

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.

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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.

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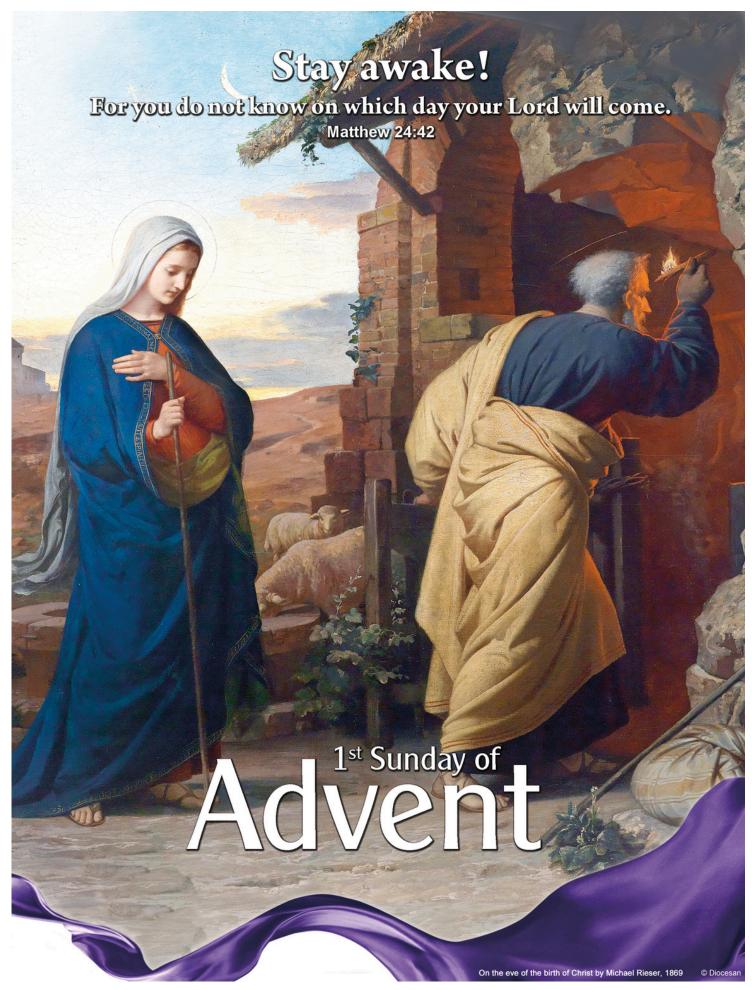












Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday December 01:

8:00 AM † Chuck Krohn, Sr. ~ Family

Tuesday December 02:

8:00 AM † Gloria Marie Sierra Garza ~ Family

Wednesday December 03: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 PM † Mary Ann Dennehy, † Miguel Trevino Vasquez Jr.,

† Luz Garcia, † Melchor Oville, † Sergio Cabanlit, † Elpio Cabanlit

† Gerald Pond

General: Rhiannon Rocha **Healing:** Veronica Rosales

Thursday December 04: Saint John Damascene, Priest and

Doctor of Church

8:00 AM † Steven Crocker ~ Family

First Friday December 05:

7:00 PM † David Vargas ~ Alice Vargas and Family

First Saturday December 06:

8:00 AM Ann and George Finan ~ Anniversary

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 06

5:00 PM LOM

Sunday December 07:

8:30 AM † Teresita Dimalanta

11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

6:00 PM † Antonio Flores ~ Family

Ministers of the Altar

Saturday 5:00PM December 06

Lector: LOM EMs LOM

Sunday 8:30AM December 07

Lector: S Rosales

EMs: J Garza and S Apiado Sunday 11:00AM December 07

Lector: A Finan

EMs: G Escamilla and R Escamilla

Sunday 6:00 PM December 07

Lector: B Alonzo

EMs: L Truelove and R Ortiz

Homebound: D Gundersen and S Gundersen



YOU DO NOT

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we begin the season of Advent. The word "advent" means "arrival" or "coming." It is derived from the Latin translation of the Greek word parousia and is normally used in the New Testament in connection with Jesus' second coming at the end of time.

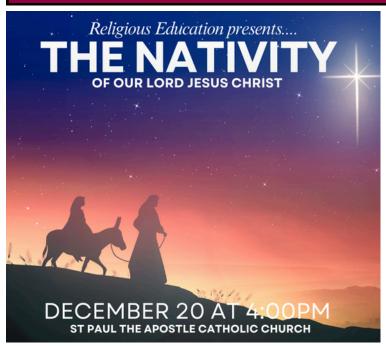
We read from the prophet Isaiah during the first weeks of the liturgy of Advent. The prophet Isaiah was active in Jerusalem from 740 B.C. until 701 B.C. He lived through difficult times of war and conflict, and when Jerusalem was continually threatened by the Assyrian Empire. Isaiah's basic message returns again and again to three ideas: First, he condemns the sinfulness of the people of God. Second, he calls the people to repentance as they will face God's judgment. Third, he promises hope because the Lord's mercy is never exhausted day for those who desire it.

The Book of Isaiah, often called the Fifth Gospel due to its many Christological prophecies, points to the coming of the Messiah in an age of fulfillment and restoration. However, when we read these prophecies during Advent, we can apply them to the second coming of the Lord and the attitude of watchfulness that marks our expectation of it. Thus, there are two Advents! The Fathers of the Church often linked the Lord's first coming in humility to Bethlehem with his second coming in glory at the end of time. This is why the readings for Advent begin with the second Advent of Christ.

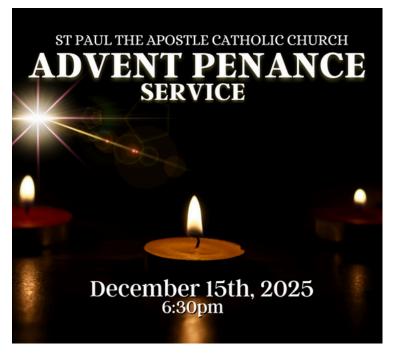
At the first advent (Christmas): The world did not notice the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The Lord was born in humility and weakness. At the second advent (Parousia): The world will notice. The Lord will come in glory and power. Today's Gospel complements the reading from Isaiah and deals with the end of time. In fact, the passage taken from the Gospel of Matthew is taken from Jesus' fifth major discourse, which is called the eschatological or end times discourse. Images of three events are interwoven in this discourse, and each event calls for vigilance. Jesus' apostles are called to vigilance in the Garden of Gethsemane before Jesus' death and resurrection, and this event inaugurates the final age of the world.

The early Church is called to vigilance before the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 by the Romans. All Christians are called to be ready for their encounter with the Lord at their death and at the end of time. Jesus admonishes his disciples and us to "stay awake" and "be prepared" for the coming of the Son of Man. On the one hand, he tells them and us to be prepared like Noah, who followed the Lord's command and built the ark that saved himself and his family from the flood. On the other hand, Jesus tells them and us to be like the master of the house who is always prepared for a thief to break into his house. Being ready, then, means guarding our hearts from evil and heeding God's saving Word.

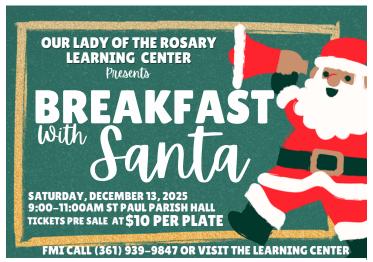
Sincerely, Rev.TK











A very big THANK YOU to all members of the Knights of Columbus Council 8710 and their families for their generous donations. We are grateful for your kindness in providing Thanksgiving Turkey dinners to 31 families on November 22, 2025.



Religious Education

December 07

All religious education classes will attend the 11:00 am mass. Promptly pick your child up at 10:45 am if they are unable to attend.

Throughout the month of December religious education will be collecting travel size personal care items to donate to St. Paul's Works of Mercy.



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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."

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



Knights of Columbus Council #8170

- <>< Pray daily. This Advent Season, prepare the birth of our Savior. God bless.
- <>< Thank you everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving meal boxes last Saturday.
- <>< Tamale order forms available after each Mass. Please support the Knights.
- <>< December 2, at 6:30pm Knights officer meeting.
- <>< December 9, at 7:00pm Knights meeting, Rosary before at 6:30pm.
- <>< December 13 Breakfast with Santa 9:00 11:00am.
- <>< December 20 Knights Out after 5:00pm Mass.

"Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of liaht." Romans 13:12

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
December 15th, 16th and 17th.
To schedule an appointment from 9:00AM -3:00PM
call 877-3547

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 November 23, 2025

Sunday Offering: Online/Mail-in: Total (Thank You) Total Attendance:		\$ \$ \$ 667	5,473.74 3,048.00 8,521.74
Saturday 5:00PM Sunday 8:30 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Sunday 6:00 PM Children	130 158 244 135	\$ \$ \$ \$	960.00 1,242.00 2,103.00 1,021.30 147.44

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

In the month of November a portion of your tithes will go to help aid Timon's Ministries, Mission of Mercy Clinic and St Paul's Works of Mercy, Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA and Catholic Campaign for Human Development

PRAYER TO AVERT STORMSAND HURRICANES

O GOD, MASTER OF THIS PASSING WORLD, HEAR THE HUMBLE VOICES OF YOUR CHILDREN. THE SEA OF GALILEE OBEYED YOUR ORDER AND RETURNED TO ITS FORMER QUIETUDE. WE LIVE IN THE SHADOW OF THE GULF OF MEXICO. A DANGER OVER WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL. O LOVING FATHER, SPARE US FROM STORMS AND HURRICANES THAT THREATEN US AND TURN OUR FEAR OF YOUR POWER INTO PRAISE OF YOUR GOODNESS. GRANT THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN

Diocese of Corpus Christi Bishop Stewardship Appeal 2025



Bishop's Stewardship Appeal Goal: Appeal \$ 33,474.00 Pledge Amount \$ 28,277.00 Paid \$ 26,397.00. 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 December 11th 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

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

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE (c. 5-65) November 30

As one of the disciples blessed to be called an Apostle, according to the Gospel of John, St. Andrew was the first of the Twelve to be led to Christ. One day, John the Baptist was with two of his disciples "and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus... Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. (John 1:36-37, 40). Andrew began following Jesus after a simple indication from John the Baptist, without ever hearing a word come out of Jesus' mouth. What incredible faith! In the same light, we could also consider him the very first evangelist, since after meeting Jesus and finding out where he was staying, he immediately went to find his brother Peter and bring him to the Lord as well. All he had to say was, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). And that is how his mission began, following the Messiah and learning all he could from Him so as to continue leading others to Him. After Christ's death and resurrection, Tradition holds that Andrew preached in modern day Greece and Turkey. He was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross because he did not feel worthy to die in the same manner as Our Lord. St. Andrew, intercede for us, that we too may become disciples and evangelists for Christ.



For check donations, please make check payable to St Paul the Apostle and on the memo, write food pantry. Drop off the check at the Parish Office or in the collection basket during mass. For cash donations, please drop off at the Parish Office.

Scripture Readings For the Week of November 30, 2025

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Rm 13:11-14: Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of

Church

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-

10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9;

Mt 3:1-12

First Sunday of Advent Do What You Can



The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). So why hasn't it been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us? Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. If we can just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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Legion of Mary

Do you want to serve 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 Saint Paul

The Infant Jesus Statue Light

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To Celebrate or Remember

The intention book for 2026 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.

Sponsor of the week

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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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