



January 15 – January 21

Tuesday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration and Rosary-11:00am

Wednesday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration and Rosary-11:00am

Thursday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration and Rosary-11:00am

Sunday

8:00am - English, Holy Family

9:30am - English, St. Paul

12:00pm - Misa Español, St. Paul

5:00pm – English/Español, St. William

“The Church is a Field Hospital at the scene of a Battle.”

--His Holiness, Pope Francis

**St. Paul Catholic
Church and Missions**

**Iglesia Católica San
Pablo y Misiones**

4178 Highway 441 South, Douglas, Georgia 31535

Parish Office Phone: 912-384-3560

In case of extreme emergency only call: 912-278-1567

Church email: saintpaul@windstream.net

Parish Website: www.stpaulmissions.org

Confessions: Every Saturday from
5:00-6:00 at St. Paul, or by appointment

St. William Catholic Church

807 S. Merrimac Dr., Fitzgerald

Holy Family Catholic Church

126 Holy Family Rd., Willacoochee

Administration □ Administración

Pastor: Rev. Paul O’Connell

Deacon Ron Milkas

Church Secretary: Janet Benton

PARISH RETREAT ST. PAUL, DOUGLAS

**“BECOMING THE EUCHARIST
WE CELEBRATE”**

Saturday, February 3, 2024

8:00am – 3:00pm

**8:00am - Beginning with Mass for the
Forgiveness of Sins and Examination of
Conscience with General Absolution**

All are Welcome

**We hope you can set aside time for reflection and
prayer for the Lord.**

**Our Mission
Statement
Declaración
de Misión**

**“La Iglesia es un hospital de campaña
en el escenario de una batalla.”**

--Su Santidad, el Papa Francisco

FYI
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~

Please Help!

**We need sponsors to please sign up \$20
donation for Coffee & Donuts for 2024.**

**Coffee & Donuts Sponsors for January
Cindy Smith; Matt & Sandye Jarrard; Eddie
& Lisa McKinnon**

CALL TO CARE (January-March)

T-Shirts, Underwear, and Socks

All Sizes – Boys and Girls

Thank you for your support

Ladies Auxilary

Ushers for January

**Matt Jarrard, John Thomas Jarrard and
Andrew Smith**

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul

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| FY Offertory Budget | \$275,000.00 |
| Received to date | 149,654.00 |
| Received 1-7-2024 | 8311.00 |
| FY Bldg Fund Budget | \$65,000.00 |
| Received to date | 22,392.00 |
| Received 1-7-2024 | 2247.00 |

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| St. Paul 1-7-2024 | Additional Collect. |
| Religious Ed Tuition | 50.00 |

Offertory: St. William

Sunday (1-7-24): \$362.00

Food Sales: \$270.00

Offertory: Holy Family

Sunday (1-7-24): \$570.00

PLEASE REMEMBER:

No Food to be eaten in classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, Day Chapel or Main Church—food may only be eaten in the Social Hall

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Visit website:

www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection Or call 888-357-5330 to report knowledge of abuse.

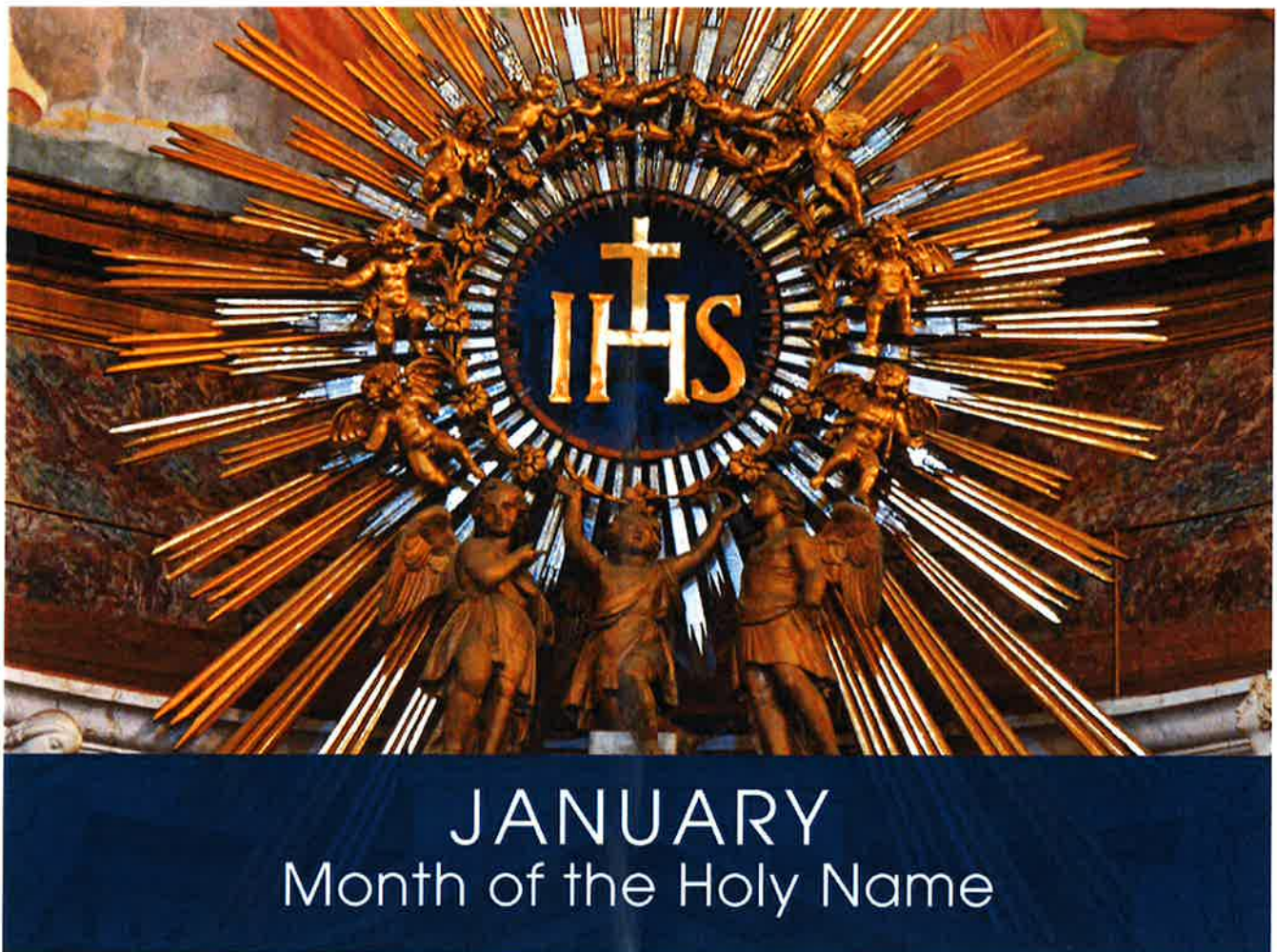
OUR WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ARMED
FORCES**

Jose Bardomiano, Brenda Contreras, Sgt. Blake Downs (N. Carolina), MSgt. Emmanuel Gamboa (New Mexico), Kristopher Lentz, April M. Martin (Japan), Michael Martinez, CW3 Jeb S. McKinnon (USA), Martin Rios, Candise R. Rolerson (Wichita Falls, TX), Juan Vargas, Erick Vilches, Octavio Rodriguez, Rolando Chavez.

Pray for us that we may be healed.

Francesco Abbondanza, Liza Agullo, Tullis Allen, Brenda Atkinson, Janet Benton, James Bookhardt, Ann Branch, Logan Brigmond, Mary Brown, Ernestine Bryant, Steve Bueneing, Ricardo Jose Camarillo, Cindy Carter, Amber Carver, Lee Ann Cash, Toby Cash, Calvin & Gail Carver, Jack Chaney, Rory Chaney, Bill Cummings, Dan Curte, James Dennis, David Ellis, Isabel Espinoza, Jerry Feltman, Eloise Ferguson, Fr. Daniel Firman, Antonio Guerrero, Michael & Michelle Gilliard, Denise Goyette, Amy Paulk Grist, Judy Hackett, Michael Hackett, Robert Hackett, Lidia Harper, Judy Hattaway, Katrina Havelock, Mary Hayes, Jamie Hersey, Debra Heveder, Elaine Hinson, June Houston, Braylynn Hughes, Matthew Humphrey, George Irving, Oscar Kirkland, Amanda Knight, Ann Koch, Stacy Lewis, Tommy Lindsey, Andrew Lott, Roxanne Maini, Paul & Regina McGlynn, Aldo Meza, Deacon Ron Milkas, Barbara Miller, Dale Moon, Rachelle Navarro, Elaine Newhart, Irene Nolan, Marilyn Perkins, Terry Oates, Bobby O'Neal, D. J. O'Neal, Trisha Pape, Violet Pappy, Karen Paulk, Lou Pierce, Mike Pierce, Cubias Perez, Robin Pierce, Michael Pozzanghera, Dane Pranke, Kenny Purvis, Nicole Rigdon, Danny Ross, Johan Saavedra, Tony Scaccia, Betty Spears, Stephanie Stone, Gene Thewes, Caitlin Thurman, Denver Thurman, Pablino Tinajero, Summer Van Hook, Egdal Gonzalez Vazquez, Marissa Vickers, Gene Waldron, Charles Westman, Kathy White, Melissa Williams, Warren Winters, A.D. Young, Mary Young

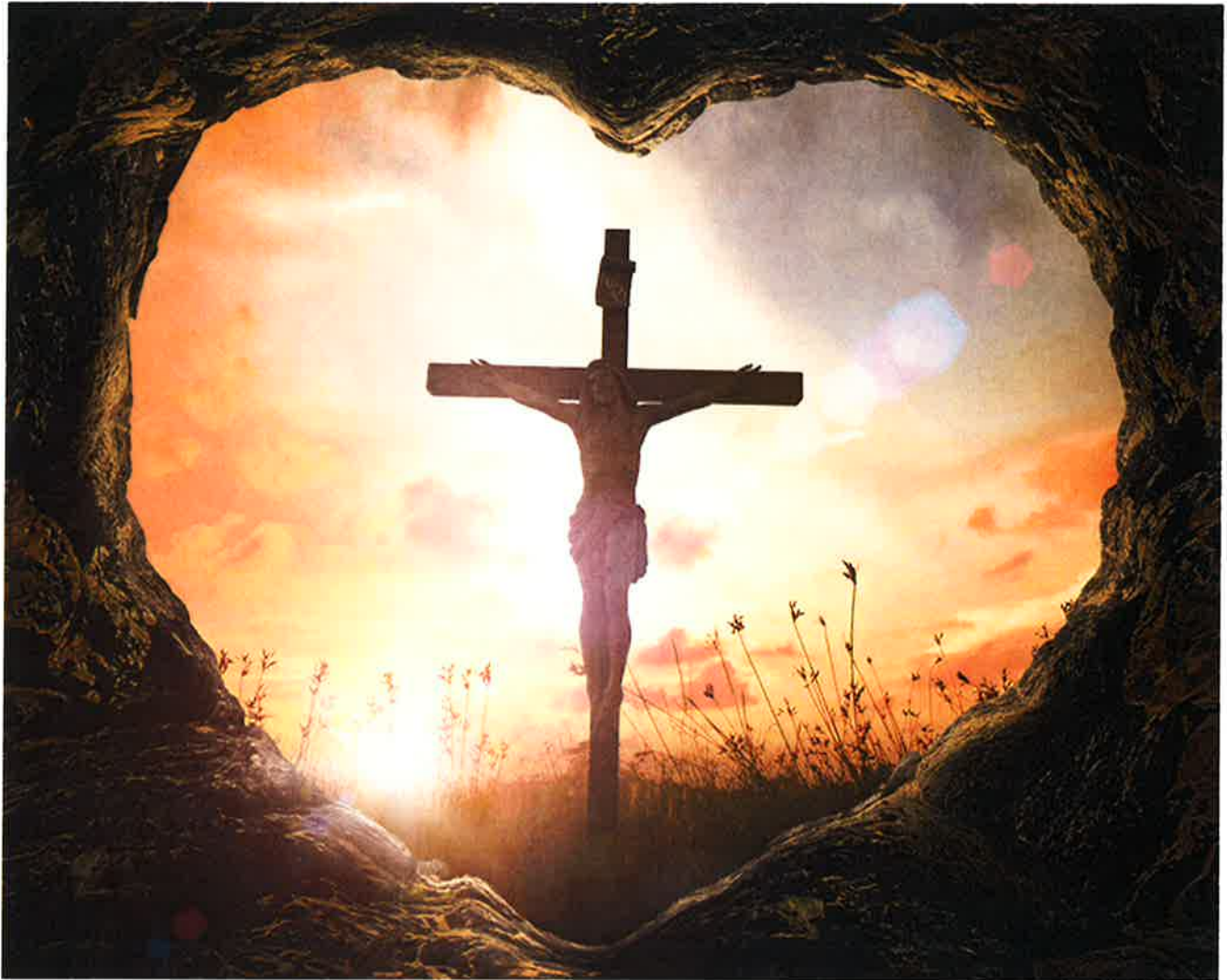


Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Devotion of the Month

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

I Pray You, Gentle Jesus



I pray you, most gentle Jesus, by your precious blood, deliver me from all evils, past, present and to come. Give me a lively faith, a firm hope and perfect charity, so that I may love you with all my heart and all my soul and all my strength. Make me firm and steadfast in good works and grant me perseverance in your service so that I may be able to please you always. Amen.

St. Clare of Assisi

Live streaming every weekend



Please join us for live streaming of all weekend masses and ones of special occasions. Live streaming can watched on FaceBook (St Paul Catholic Church) page and our website page, stpaulmissions.org All masses are archieved on our website for viewing anytime.



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A silhouette of a parent lifting a child into the air against a bright, golden sunset sky. The sun is a large, glowing orb on the right side of the frame. The parent's head and shoulders are visible in the lower left, looking up at the child. The child is in mid-air, arms outstretched, with legs bent. The entire scene is framed by a thick blue border.

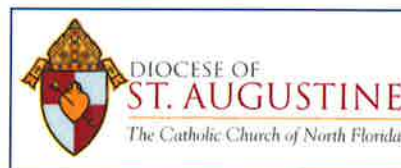
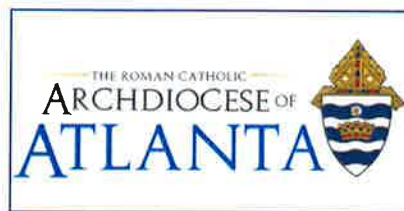
#PromiseToProtect

"Our Heavenly Father does not take steps back in his love for us, ever! He always goes forward and if He cannot go forward He waits for us, but He never goes backward; He wants his children to be brave and take their steps forward.

-Pope Francis

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

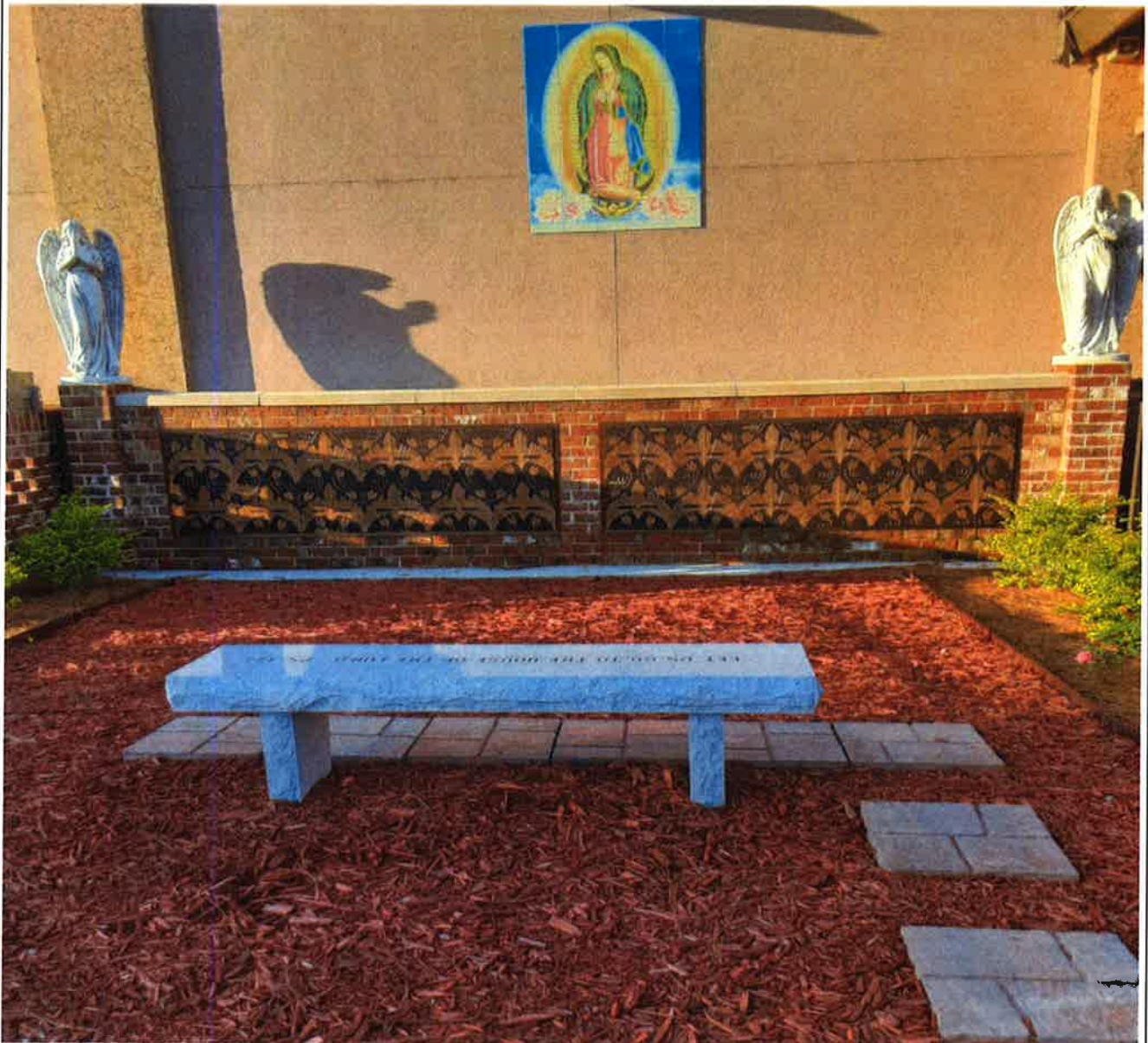
- Meet with the Priest is who is to perform the ceremony
- Bring Baptism and Confirmation certificates
- Must complete a pre-Cana (marriage) class either through the Diocese of Savannah, Arch-Diocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of St Augustine.
- Complete all necessary forms
- At least one of the witnesses **must be** Catholic.



ST PAUL'S COLUMBARIUM



*St Paul now offers a
serene and sacred place
for deceased loved ones.*



“LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD” P.S. 122



A Haunting Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“What are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

**[Eli] said to Samuel,
“Go to sleep, and if you are
called, reply, ‘Speak, LORD,
for your servant is listening.’”**

1 SAMUEL 3:9

Reflect

**When you pray,
what are you looking for?**



Dear Padre,

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

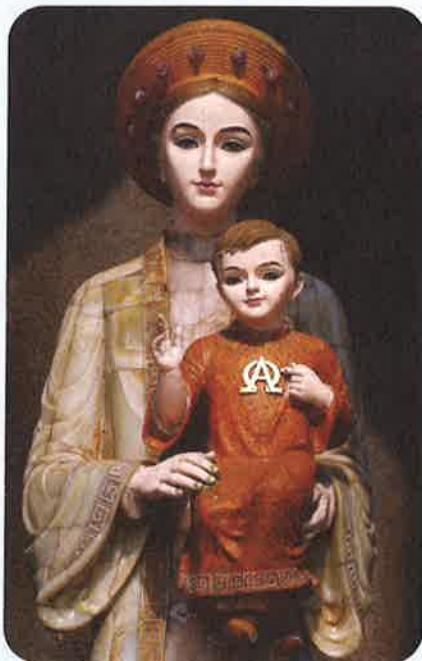
The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



FRESCO OF APOSTLE ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST BY PIETRO GAGLIARDI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



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May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.

**ANGELUS, ROME,
JANUARY 17, 2021**

MONDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

TUESDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

WEDNESDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
40–51

Mk 3:1–6

THURSDAY

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

FRIDAY

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

SATURDAY

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19,
23–27

Mk 3:20–21

SUNDAY

January 21

*Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

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