

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

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Nguyen 937-3864

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Gary Robinson 937-6908

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 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):

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

Vouth Ministry Dir:937-3864Parish Secretary:Mrs Christine Shepheard937-3864Bookkeeper:Mrs Cheryl Hooper937-3864

Weekday Masses

First Saturday - 8:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:00AM Wednesdays, First Fridays and Holy Days - 7:00PM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00PM

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

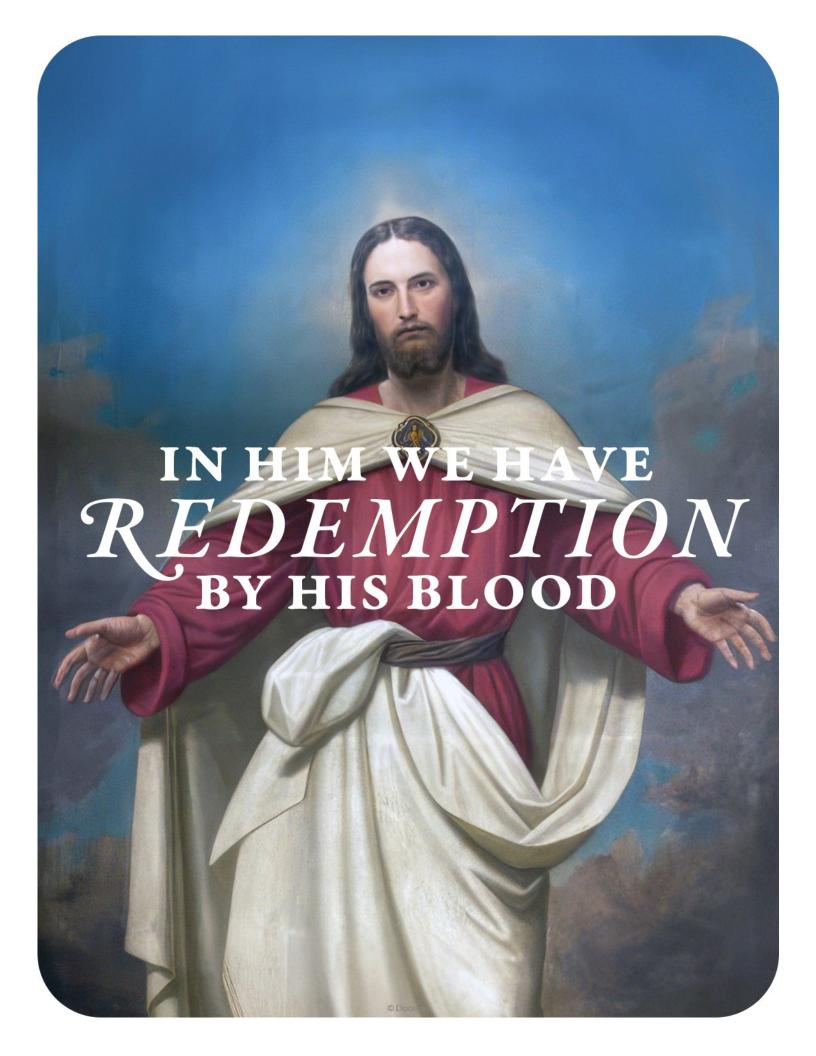
Monday through Friday - 9:00AM - 5:00PM

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 July 14: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00 AM † Israel Salinas

Tuesday July 15: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

8:00 AM † Gloria Marie Sierra Garza ~ Family Wednesday July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00 PM † Bill Armstrong, † Belva Armstrong, † Stosh Wondolowski, † Mary Ann Dennehy, † Ed Adam, † Peter

Grosshauser, † Ernest Poore, † Teodoro Nillo, † Lorenzo Nillo, † Nelda Deleon, † Esperanza Saenz,

General: James and Gretchen Hardy, Magdalena Thompson,

Buni Moreno

Thursday July 17:

8:00 AM † Israel Salinas ~ Family

Friday July 18: Saint Camillius de Lellis, Priest

8:00 AM Micah Merriman – Scifres ~ Family

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday July 19:

5:00 PM † Christopher Khan Nguyen ~ Family

Sunday July 20:

8:30 AM Gary Burns, Birthday ~ Family

11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

6:00 PM † David Gonzalez ~ Family

Ministers of the Altar

Saturday 5:00PM July 19

Lector: Rick Marcantonio
EMs K. Maraist and G. Maraist
Sunday 8:30AM July 20

Lector: Santiago Rosales

EMs: S. Crawford and J. Crawford

Sunday 11:00AM July 20

Lector: CDA EMs: CDA

Sunday 6:00 PM July 20 Lector: Alice Olaes

EMs: R. Ortiz and B. Alonzo Homebound: C. Flores and O. Flores

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

Go and Live the Word of God



What is a homily? Homily is rooted in the Greek word "homlietikos" which means "conversation," while sermon comes from the Latin word "sermo" or "speech." Homily is, in the words of the Second Vatican Council, "a part of the liturgy itself" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #52). Someone asked, "Is it possible for lay people from the congregation to share the Word of God or to preach at the Mass since there are some lay people who are excellent at talking and explaining the Scriptures?" It is a great idea, and in fact, there are lay people in the congregation who are excellent at talking and explaining the Scriptures. Some of them might be Scripture professors or theologians themselves. However, since they are not ordained deacon or priest in the Catholic Church, they are not allowed to preach at the Liturgy of the Mass. In the words of the document Redemptionis Sacramentum, "The homily, which is given in the course of the celebration of Holy Mass and is a part of the Liturgy itself, should ordinarily be given by the Priest celebrant himself. He may entrust it to a concelebrating Priest or occasionally, according to circumstances, to a Deacon, but never to a layperson" (RS #64).

In the book <u>Fulfilled in Your Hearing</u>, written by USCCB, it said, "A homily presupposes faith. Nor does the homily primarily concern itself with a systematic theological understanding of the faith" (17). A homily has nothing to do with faith, nor does a homily talk about God, which has nothing to do with our lives. If a homily concerns only God and has nothing to do with our lives, it only stays in our minds and can never touch the heart. If a homily can only stay in one's mind and never be able to touch the heart, then it's not a homily. Just as in a conversation, if one only reasons in his mind but does not carry out verbally, the other person will not know what he or she tries to communicate. A conversation cannot be a conversation if the words in the mind are not verbally delivered, and a homily cannot be a homily if the Word of God cannot move from the mind to touch the heart. The living homily is a homily that the Word of God moves from the mind to touch the heart and then deliver into action.

In today's Gospel, a scholar of the law understands the law so well that he does not miss a single beat when Jesus asks him what he has read from the law. He has no problem spelling out what he reads in the law. He only reads and memorizes, but he has not learned what he read. Luke precisely reports the words of Jesus when he answers the scholar's question by asking, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" Again, he reads the law with his mind and memorizes it, but he does not allow the words he reads to touch his heart. That's why what he reads is just what he reads and he remembers it, but he is not able to live it because he does not allow the words he reads to touch his heart

Have you and I ever read or listened to the Word of God? Have we ever allowed the Word of God to sink into our hearts, to take root in our hearts, and to be able to bear fruit from reading or listening to the Word of God? "Go and do" in order "to inherit the eternal life" is an invitation to the scholar of the law. What are you and I waiting for? Go and live by the Word of God to inherit the eternal life. The decision is always yours.

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The Traveling Vocation Chalice will be available to travel from home to home for one-week intervals. During that week the host family will be asked to make a special effort to pray together with emphasis on an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as a clear understanding as to the vocation Christ is calling each family member. A binder of prayers will accompany the chalice. Sign-up sheet is available

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Will next be here at St. Paul's on July 15th and
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Call 361-883-5500 Monday thru Friday
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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



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."



Knights of Columbus Council #8170

- <>< Pray daily.
- <>< July 27th , Knights Mass at 8:30, Rosary at 8:00 AM, EM's, Usher's and Lector needed. Breakfast after Mass, Team 1.</p>
- <>< Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30PM, Knights Officer meeting.
- <>< Tuesday, August 12th at 7:00PM, Knights meeting, Rosary before at 6:30PM.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. John 6:68

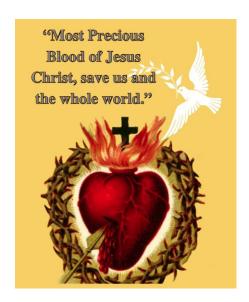
Stewardship of Treasure July 6, 2025

Sunday Offering:	\$	5,937.16	
Online/Mail-in:	\$	3,058.00	
Total (Thank You)	\$	8,995.16	
Total Attendance:	62:	622	

Saturday 5:00PM	152	\$ 1,264.00
Sunday 8:30 AM	170	\$ 2,133.00
Sunday 11:00 AM	172	\$ 1,141.50
Sunday 6:00 PM	128	\$ 1,148.85
<u>Children</u>		\$ 249.81

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

In the month of **July** a portion of your tithes will go to help aid Timon's Ministries, Mission of Mercy Clinic and St Paul's Works of Mercy, Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa



Diocese of Corpus Christi Bishop Stewardship Appeal 2025



Bishop's Stewardship Appeal Goal: Appeal \$ 33,474.00 Pledge Amount \$ 23,592.00 Paid \$ 19,017.00. 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 July 10th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. 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



SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680) July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the

Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?



Flour Bluff Catholic Charities

As summer rolls around our pantry is in need of kid friendly foods and snacks. Our pantry helps feed our community's children, we are asking for donations of peanut butter and Jelly, loaves of bread, mac and cheese and snacks. Thank you so much to the St. Paul community for your continued support.



Every second Tuesday of the month there will be distribution of hygiene products from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

We are open on Tuesday's from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 13, 2025

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wednesday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt

11:28-30

Saint Camillius de Lellis, Priest

Friday Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18;

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt

12:14-21

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk

10:38-42

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Excuses, Excuses

As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love.

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

St Paul the Apostle Homebound

The Infant Jesus Statue Light

St Paul the Apostle Homebound

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, Chris Burns, Heather Burns, Manuel Bustos, Andrea Cabrera, Antonio Cabrera, Maria Cabrera, Rachel Casanova, Kathy Casey, Issac Cavasos, Miko Cerrone, Scott Clark, Annabelle Concert, Paul Concert, Jay and Jacqueline Dancy, Diana Diaz, Lidia Ducote, Denny David Eaton, Gerald Escamilla, Aida Escobar, David Escobar, 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., Jacob Martinez, Cynthia Mora. John (Johnny) McCarty, Richard Nunez, Jr., Rogelio Olaes, Esperanza Ortiz, Lupe Ortiz, Adam Mathias Ortiz, Oscar Ortiz, Steven Ortiz, Jr., Jimmy Parker, Gloria Perez, Perea Family, Faye Phillips, Deacon Mike Rauen, Eddie Rocha, Josh Rock, David Rodriguez, Michelle Ruff, Phyllis Ruff, Nati Ruiz, Consuelo Salinas, Elizabeth Sanchez, Hudson Schoene, James Skrobarczyk, 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

Pastor: Rev. J Pastor

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