

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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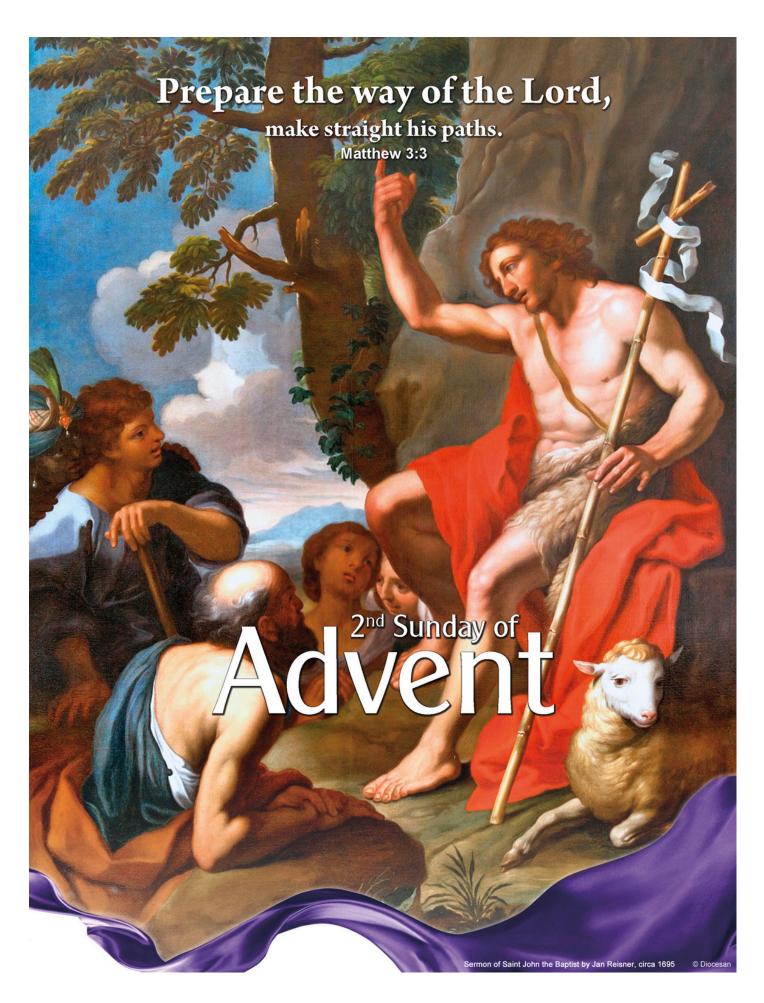












Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday December 08: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 AM † Ben Abalos, Sr

7:00 PM † Carmen Zamora ~ Family

Tuesday December 09: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:00 AM † Daniel Jimenez ~ Family

Wednesday December 10: Our Lady of Loreto

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

† Ted Coggeshall, † Gilberto Rodriguez Jr., † Francisco Cabanlit,

† Crisanta C. Rosagaso, † Jose Cabanlit Lim, † Gerald Pond,

† Elizabeth Rizon Oville, † Julie Guerrero, † Honoria Rizon,

† Julian Rizon, † Christy Calma Apuyan, † Josel Dimalanta

General: Joey Navejar and Family, Rhiannon Rocha

Birthday: Katie Poore, Ernest Eric Poore **Healing**: Irma Coggeshall, Chuck Burns

Thursday December 11: Saint Damascus I, Pope

8:00 AM † Paul Vargas ~ Family

Friday December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM † For All Souls in Purgatory

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 13

5:00 PM † Joe Dela Cruz ~ Family

Sunday December 14:

8:30 AM † Nelda DeLeon ~ Family

11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

6:00 PM † David Vargas ~ Family

Ministers of the Altar

Saturday 5:00PM December 13

Lector: Sr Araceli

EMs T Borgmeyer and V Ayala Sunday 8:30AM December 14

Lector: P Rowe

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

Lector: S Balbin

EMs: J Dancy and J Cuerdo Sunday 6:00 PM December 14

Lector: A Olaes

EMs: B Alonzo and D Campbell Homebound: J Hoelscher and M Zamora

JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOR EVER.



Dear Parishioners,

In today's reading, John the Baptist takes on the Pharisees. This is because of a spiritual problem called "detached worship". This is a problem that Pope Leo himself recently highlighted in his Sunday Angelus message this past August. The Holy Father was speaking on the Gospel passage where Jesus talks about the Narrow Door. While many Christians would like to think that everyone "just goes to heaven", Jesus' words suggest otherwise: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able" (Luke 13:24). Pope Leo said, Our Lord's words are meant "primarily to challenge the presumption of those people who think they are already saved, who perform religious acts and feel that is all that is needed. They have not realized that it is not enough to perform religious acts unless they change hearts. The Lord does not want worship detached from life. He is not pleased with sacrifices and prayers, unless they lead to greater love for others and justice for our brothers and sisters."

The Holy Father's reflection on "worship detached from life" is extremely helpful for our Advent reflection today. Here's why. Becoming a very religious person does not make one more like an angel. Rather, it makes one a better human being. The goal of Christianity is not to strip ourselves of our humanity, as if the body were a prison for the soul. Rather, it is to perfect our human nature and fashion us anew into the image of the Son. On Christmas morning, we will come to the manger in Bethlehem to worship the Christ Child, the God-man, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He took on our human flesh. Because of Jesus, we now have an incarnational religion.

What is divine has become human, and because of this, what is human can become divine!

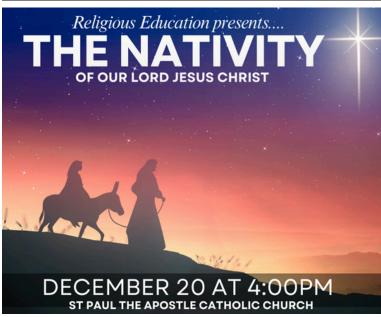
Thus, faith in Christ, adherence to the Gospel message, and a life of grace through the sacraments can and should effect a powerful transformation in one's life. For example, years of grace and divine indwelling accomplish the effects that are noticeable in so many saints and holy souls: an increase in faith, hope, and love (theological virtues) and the presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord). On top of these virtues and gifts, a host of other virtues flow from this transformation: we become perfected as human beings; we become more compassionate toward our fellow man; we embrace the Beatitudes, becoming meek and humble of heart; we stop judging others; we stop having an "us against them" mindset toward the world; we start wanting what God wants. True religion, as the Holy Father says, will always lead to a "greater love for others".

The harsh reality is that in many parishes and communities of faith, one can sadly find those who "worship detached from life". They may spend hours in prayer in the Church, but little time caring for and loving their families, friends, and neighbors. They may boast to themselves about being a great Catholic, but they are not good human beings. Because of their detached worship, all their religious practice has only made them more judgmental, more critical, more cynical, and more self-righteous.

The Holy Father concluded his message with this: For this reason, when such people come before the Lord boasting that they ate and drank with him and heard him teaching in their streets, they will hear him reply: "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!". Let us try, this Advent, to make sure our worship springs from our heart and our very life.

Sincerely, Rev. TK

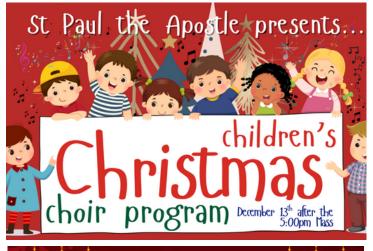
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025/9:00-11:00AM ST PAUL PARISH HALL

TICKETS PRE SALE AT \$10 PER PLATE FMI CALL (361) 939-9847 OR VISIT THE LEARNING CENTER



St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Works of Mercy

We would like to thank everybody who donated generously to our Food Pantry. Your contribution is very instrumental in providing much needed Thanksgiving gift to our community.

All are invited to pray The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Wednesday and Friday at 3:00pm during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Religious Education

December 20

Nativity Play All - are invited to attend the Nativity Play on December 20 at 4:00 pm.

December 21

Christmas Party Religious Education - will have their Christmas Party during regular class time.

Throughout the month of December, Religious Education will be collecting travel size toiletry items to donate to St. Paul's Food Pantry.

The class with the most will win a prize in January





Please sign up to bring an item to our Christmas Party. Your help is appreciated! (Please attach QR code)

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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."

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

<>< Tamale order forms available after each mass.

Tamale order forms also available at the Parish office.

Please support the knights.

<>< December 09, at 7:00pm, knights meeting, rosary before at 6:30pm

<>< December 13, Breakfast with Santa 9:00am to 11:00am.

<>< December 20, Knights Out after 5:00pm mass

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3:4

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Christus Spohn Care Van for Women's OB
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(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 30, 2025

Sunday Offering:		\$	6,371.71
Online/Mail-in:		\$	2,222.00
Total (Thank You)		\$	8,592.71
Total Attendance:		727	
Saturday 5:00PM	125	\$	774.00
Sunday 8:30 AM	152	\$	2,552.00
<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	302	\$	1,858.91
Sunday 6:00 PM	148	\$	958.01
Children		\$	228.79

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 OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us. 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.

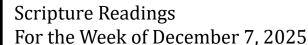
If unable to do online contact: Denise Campbell At 361-813-9428

https://diocesecc.safeenvironment.org

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE December 12



Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, appeared to native American Juan Diego in 1531, requesting that a church be built on the spot. When the bishop asked for a sign confirming the authenticity of the apparition, she responded by producing roses in December for Juan Diego to gather, and left an image of herself imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma or mantle.



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

Monday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6,

11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13;

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Saint Damascus I, Pope

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;

Mt 11:11-15

Friday Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde. 19: Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

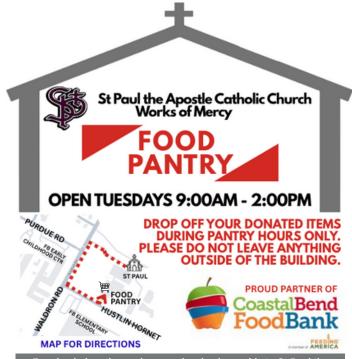
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10;

Mt 11:2-11



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.



Second Sunday of Advent Gifts of the Spirit

Part of Isaiah's hopeful description of the Messiah contains the traditional seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, and looking forward to His coming in glory, let's take a look at those gifts and see how we can use them.

Wisdom is the gift of seeing God in his creation. It means that we value the things of this world only as they help us to know and love God more. The second gift, Understanding, follows from Wisdom: we understand what God expects of us in dealing with creation and other people. This gift helps us to know how to act in a world that seems to ignore God.

Counsel follows from Understanding as the gift of making correct judgments on how to act; for example, Understanding can lead us to love others. Counsel guides us to love them in appropriate ways.

Strength or fortitude, is the gift that enables us to do those things inspired by understanding and counsel, even if they are difficult. John the Baptist shows that gift in the gospel. It gave him the courage to die for his faith.

Knowledge is similar to counsel in that we begin to see what God wants for us in this world. Knowledge leads us to deeper revelations of the truths of our faith. This can lead to the sixth gift (seventh in Isaiah's text: "delight in the Lord") of Piety, a willingness to worship and love God, a desire to be close to Him in prayer.

The final gift, Fear of the Lord, is the awe and wonder of recognizing how great God is, how much he loves us, and so how much we want to stay close to Him. The desire to be close to God leads back to Wisdom, where we see God in his creation.

Tom Schm

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 † Rosa Maria Palma

The Infant Jesus Statue Light

† Parishioners of Saint Paul

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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