



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

Pastor: Rev. Paul O'Connell

Deacon Ron Milkas

Church Secretary: Janet Benton



PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Mass for the forgiveness of sins with examination of conscience and general absolution on:

Wednesday, March 20

❖ **6:00pm in English**

❖ **8:00pm in Spanish**

All are welcome.



PREPARACIÓN PARA LA PASCUA

Misa para el perdón de los pecados con examen de conciencia y absolución general el:

Miércoles, 20 de Marzo

❖ **6:00 pm en Inglés**

❖ **8:00pm en Español**

Todos son bienvenidos.

March 18 – March 24

Tuesday: No Daily Mass—Father will be in Augusta for presentation on the Eucharist

Wednesday: Mass for the forgiveness of sins with examination of conscience and general absolution:

❖ 6:00pm in English

❖ 8:00pm in Spanish

Thursday: Mass-12:00pm

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

Saturday: Confessions-5:00pm

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

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:

***We are God's grain of wheat,
part of his eternal harvest.***

All the readings point in their different ways towards the passion and death of Christ. Jeremiah tells a shattered Jewish people, going into exile as a punishment for breaking the old covenant, that God will not forsake them. He foresees a time when God will form a new relationship with the people of Israel, based on love and personal respect. God will put a new heart and a new spirit into his people. This focuses our attention on the first Holy Thursday evening, the night before Christ died, when raising the cup Christ introduced the new covenant in his blood, to be shed for the forgiveness of sins.

The second reading tells us that because Jesus suffered and prayed with tears to be saved from death, he can sympathize with our sufferings and help us grow rather than be crushed by them. Jesus knows our plight, is touched by our anguish and distress, and pleads with God the Father on our behalf. In the Gospel Christ speaks his thoughts out loud and expresses repugnance for the terrible ordeal before him. His soul is troubled at the prospect of Calvary and he is tempted to pray for deliverance from it. However, he cannot ask to be spared his agony as God's kingdom will only come through crucifixion and death. His moment of greatest influence will be when he is lifted up on the cross with arms outstretched to embrace all the world. Christ on the cross shows us the depth of evil of which we humans are capable and the heights of love to which we are called. Every Christian is called to live out the passion of Jesus Christ in his own life. No one is excused or spared its agony. There are no crown-bearers in heaven who were not cross-

bearers on earth. Following Christ means travelling the same road, laying down our lives, and leaving everything completely in the hands of God the Father.

To drive home this point, Jesus takes an example from the world of nature. Our lives, like Christ's, must resemble the grain of wheat that goes down into the ground to produce new life. The grain of wheat dying in the earth indicates how we must die to our selfishness before we can start living the life of Christ. Never forget that we are God's grain of wheat, part of his eternal harvest. In every place and in every heart the struggle between evil and good is still with us. The way of the cross begins at our own doorstep, and we are challenged to follow its path. At this time of Lent, we should renew our efforts to remove the layers of human selfishness through which the power of evil have made inroads into our lives.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**EASTER TRIDUUM
AT ST. PAUL, DOUGLAS**

Holy Thursday, March 28 – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29 – The Way of the Cross, the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, March 30 –
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31 –
8:00am - English, Holy Family
9:30am - English, St. Paul
12:00pm - Misa Español, St. Paul
5:00pm – English/Español, St. William

REFLEXIÓN:

Somos el grano de trigo de Dios, parte de su cosecha eterna.

Todas las lecturas apuntan de diferente manera hacia la pasión y muerte de Cristo. Jeremías le dice a un pueblo judío destrozado, que va al exilio como castigo por romper el antiguo pacto, que Dios no los abandonará. Prevé un tiempo en el que Dios formará una nueva relación con el pueblo de Israel, basada en el amor y el respeto personal. Dios pondrá un corazón nuevo y un espíritu nuevo en su pueblo. Esto centra nuestra atención en la tarde del primer Jueves Santo, la noche antes de la muerte de Cristo, cuando alzando la copa Cristo introdujo la nueva alianza en su sangre, que será derramada para el perdón de los pecados.

La segunda lectura nos dice que debido a que Jesús sufrió y oró con lágrimas para ser salvado de la muerte, puede simpatizar con nuestros sufrimientos y ayudarnos a crecer en lugar de ser aplastados por ellos. Jesús conoce nuestra situación, se conmueve por nuestra angustia y angustia y suplica a Dios Padre por nosotros. En el Evangelio, Cristo expresa en voz alta sus pensamientos y expresa repugnancia por la terrible prueba que le espera. Su alma está turbada ante la perspectiva del Calvario y se siente tentado a orar por su liberación. Sin embargo, no puede pedir que se le ahorre su agonía, ya que el reino de Dios sólo llegará mediante la crucifixión y la muerte. Su momento de mayor influencia será cuando sea elevado en la cruz con los brazos extendidos para abrazar a todo el mundo. Cristo en la cruz nos muestra la profundidad del mal del que somos capaces los humanos y las alturas del amor al que estamos llamados.

Todo cristiano está llamado a vivir la pasión de Jesucristo en su propia vida. Nadie se disculpa ni se libra de su agonía. No hay portadores de la corona en el cielo que no hayan sido portadores de la cruz en la tierra. Seguir a Cristo significa recorrer el mismo camino,

entregando la vida y dejando todo completamente en manos de Dios Padre.

Para aclarar este punto, Jesús toma un ejemplo del mundo de la naturaleza. Nuestras vidas, como la de Cristo, deben parecerse al grano de trigo que desciende a la tierra para producir vida nueva. El grano de trigo que muere en la tierra indica cómo debemos morir a nuestro egoísmo antes de poder comenzar a vivir la vida de Cristo. Nunca olvides que somos el grano de trigo de Dios, parte de su cosecha eterna. En cada lugar y en cada corazón la lucha entre el bien y el mal sigue todavía con nosotros. El camino de la cruz comienza en nuestra propia puerta y somos desafiados a seguir su camino. En este tiempo de Cuaresma, debemos renovar nuestros esfuerzos para eliminar las capas de egoísmo humano a través de las cuales el poder del mal ha invadido nuestras vidas.



TRIDUO PASCUAL EN SAN PABLO, DOUGLAS

Jueves Santo, 28 de Marzo – Misa de la Cena del Señor a las 7:00pm con Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta la medianoche

Viernes Santo, 29 de Marzo – El Vía Crucis, la Pasión del Señor a las 3:00pm

Sábado Santo, 30 de Marzo – Vigilia Pascual a las 8:00pm

Domingo de Pascua, 31 de Marzo –
8:00 am - Inglés, Sagrada Familia
9:30 am - Inglés, St. Paul
12:00pm - Misa Español, St. Paul
5:00pm – Inglés/Español, St. William



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!

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.

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!

Called to Care

We are collecting through March tee-shirts, socks, little blankets for boys & girls, all sizes.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul

FY Offertory Budget	\$275,000.00
Received to date	205,494.70
Received 3-10-24	6,169.60
FY Bldg FundBudget	\$144,000.00
Received to date	30,063.74
Received 3-10-24	450.00
Catholic Relief Serv.	519.00

Offertory: St. William

Sunday (3-10-24): \$1,118.00

Offertory: Holy Family

Sunday (3-10-24): \$426.00

CAPÍTULO PARA LA PROTECCIÓN DE NIÑOS

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

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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

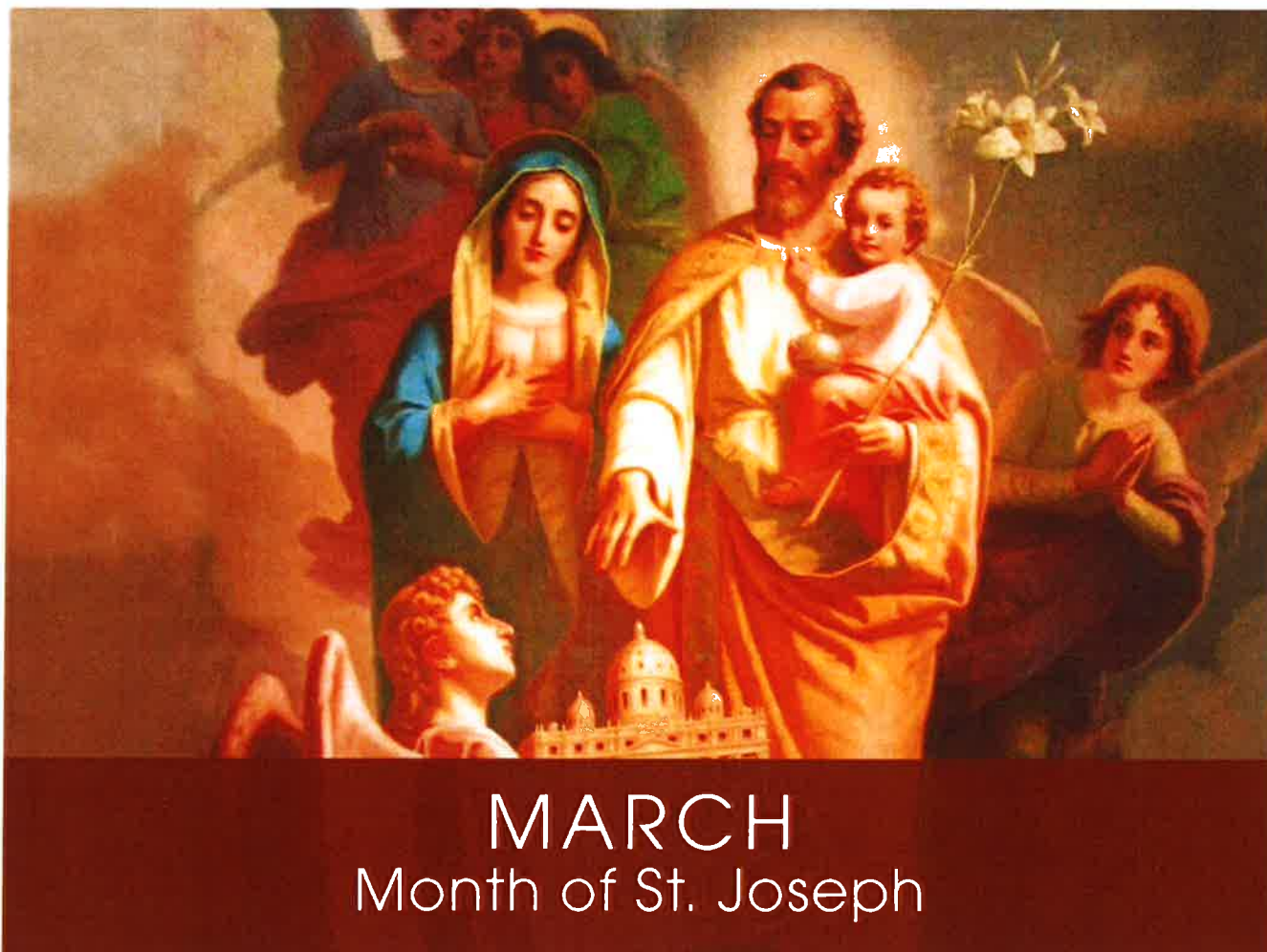
OUR WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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, Jaedon Arvidson, Brenda Atkinson, James Bookhardt, Ann Branch, Logan Brimmond, 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, Isabel Espinoza, Jerry Feltman, Eloise Ferguson, Demarcus Fields, Fr. Daniel Firman, Donna Friant, 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, Bill Jacob, Katoria King, Oscar Kirkland, Amanda Knight, Christy 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, 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, Carmen Willis, Warren Winters, A.D. Young, Mary Young



Month of the St. Joseph

Devotion of the Month

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

LENT

Dive deeper into prayer this Lent with **Hallow**

"I have prayed for a guide during Lent and I have found it!

Thank you Hallow!"



Daily Prayers

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, Examen, or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.



Family Content & Kids Challenge

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, and guide your little ones through the season with our kid's challenge.



Bible Stories & Sleep Content

Close your day with Christ with an Examen, Night Prayer, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.



Scan with your phone
hallow.com/pray



CUARESMA

Profundiza tu oración esta Cuaresma con **Hallow**

“¡He rezado por una guía durante la Cuaresma y la he encontrado! Gracias Hallow”



Oraciones Diarias

Comienza tu día con el Evangelio diario, el Rosario, el Examen o una de las 10,000+ sesiones, que incluyen homilias, estudios bíblicos, y meditaciones diarias.



Contenido para la familia y desafíos para niños

Ora en familia con la preparación semanal para la Misa y guía a los más pequeños durante la temporada con nuestro desafío para niños.



Historias Bíblicas / Para dormir

Termina tu día con Jesús con un Examen, la Oración de la Noche, o un Rosario con invitados como Sofía Carreón, William Levy o Mari Pablo.



Escanea con celular
hallow.com/oremos

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App Store

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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What Your Gift Supports

2024

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

5% | STEWARDSHIP

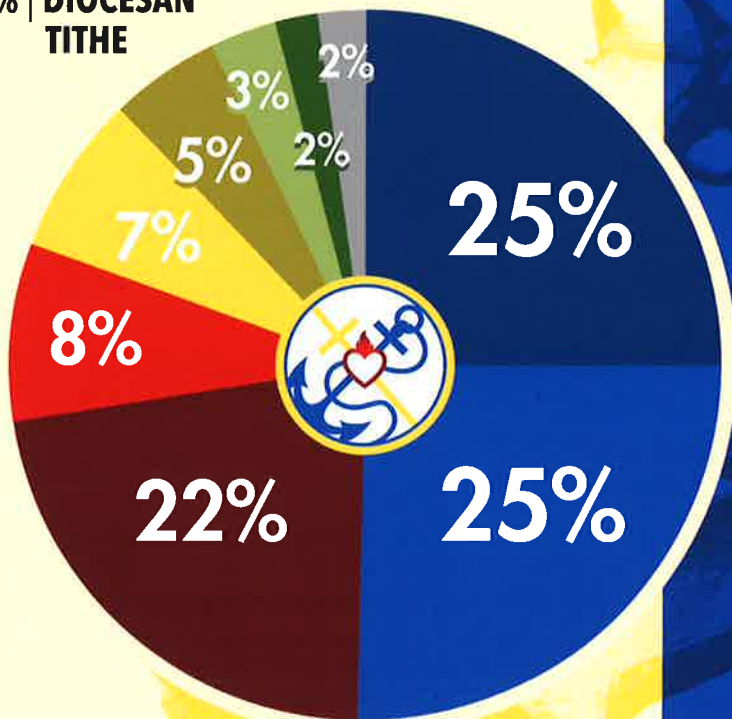
3% | CANONICAL MINISTRIES

- 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

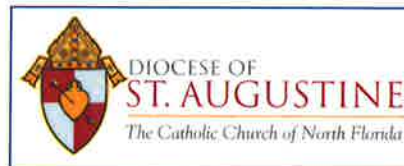
"As the Director of Religious Education, my presence is important because I model for my students what it means to live by Gospel values and what it means to believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports my ministry and with your contributions we can keep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



Sheryl Dasinger
St. John the Evangelist, Valdosta

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

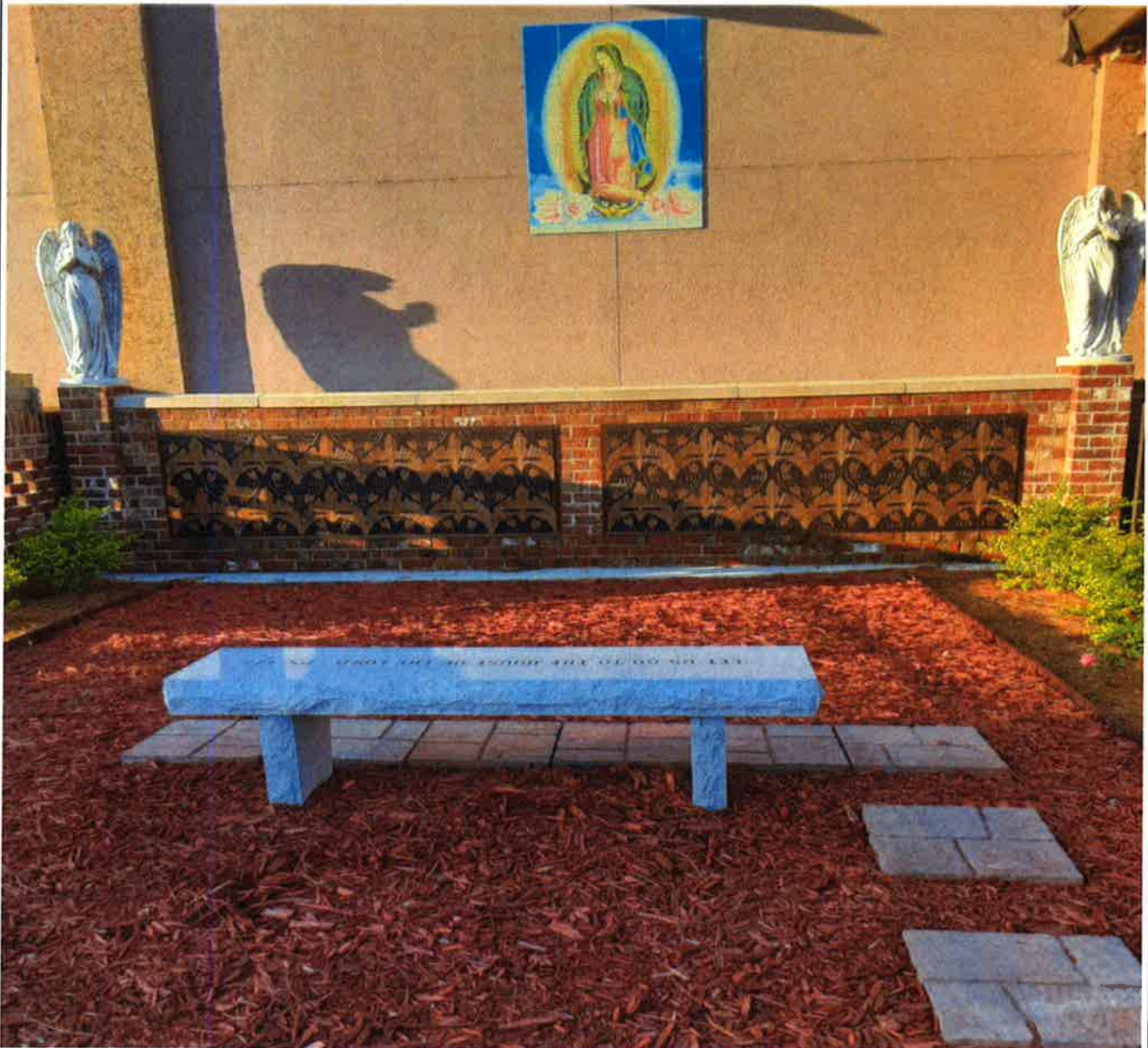
- Meet with the Priest is who is to perform the ceremony
- Bring Baptism and Confirmation certificates
- Must complete a pre-Cana (marriage) class either through the Diocese of Savannah, Arch-Diocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of St Augustine.
- Complete all necessary forms
- At least one of the witnesses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



Learning How to Die

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus “offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears” to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

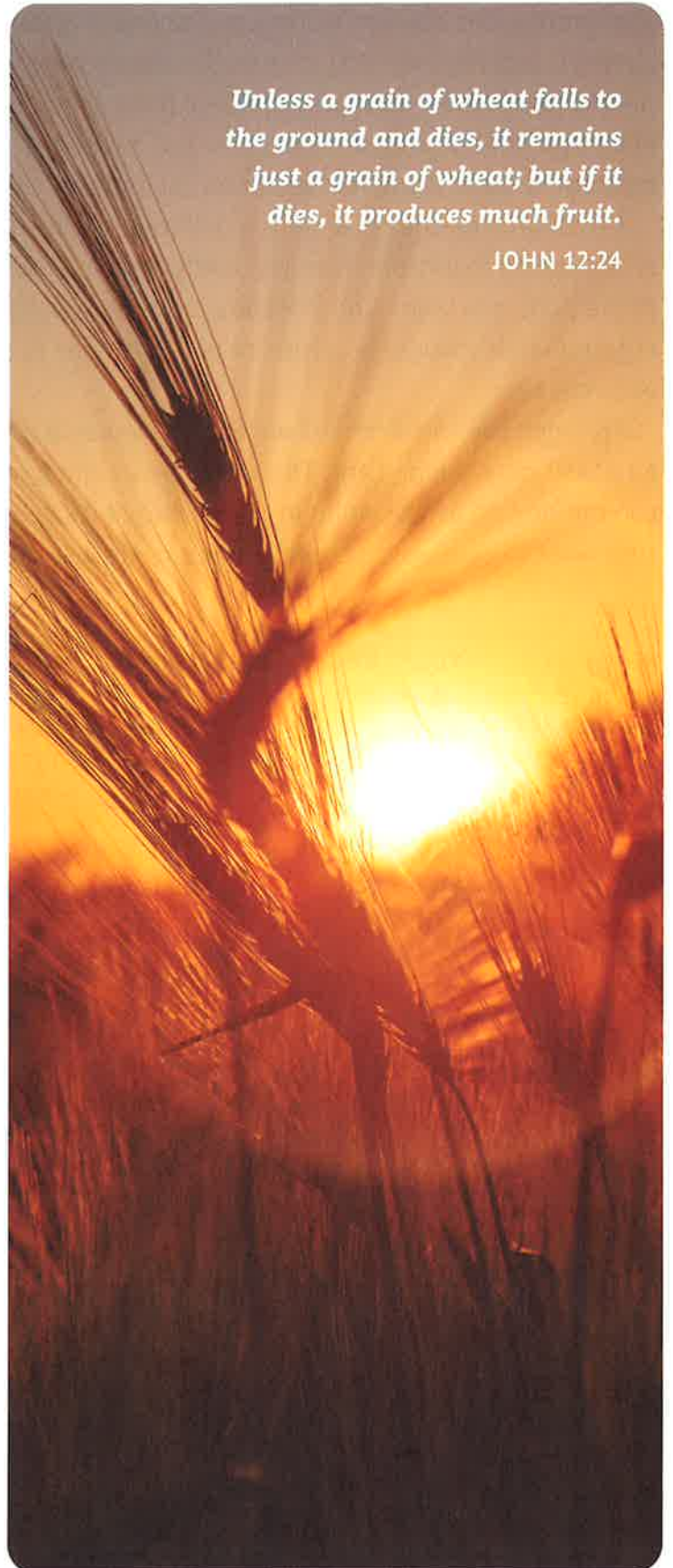
Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say “yes” to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

Reflect

Can you accept the little deaths along the way as preparation for the final passing from this life?

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

JOHN 12:24



Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



ANNA NASSI / SHUTTERSTOCK

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MONDAY

March 18
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

March 19
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

WEDNESDAY

March 20
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY

March 21
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

March 22
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

March 23
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY

March 24
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mk 11:1-10 or
Jn 12:12-16
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?.... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 18, 2018