



January 1 – January 7

Monday: Mass-12:00pm English; 6:30pm Spanish

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: Mass – 6:00pm Bilingual

Sunday

8:00am - English, Holy Family

9:30am - English, St. Paul

12:00pm - Misa Español, St. Paul

5:00pm – English/Español, St. William

****Happy New Year****

“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**

FY
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~

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Ushers for January
Matt Jarrard, John Tomas Jarrard, and
Andrew Smith

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul

FY Offertory Budget	\$275,000.00
Received to date	135,413.10
Received 12-25-23	4693.00
FY Bldg Fund Budget	\$65,000.00
Received to date	20025.00
Received 12-25-23	2020:00

St. Paul 12-10-23	Additional Collect.
Catholic Schools	413.00

Offertory: St. William
Sunday (12-25-23): \$165.00

Offertory: Holy Family
Sunday (12-25-23): \$517.00

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.

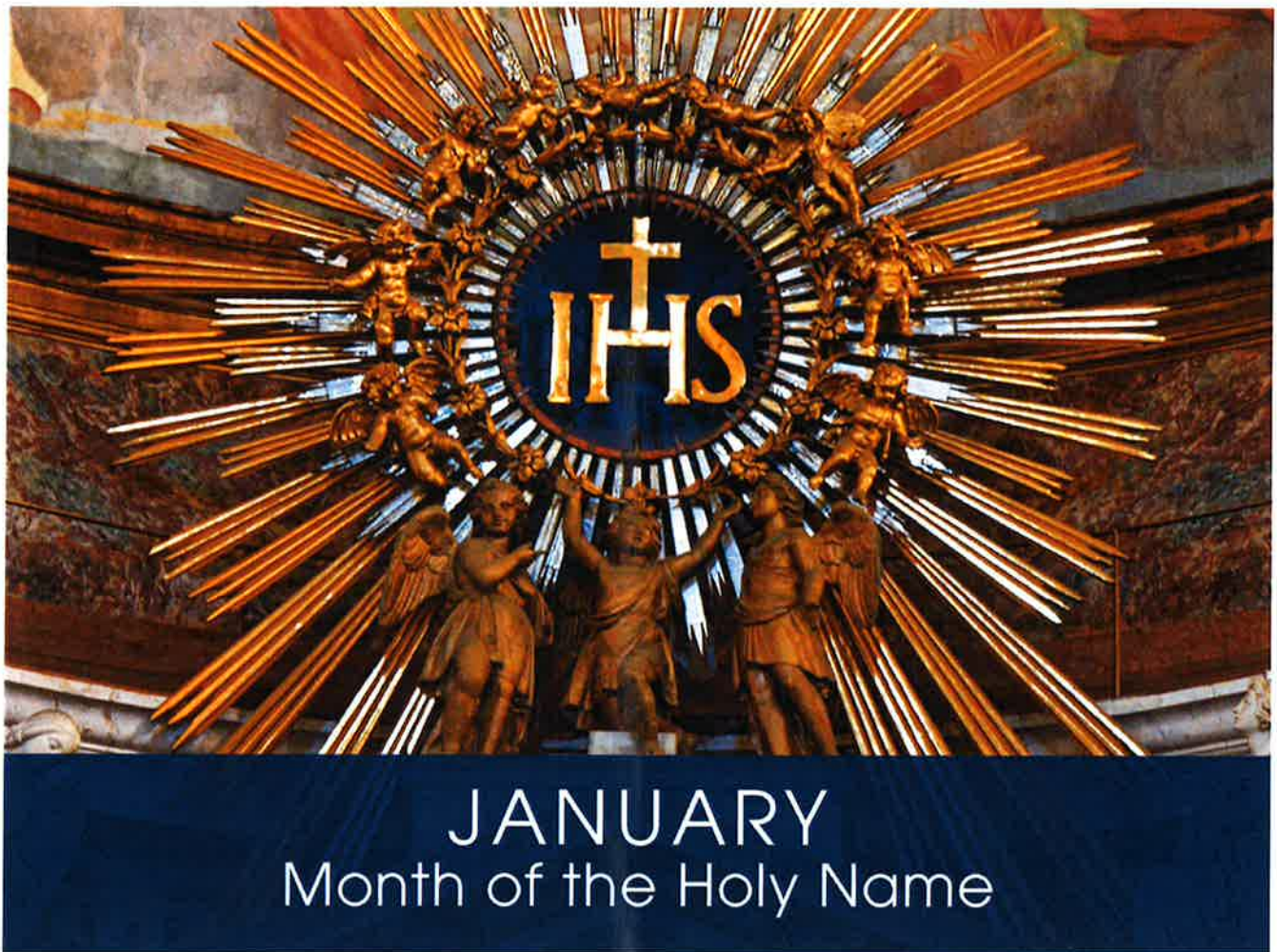
OUR WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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, 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.

Your Holy Light



Jesus, joy of loving hearts, Font of life and light of all, From the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfulfilled to you again. Jesus, ever with us stay; Make all our moments calm and bright; Chase the dark night of sin away; Shed over the world your holy light. Amen.

11th century Latin hymn

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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JESUS
our joy
And seeing the star they rejoiced.

DORASSE-LEBEL & MASSIN

M. 55

23, R. ST SULPICE, PARIS

A vertical image 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 with a bright sun in the upper right. The image 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's legs.

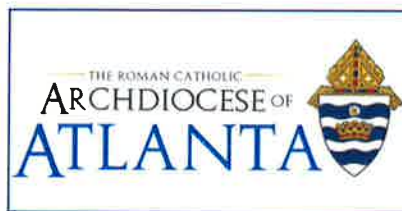
#PromiseToProtect

"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

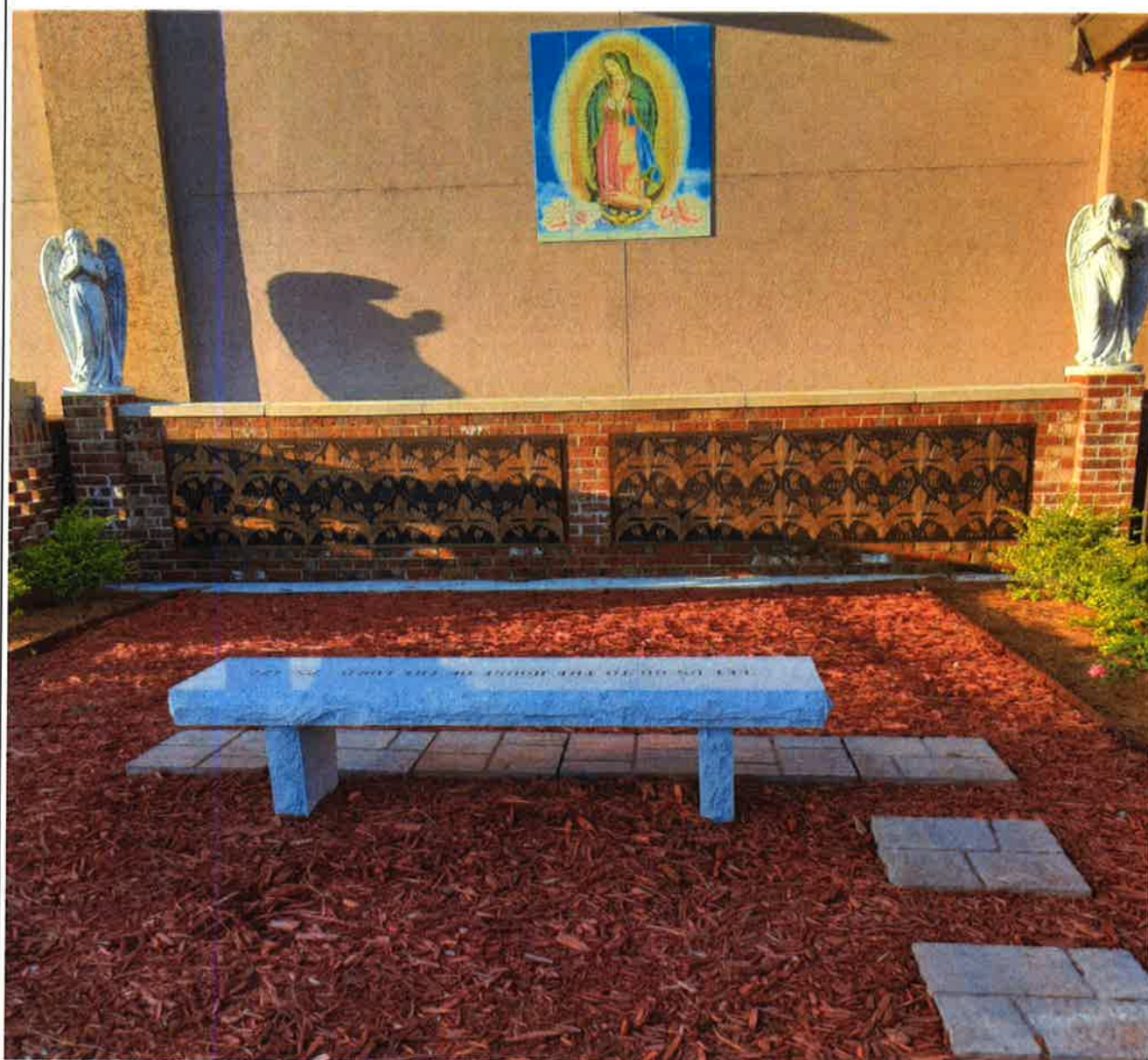
- Meet with the Priest is who is to perform the ceremony
- Bring Baptism and Confirmation certificates
- Must complete a pre-Cana (marriage) class either through the Diocese of Savannah, Arch-Diocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of St Augustine.
- Complete all necessary forms
- At least one of the witnesses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



Family Gifts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any “have-tos” whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one’s home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father’s gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents’ acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love” (Colossians 3:12-14). ●

Reflect

What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?



The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom; and the favor of
God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40

Dear Padre,

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●



Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 1 <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34	January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42	January 5 <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 3:11–21 Jn 1:43–51	January 6 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 5:5–13 Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38 or 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38	January 7 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.
Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... [I]f you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace.... And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 27, 2020

HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS ANNE AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (DETAIL), ANDREA MANTEGNA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS