



January 22– January 28

Tuesday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration: 11:00-noon, Rosary-11:30am

Wednesday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration: 11:00-noon, Rosary-11:30am

Thursday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration: 11:00-noon, Rosary-11:30am

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

St. William Catholic Church

807 S. Merrimac Dr., Fitzgerald

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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



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

**REFLECTION: By choosing to repent
we can change our lives.**

The readings of this liturgy are especially chosen to highlight the theme of repentance. Jonah, a reluctant Jewish prophet, was sent to preach repentance to the Ninevites, the sworn enemies of Israel. As a fervent patriot he had no enthusiasm for the job and begrudged God squandering his mercy on non-Jews. He would have preferred to see the city of Nineveh destroyed rather than its people converted, but God thought otherwise. These people were important to him and worth calling to repentance. To Jonah's annoyance, when he preached, the people mended their ways and their city was spared. God's call to repentance is based on his love and respect for us.

What is striking about the apostles' response to the call of Jesus was their realization that something better was on offer. They sensed that Jesus was inviting them to a higher way of life and they saw themselves, not as they were, but as they could be. To such an invitation there could only be one response: to repent and believe the Good News. The Gospel gives us a picture of what is involved in the process. Leaving our nets and disentangling ourselves from worldly pursuits in order to follow Jesus is an ongoing battle and the challenge of a lifetime. We have to constantly look at our sinfulness, re-assess our behavior in light of the Gospel, and if need be make a fresh start.

We need to repent and change our ways no less than the people of Nineveh. The story of Jonah speaks to us about our own closed minds, hardened attitudes, and bigotry; hatred and prejudice are deeply ingrained in our being, and can be rooted out only by repentance and a change of heart. By choosing to repent we can change our lives.

THE EUCHARIST

"BECOMING THE EUCHARIST WE CELEBRATE"

PARISH RETREAT FEBRUARY 3, 2024

**"The Church draws her life from the
Eucharist" – Pope St. John Paul II,
"Ecclesia de Eucharistia"**

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with Examination of Conscience with
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9:00am: Orientation Coffee

9:15-10:30am: Reflection I
"Ecclesia de Eucharistia,"

Pope St. John Paul II

On the Eucharist and on Its Relationship to
the Church – Fr. Paul O'Connell

10:30am-10:45am: Coffee Break

10:45-11:30am: Reflection II

On the Road to Emmaus (I) (Luke 24:13-32)

Mr. Roy ' Teacher,
Exploring the . f the Eucharist

11:45 Lunch

12:45pm-1:45pm: Reflection III

Second Vatican Council Constitution on the
Sacred Liturgy, "Sacrosanctum Concilium"
and the Wisdom of the Saints on the
Eucharist – Fr. Paul O'Connell

1:45pm-2:00pm: Coffee Break

2:15pm-3:00pm: Reflection IV

On the Road to Emmaus (II) (Luke 24:32-35)

Roy Ornelas, Becoming a Eucharistic People

3:15pm: Final Prayer and Dismissal

Reflexión

Las lecturas de esta liturgia se eligen especialmente para resaltar el tema del arrepentimiento. Jonás, un profeta judío reacio, fue enviado a predicar el arrepentimiento a los ninivitas, los enemigos jurados de Israel. Como ferviente patriota, no sentía entusiasmo por el trabajo y le disgustaba Dios desperdiciar su misericordia con los no judíos. Habría preferido ver la ciudad de Nínive destruida antes que su gente convertida, pero Dios pensó de otra manera. Estas personas eran importantes para él y valía la pena llamarlas al arrepentimiento. Para disgusto de Jonás, cuando predicó, el pueblo enmendó sus caminos y su ciudad se salvó. El llamado de Dios al arrepentimiento se basa en su amor y respeto por nosotros. Lo sorprendente de la respuesta de los apóstoles al llamado de Jesús fue su comprensión de que se les ofrecía algo mejor. Sintieron que Jesús los estaba invitando a una forma de vida más elevada y se vieron a sí mismos, no como eran, sino como podrían ser. A tal invitación sólo podía haber una respuesta: arrepentirse y creer en la Buena Nueva. El Evangelio nos da una imagen de lo que implica el proceso. Dejar nuestras redes y desenredarnos de las actividades mundanas para seguir a Jesús es una batalla continua y el desafío de toda la vida. Tenemos que mirar constantemente nuestra pecaminosidad, reevaluar nuestro comportamiento a la luz del Evangelio y, comenzar de nuevo. Necesitamos arrepentirnos y cambiar nuestras costumbres no menos que el pueblo de Nínive. La historia de Jonás nos habla de nuestras propias mentes cerradas, actitudes endurecidas e intolerancia; El odio y el prejuicio están profundamente arraigados en nuestro ser y sólo pueden ser desarraigados mediante el arrepentimiento y un cambio de corazón.

JUBILEO DE ORO Y PLATA

Misa de aniversario, aniversarios de boda 25 o 50 en 2024, 10 de febrero de 2024, 10:00 a. m. en la Catedral-Basílica de Savannah. Confirme su asistencia antes del 25 de enero: 912-201-4068 o diosav.org/gold-and-silver.



“CONVERTIRSE EN EUCARISTÍA NOSOTROS CELEBRAMOS” RETIRO PARROQUIAL 3 DE FEBRERO

“La Iglesia recibe su vida de la Eucaristía” –
Papa San Juan Pablo II,
“Ecclesia de Eucaristía”

8:00 am: Misa por el Perdón de los Pecados
con Examen de Conciencia con Absolución
General

9:00am: Café de Orientación

9:15-10:30 am: Reflexión I
“Ecclesia de Eucharistia”

Papa San Juan Pablo II
Sobre la Eucaristía y su relación con la
Iglesia – P. Paul O'Connell

10:30-10:45: Pausa para el café

10:45-11:30 am: Reflexión II
En el camino a Emaús (I) (Lucas 24:13-32)
Sr. Roy Ornelas, Maestro de RICA,
Explorando las raíces judías de la Eucaristía

11:45-12:30: Almuerzo

12:45-1:45: Reflexión III
Constitución del Concilio Vaticano II sobre
la Sagrada Liturgia, “Sacrosanctum
Concilium” y la Sabiduría de los Santos
sobre la Eucaristía – P. Paul O'Connell

1:45-2:00: Pausa para el café

2:15-3:00: Reflexión IV
En el camino a Emaús (II) (Lucas 24:32-35)
Roy Ornelas, Convertirse en pueblo

No hay comida Para comer en las aulas, los pasillos, los baños, la capilla diurna y la iglesia principal. ¡La comida solo se puede comer en el salón social!

FYI
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

RAFFLE TICKETS - The Knights are selling raffle tickets (proceeds for Knights of Columbus state charities). The tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20. Winners receive cash prizes!

GOLD AND SILVER JUBILEE

Anniversary Mass, 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2024, February 10, 2024, 10:00am at Savannah Cathedral-Basilica. RSVP by January 25: 912-201-4068 or diosav.org/gold-and-silver.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul

FY Offertory Budget	\$275,000.00
Received to date	154,270.00
Received 1-14-24	4,616.00
FY Bldg Fund Budget	\$65,000.00
Received to date	22,442.00
Received 1-14-24	50.00

St. Paul 1-14-24	AdditionalCollect.
Black,Indian Missions	378.00

Offertory: St. William

Sunday (1-14-24): \$285.00

Offertory: Holy Family

Sunday (1-14-24): \$445.00

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/childyouthprotection
Or call 888-357-5330 to report knowledge of abuse.

CAPÍTULO PARA LA PROTECCIÓN DE NIÑOS

Visite la página Web de la diócesis para leer el código: www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection o 888-357-5330.

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, Marv 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.

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Reflection I

**'Ecclesia de Eucharistia'- Pope St. John Paul II
On the Eucharist on its relationship to the Church.- Fr Paul O'Connell**

10.30am-10.45 am Coffee break

10.45- 11.30am **Reflection II**

On The Road To Emmaus (I) (Lk24:13-32)

Mr. Roy Ornelas RCIA Teacher.

Exploring the Jewish roots of the Eucharist.

11.45 -12.30 LUNCH

12.45 – 1.45. **Reflection III: Second Vatican Council Constitution on
The Sacred Liturgy 'Sacrosanctum Concilium' and the wisdom of the
Saints on the Eucharist. Fr Paul O'Connell.**

1.45 – 2.00 Coffee Break.

2.15 – 3.00 **Reflection IV**

**On The Road to Emmaus (II) (Lk24:32-35) Roy Ornelas
Becoming a Eucharistic people.**

3.15:Final prayer and dismissal

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 archieived on our website for viewing anytime.



St Paul Catholic Church and Missions

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2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

What Your Gift Supports

■ 25% | EVANGELIZATION

- Formation and Catechesis
- Black Catholic Ministry
- Cultural Engagement
- Fellowship and Life
- Lay Ministry

■ 25% | RURAL MISSION PARISHES

■ 22% | VOCATIONS

- Seminarian Education
- Office of Vocations
- Office of Permanent Diaconate

■ 8% | CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- Catholic Scholarship Fund
- Program Services
- Youth & Young Adult Ministries

■ 7% | SOCIAL SERVICES OUTREACH CENTERS

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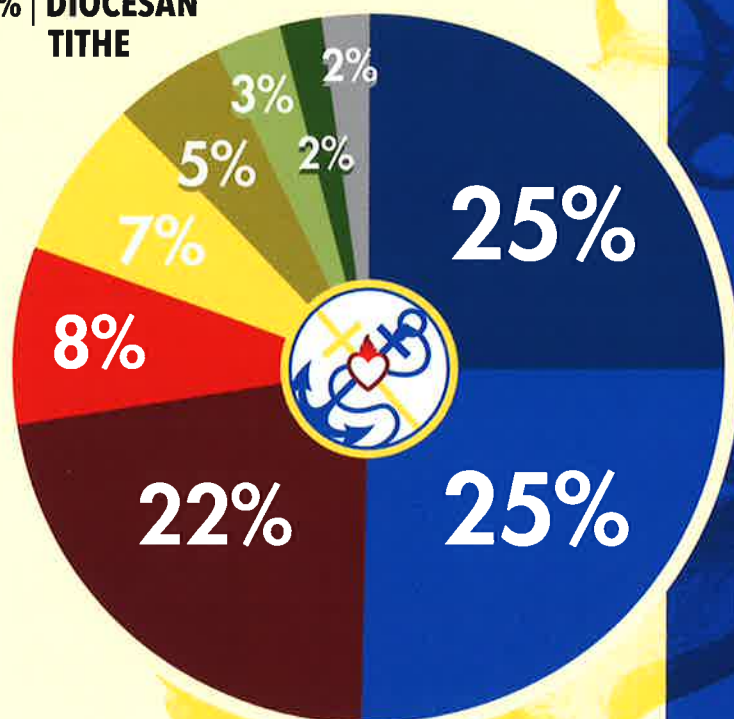
■ 3% | CANONICAL MINISTRIES

- Tribunal Office
- Archives
- Child & Youth Protection

■ 2% | CHAPLAINCY

- Prison
- Hospital
- Port

■ 2% | DIOCESAN TITHE



Te Deum Circle

Te Deum [laudamus] (Latin: O God, we praise You) is an ancient liturgical hymn of joy and praise to the Holy Trinity. It is traditionally sung as an offering of thanksgiving to God for a special blessing, as well as on December 31 in gratitude for God's gifts during the year.

Gratias Agimus Tibi

(We Give Thanks to You)

Consecutive donor every year for 5+ years

Benefit: A thank you card from Bishop Parkes for being a leader in the Diocese

Laudamus Te

(We Praise You)

Donors \$2,000-\$4,999

Benefit: All of the above, including an invitation to a private Mass and Reception with Bishop Parkes

Benedicimus Te

(We Bless You)

Donors \$5,000-\$9,999

Benefit: All of the above, including a special annual gift

Adoramus Te

(We Adore You)

Donors \$10,000-\$14,999

Benefit: All of the above, including a family photo with Bishop Parkes at the private Mass and Reception

Glorificamus Te

(We Glorify You)

Donors \$15,000+

Benefit: All of the above, including a personal dinner with Bishop Parkes



"I am the Youth Minister and Co-Director of Religious Education. My presence is important because we teach the Faith to our children and help them become like disciples of Jesus. With your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can keep guiding the future of our church in our Catholic faith."

Mayra Morena

Our Divine Savior, Tifton

"I work as the parish secretary, but I got my start as a catechist and then the Director of Religious Education. I have been a lector and coordinator of our Youth Ministry Program. My presence in my ministries is so vital because I not only grow in my own Faith, but I get to share the Good News of Jesus with others and help them to know, to love, and to serve Him. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps us spread the Good News to all of the people we come in contact with, especially those who are most in need of His message and love."



Sharon Carson

St. Benedict the Moor, Savannah



"I am in my fifth year of the Deaconate program. As a volunteer at the Christian Service Center, I help provide food to the needy and those on the fringes of society. My presence is important to offering assistance and comfort to the underprivileged and those who suffer from poverty. The Annual Catholic Appeal

is about serving your neighbor and serving God. Your gift is an opportunity to show the humanity of Jesus to our community."

Hoa Nguyen

Sacred Heart, Warner Robins

"As the Director of Religious Education, my presence is important because I model for my students what it means to live by Gospel values and what it means to believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports my ministry and with your contributions we can keep building the Kingdom of God."

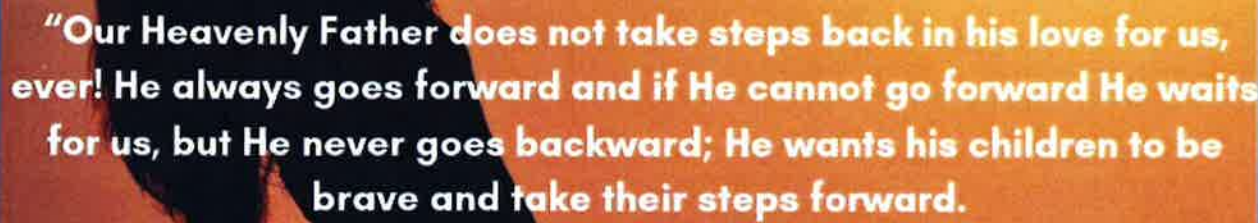


Sheryl Dasinger

St. John the Evangelist, Valdosta



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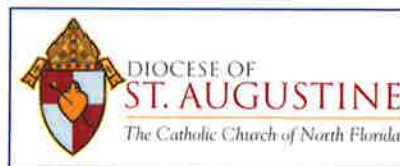
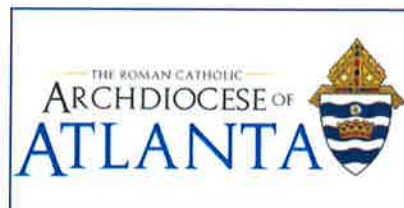
"Our Heavenly Father does not take steps back in his love for us, ever! He always goes forward and if He cannot go forward He waits for us, but He never goes backward; He wants his children to be brave and take their steps forward.

-Pope Francis



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

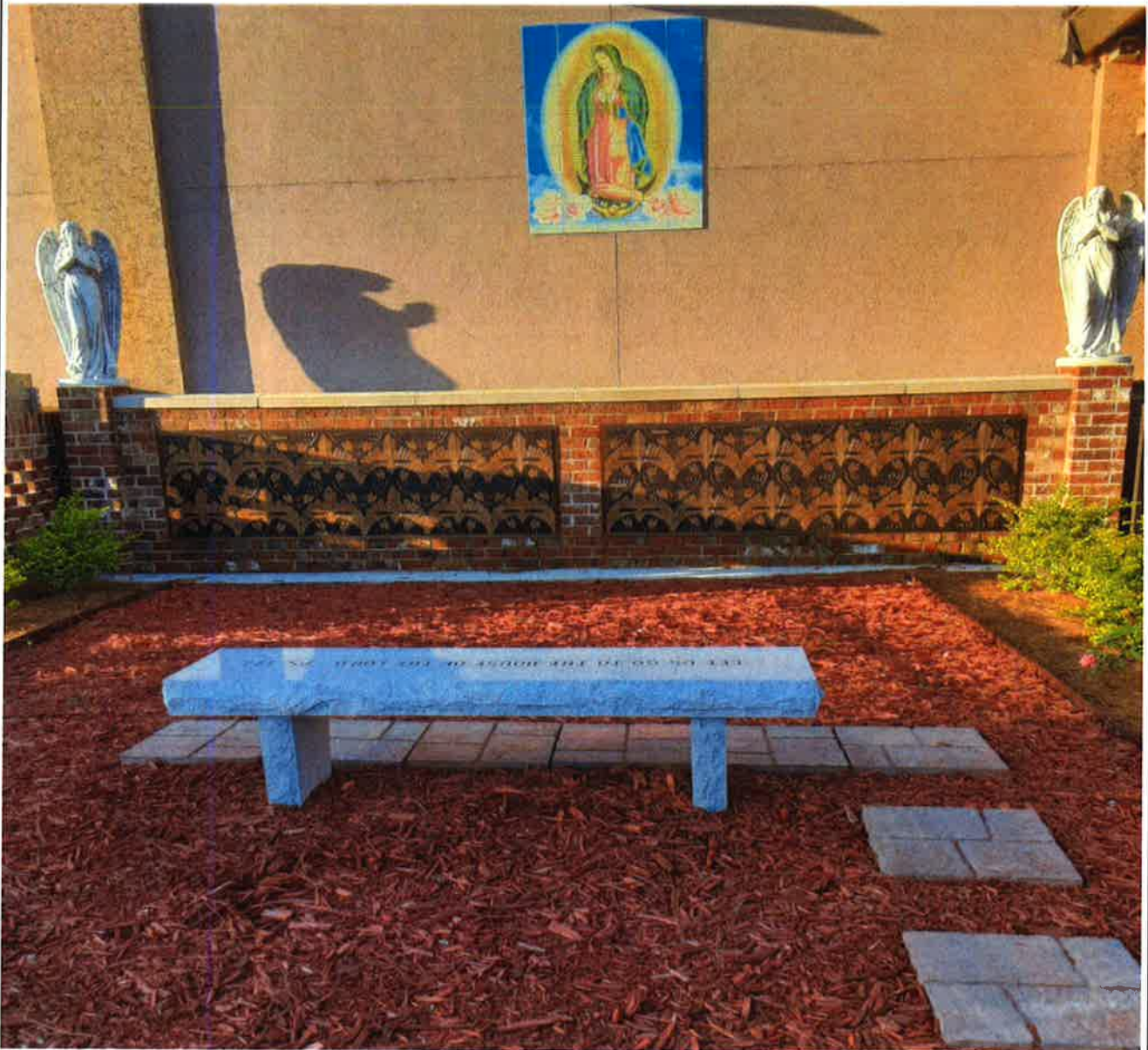
- Meet with the Priest is who is to perform the ceremony
- Bring Baptism and Confirmation certificates
- Must complete a pre-Cana (marriage) class either through the Diocese of Savannah, Arch-Diocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of St Augustine.
- Complete all necessary forms
- At least one of the witnesses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



ST PAUL'S COLUMBARIUM



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

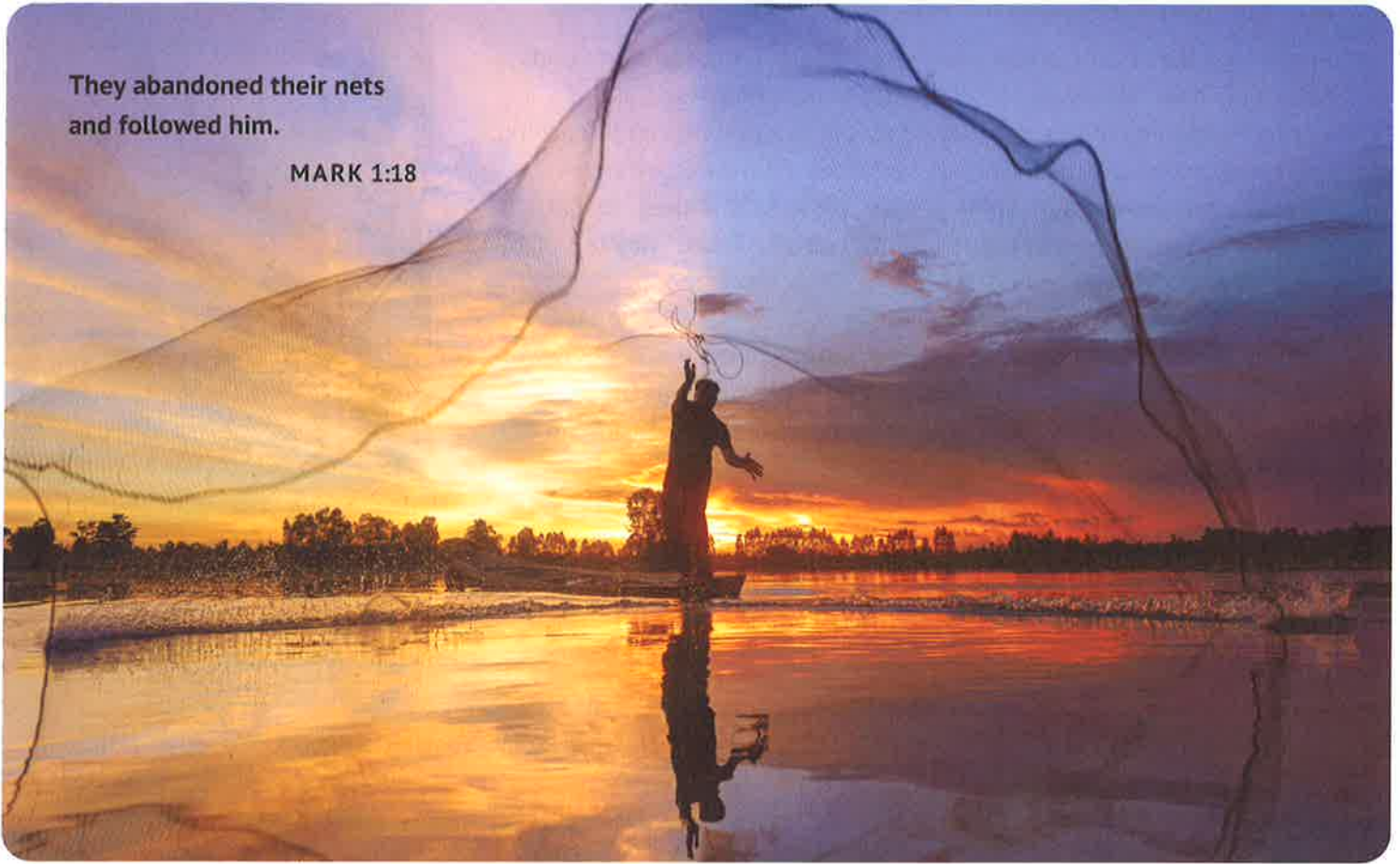


"LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD" P.S. 122



They abandoned their nets
and followed him.

MARK 1:18



A New World Is Coming

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Our lives are filled with calls of one kind or another. Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, “Next!” And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that “the world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God’s call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday’s Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn’t live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God’s new world will be? ●

Reflect

To what is God calling you, your community, our nation?

Dear Padre,

While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.

Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice. ●



Fr. Victor Karls, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday 2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19 Mk 3:31–35	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4–17 Mk 4:1–20	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 Mk 16:15–18	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5 Mk 4:26–34	Weekday 2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17 Mk 4:35–41	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15–20 1 Cor 7:32–35 Mk 1:21–28



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which can reach us in a thousand ways—through others, happy or sad events—our attitude at times might be rejection. But God's call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021

Pope Francis meets with "Phone Friend" volunteers of the Samaritans Italy in 2017. © L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO