dedicated a church with a huge celebration on the 13th and 14th of September, 335 AD.

What these early Christians celebrated many centuries ago is something we should spiritually celebrate today. We can be united with our brothers and sisters from the past when we allow the celebration of the Exaltation of the Cross to transform our own lives. How can we do this? First, just as the first Christians embraced the cross of Jesus and accepted suffering, persecution, and martyrdom, we too should happily embrace any cross that comes from being a Christian in the world today. This may mean living counter-culturally, it may mean avoiding sinful activities, conversations, and forms of entertainment. It can mean all the difficulties that come from living an upright moral life in the public square. Today, an invitation is made to each one of us to find our cross.

What does it mean to find our cross?

This means not to run from suffering as people without faith are apt to do. This means to willingly look for ways to love God and our neighbor, even at personal cost. This means to help others carry their crosses. It means to live a life that gives back more than it takes, to live striving to "do something beautiful for God" as Mother Teresa was accustomed to saying.

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









Thank You

Rick Marcantonio, Gabriel Lobato, Monte Rowe, Ashton Crawford, Eduardo Lobato and Rene Garcia! We appreciate the all the work you each did to bring new life to the rooms and atriums. From woodworking new materials to putting in new floors and painting walls your time

Blessings,

and talent are a gift to our children.



St Paul trip to San Juan Basilica is on October 4th, 2025.

For those who signed up, payment of \$30.00 per person shall be made at the office beginning on Monday, September 15. All payments should be made no later than September 24.

Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm, Friday 9:00am-12:00pm.

> For more information call/email Deacon Gary Robinson (361) 548-4152 deacong@stpaultheapostlecc.com

Our Lady Of The Rosary Learning Center

Enrollment is still going on!

Please contact us at: OLRCA199@gmail.com (361) 939-9847 cel (361) 879-5059











Religious Education

September 21-Circle of Grace

All classes will be completing our diocesan requirement called Circle of Grace. Out-put forms were sent home last week. Please return forms if you don't want your child to attend.

September 21-Catechetical Mass

All catechist are asked to attend the 11:00am Mass for a blessing as we begin the new school year

Bible Study with Deacon Mike Rauen

October 16 at 7:00pm at Room A Sign up sheets in the vestibule. Please bring your own Catholic bible and small notebook for notes.



June Robinson (361

Scan QR to register



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

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September 17th.
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Call 361-883-5500 Monday thru Friday
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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

<>< Sunday, Sep 28, 8:30pm Knights Mass. Knights breakfast after, Team 3.

<>< St Paul trip to San Juan Basilica is on October 4th.

<>< Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30pm, Knights Officer meeting.

<>< Thursday, October 9 Clergy Appreciation Dinner at 7:00 pm at MPB.</p>

<>< Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00pm, Knights meeting, Rosary before at 6:30pm.

<>< Saturday, November 8, Mary Fiat Retreat, 8:00am to 3:00pm. Learn more how to trust, obey and have deeper faith as our Mother Mary showed us.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." John 3:17

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.

Saturday 5:00PM

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16

935.00

Stewardship of Treasure August 31, 2025

Sunday Offering:	\$	4,988.24
Online/Mail-in:	\$	2,832.00
Total (Thank You)	\$	7,820.24
Total Attendance:	734	

Sunday 8:30 AM	130	\$ 1,367.31
<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	272	\$ 1,423.96
Sunday 6:00 PM	160	\$ 1,053.97
<u>Children</u>		\$ 208.00
Second Collection		\$ 2,920.00

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Thank you for sharing your time with us.

In the month of September a portion of your tithes will go to help aid Timon's Ministries, Mission of Mercy Clinic and St Paul's Works of Mercy, Catholic University of America and Disaster Relief Collection

Diocese of Corpus Christi Bishop Stewardship Appeal 2025



Bishop's Stewardship Appeal Goal: Appeal \$ 33,474.00 Pledge Amount \$ 26,192.00 Paid \$ 23,882.00. 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.

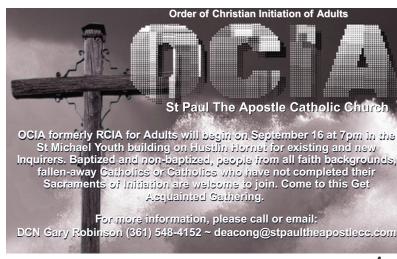
The next food distribution date will take place on October 13th from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Distribution days are the 2nd Thursday of each month St. Peter's by the Sea UMC.

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.

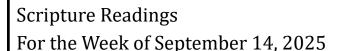
Thank you and God Bless





SAINTS CORNELIUS (died 253) AND CYPRIAN (died 258) September 16

Cornelius was a Roman citizen, who, after 14 months without a bishop, succeeded Saint Fabian in the papacy. This new candidate created serious problems for Fabian, as he described the papal election of Cornelius as illegitimate. He was opposed to apostates. those who have abandoned their Christian faith, being received into the Church, while the new Pope Cornelius maintained that they could be readmitted after penance. In 253, persecution was declared against Christians and Cornelius was exiled, suffering captivity and later beheading. During his exile he received a letter from Bishop Cyprian, who congratulated him for suffering in the name of Christ. Cyprian had converted to Christianity at the age of 45, renouncing his pleasant life and embracing not only the Gospel, but also Christian authors, most notably Tertullian. Thanks to his knowledge of oratory and rhetoric, he greatly promoted Christianity in Africa. As a bishop, he was firm and charitable, yet faced persecution and was also later beheaded. Both Cyprian and Cornelius are remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I of the Roman Rite.



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

Monday Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or

Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and

Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6;

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin

and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk

8:1-3

Saturday Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest,

and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions,

Martyrs

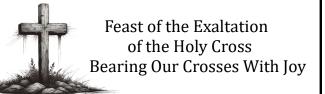
1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk

16:1-13





We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. Afterall, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

But whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

We may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or endure them without complaint or remember to offer them up. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Legion of Mary

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

Parishioners of St Paul the Apostle

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:

Alexander Family, Kenny Alexander, Nicholas Anderson, Sam Anderson, Lupe Arredondo, Janie Ayala, George Ayala, Abel Bentancourt, Esther Bentancourt, Joel Bentancourt, Janet Buhidar, Max Borgmeyer, Chris Burns, Heather Burns, Manuel Bustos, Andrea Cabrera, Antonio Cabrera, Maria Cabrera, Rachel Casanova, Kathy Casey, Issac Cavasos, Miko Cerrone, Brandon Clark, Scott Clark, Annabelle Concert, Paul Concert, Jay and Jacqueline Dancy, Diana Diaz, Lidia Ducote, Denny David Eaton, Gerald Escamilla, Aida Escobar, David Escobar, Laura Farrish, Abel Flores, Gamez Family, Justin and Teresa Gamez, Jose Gamez, Amanda Garcia, Cindy Garcia, Joe Garcia, Luz Garcia, Sergio Garza, Grace Geeding, Beryl Hathcock, Benny Herrera, Mike Hernandez, Olivia Holt, Maria Holguin, David Kraeer, Melinda Kraeer and Richard Kraeer, Rachel Kraeer, Maryann Krohn, Stephen Libby, Juan Lorenzo, Jose Luiz, Aimee Lusson, Juanita and Steve Lusson, Martin Family, Joseph S. Martin Jr., Josefina Martin, Jacob Martinez, Cynthia Mora, John (Johnny) McCarty, C. Nicholson III, Richard Nunez Jr., Rogelio Olaes, Esperanza Ortiz, Lupe Ortiz, Adam Mathias Ortiz, Oscar Ortiz, Steven Ortiz, Jr., Jimmy Parker, John Pelko, Gloria Perez, Mary Perez, Katia Perez, Rick Perez, Perea Family, Faye Phillips, Deacon Mike Rauen, Eddie Rocha, Josh Rock, Gilberto Rodriguez Jr. David Rodriguez, Michelle Ruff, Phyllis Ruff, Nati Ruiz, Consuelo Salinas, Elizabeth Sanchez, Hudson Schoene, Kari Strehlow, Crystal Tannous, Christina Turelli, Kaiden Turner, Sandra Vargas, Andrew Visosky, Stephen and Melinda Visosky, Mark Walker, Carol Walker, Pam Wondolowski, Israel Ybarra

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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