



January 29– February 4

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

First Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, Mass-12:00pm

Saturday: Parish Retreat, 8:00am-3:00pm

Sunday:

8:00am - English, Holy Family

9:30am - English, St. Paul

12:00pm - Misa Español, St. Paul

5:00pm – English/Español, St. William

**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

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126 Holy Family Rd., Willacoochee

Administration □ Administración

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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**

No cost!! All are Welcome!

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

**"The Church is a Field Hospital at the
scene of a Battle."
--His Holiness, Pope Francis**

**Our Mission
Statement
Declaración
de Misión**

**"La Iglesia es un hospital de campaña
en el escenario de una batalla."
--Su Santidad, el Papa Francisco**



REFLECTION: *They sensed that somehow he was different; this was the word of God.*

Occasionally when public figures speak, we refuse to take them seriously because they convey the impression that they are not sincere and are merely voicing the party line. The term “credibility gap” is one way of expressing our suspicion that there is no depth to their fine words. The most fundamental criticism we can make of any person is to say that they are not one of their word. Every age has its true and false prophets. In today’s Gospel we are told that Christ spoke with authority and conviction; he never was a dictator, yet he spoke with authority and conviction; he was nailed to the cross. His preaching had a great impact on all open-minded people who were listening. Its effects were staggering because he spoke from the heart and was fired with enthusiasm for the truth. As a leader Jesus had no political pull or military clout, and yet people were spellbound and challenged to the core of their being by the compelling power of what he was saying.

The crowds weren’t captivated by him just because he was a gifted preacher who told them what they wanted to hear. When he spoke, everyone detected a ring of truth in his every word. They sensed that somehow or other he was different; this was the word of God. We do not have to know the Gospel by heart to realize that Jesus speaks on every aspect of human life—and he does not offer what he has to say as a personal opinion, or a studied conclusion, but as rooted in reality and truth. Jesus makes it clear that he is the sole voice of God in the world, speaking the final word from God the Father. He emphasizes that what he says is the standard expected of us—and the test we must pass if we are to reach heaven.



**“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”**

8:00am: Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins
with Examination of Conscience with
General Absolution

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 Ornelas, RCIA Teacher,

Exploring the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

11:45am-12:30pm: 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

REFLEXIÓN: Sintieron que de alguna manera él era diferente; esta era la palabra de Dios.

A veces, cuando hablan figuras públicas, nos negamos a tomarlas en serio porque dan la impresión de que no son sinceras y que simplemente están expresando la línea del partido. La crítica más fundamental que podemos hacer a cualquier persona es decir que no cumple su palabra. Cada época tiene sus verdaderos y falsos profetas. En el Evangelio de hoy se nos dice que Cristo habló con autoridad y convicción; nunca fue un dictador, pero habló con autoridad y convicción; fue clavado en la cruz. Su predicación tuvo un gran impacto en todas las personas de mente abierta que la escuchaban. Sus efectos fueron asombrosos porque habló desde el corazón y estaba entusiasmado por la verdad. Como líder, Jesús no tenía fuerza política ni influencia militar y, sin embargo, la gente estaba hechizada y desafiada hasta lo más profundo de su ser por el poder convincente de lo que decía.

Las multitudes no quedaron cautivadas por él sólo porque era un predicador talentoso que les decía lo que querían oír. Cuando habló, todos detectaron un toque de verdad en cada una de sus palabras. Sintieron que de alguna manera él era diferente; esta era la palabra de Dios. No tenemos que saber el Evangelio de memoria para darnos cuenta de que Jesús habla sobre todos los aspectos de la vida humana, y no ofrece lo que tiene que decir como una opinión personal o una conclusión estudiada, sino como algo arraigado en la realidad y la verdad. Jesús deja en claro que él es la única voz de Dios en el mundo, quien pronuncia la última palabra de Dios Padre. Destaca que lo que dice es el estándar que se espera de nosotros y la prueba que debemos pasar si queremos llegar al cielo.

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!

BOLETOS PARA LA RIFA - Los Caballeros están vendiendo boletos para la rifa (ingresos para organizaciones benéficas estatales de Caballeros de Colón). Los boletos cuestan \$5.00 cada uno o un libro de 5 por \$20. ¡Los ganadores reciben premios en efectivo!



**“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 Eucharistia”

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

FYI
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~

**BAPTISM AND GODPARENTING FOR
TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS**

(from *St. Anthony Messenger*, Feb. 2024)

Can a transgender person be baptized or become a godparent? On Nov. 8, 2023, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith posted on its website the official response to these questions, approved by Pope Francis on Oct. 31, 2023.

A child of a same-sex couple in a civil union can be baptized, the Dicastery responded. An adult who has undergone hormone treatment or gender reassignment surgery can be baptized. If that person was previously baptized, the parish baptismal record is not to be changed. Gay people living as a couple can be godparents at Baptism, requiring “pastoral prudence” to avoid scandal or confusion among the faithful—with the well-founded hope that the child will be raised a Catholic.

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!

Donut Sponsors Needed

More donut sponsors are needed to continue this monthly ministry—you simply give \$20 for one month. Please see Lisa McKinnon to sign up.

Called to Care

We are collecting through March tee-shirts, socks, under garments and little blankets for boys and girls of all sizes. Please share our blessings.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul

FY Offertory Budget	\$275,000.00
Received to date	158,996.00
Received 1-21-24	4,726.00
FY Bldg Fund Budget	\$65,000.00
Received to date	22,627.00
Received 1-21-24	185.00

Offertory: St. William

Sunday (1-21-24): \$712.00

Offertory: Holy Family

Sunday (1-21-24): \$289.00

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.

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.

Pray for us that we may be healed.

Francesco Abbondanza, Liza Agullo, Tullis Allen, Brenda Atkinson, 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, 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, Rachele 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, 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.&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.

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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 archieved on our website for viewing anytime.



St Paul Catholic Church and Missions

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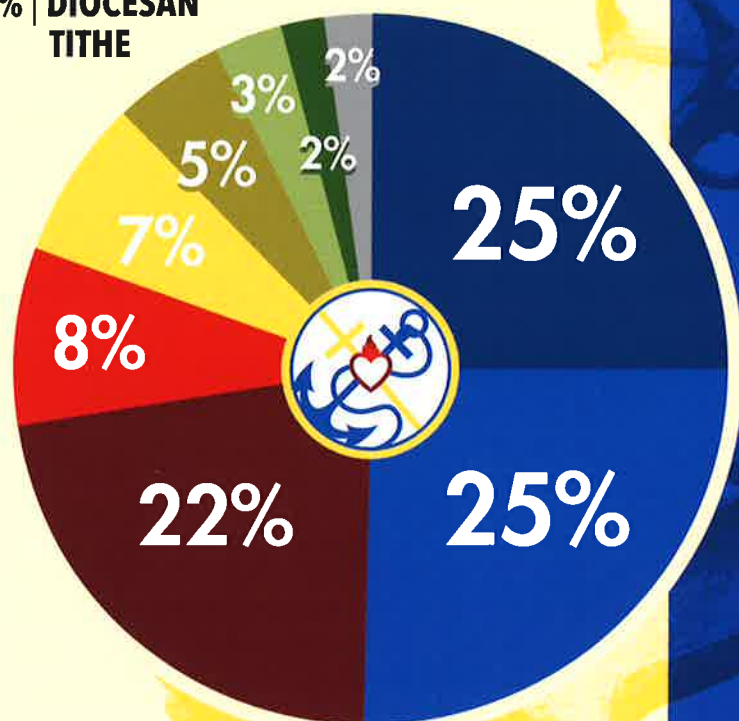
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Te Deum Circle

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

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(We Glorify You)

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"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



The image is a vertical composition with a blue border. It features a silhouette of a person lifting a child into the air. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise sky. The scene is divided into three horizontal sections by blue lines. The top section contains the hashtag #PromiseToProtect. The middle section contains a quote from Pope Francis. The bottom section shows the lower part of the person and child, with the sun's reflection visible on the ground.

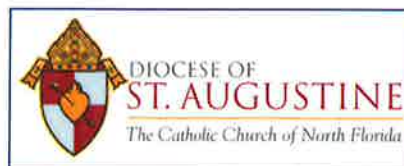
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"Our Heavenly Father does not take steps back in his love for us, ever! He always goes forward and if He cannot go forward He waits for us, but He never goes backward; He wants his children to be brave and take their steps forward.

-Pope Francis

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

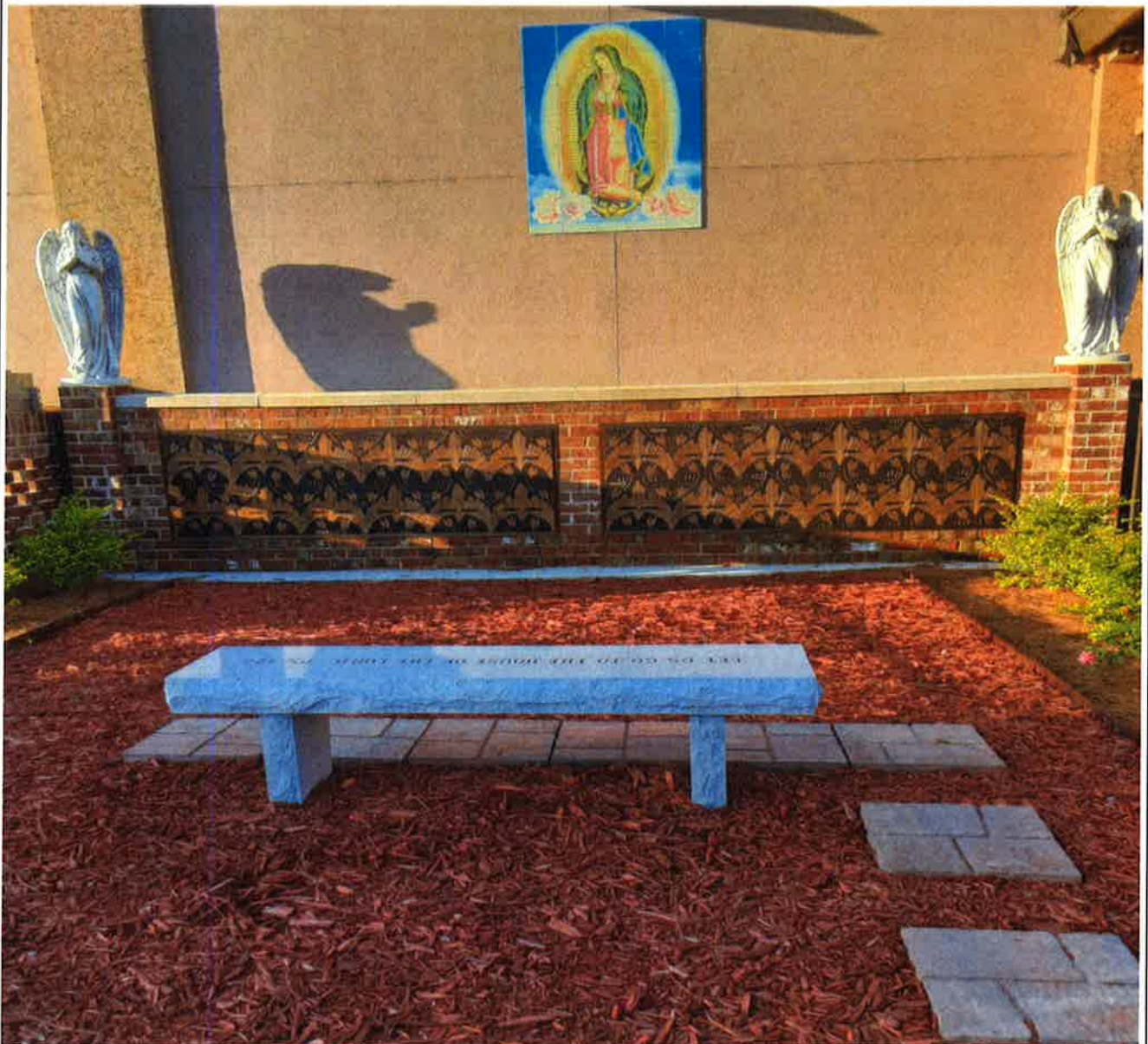
- Meet with the Priest is who is to perform the ceremony
- Bring Baptism and Confirmation certificates
- Must complete a pre-Cana (marriage) class either through the Diocese of Savannah, Arch-Diocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of St Augustine.
- Complete all necessary forms
- At least one of the witnesses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



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*St Paul now offers a
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"LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD" P.S. 122



Love Takes Work

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If you believed your own natural death was imminent, would that affect the decisions you make? When St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, that was his expectation—that the Lord’s return was going to take place quickly, that the Second Coming was just about to occur and could happen at any time.

While St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that it is better to be unmarried than married, the purpose of this advice is to keep life simple and focused on what is important. Don’t make any long-term commitments like buying a field, or starting a business, or even getting married. Be ready and prepared because the end of the world could literally be tomorrow. “I should like

you to be free of anxieties,” he wrote. Much later, St. Paul realized the end was not going to happen as soon as originally expected.

Saint Paul was not against marriage. He would be the first to say that, ideally, marriage can and often does reveal the depths of human love, but he would also say that it takes work; it doesn’t happen all by itself. Just as readily, St. Paul would also note that, ideally, celibacy can and often does reveal the breadth of love given in service to others, whether the celibate

person is lay, a priest, or a religious. It can seem, however, that the unclean spirit that Jesus cast out continues to roam human lives. All of us struggle to live out love as best we can, wherever we find ourselves in life. ●

Reflect

What in your life gets in the way of loving as well as you would wish?

**All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this?
A new teaching with authority. He commands even the
unclean spirits and they obey him.”**

MARK 1:27



Dear Padre,

**Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship?
Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the
teachings of Christ.**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: “The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked” (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus’ preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13–53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says “the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God’s saving love” (CCC 122). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Weekday	Presentation of the Lord	Weekday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12	Mal 3:1–4	1 Kgs 3:4–13	Jb 7:1–4, 6–7
Mk 5:1–20	Mk 5:21–43	Mk 6:1–6	Mk 6:7–13	Heb 2:14–18 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32	Mk 6:30–34	1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23
						Mk 1:29–39



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Do we listen to Jesus’ words, which are authoritative?
Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout
the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And
then...let us ask Jesus: “Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of
God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!”**

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