



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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (as of 3-28-24)

St. Paul

28,709

7,165



25% of goal

Holy Family

2,108

407



19% of goal

St. William

1007

960

257



105% of goal

April 15 – April 21

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

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

FYI
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

RAFFLE TICKETS - The Knights are selling raffle tickets (proceeds for Knights' state charities). The tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20. Sales end on April 14!

****Ushers for April****

Anthony Sacari, Andrew Smith
Matthew Jarrard, John Thomas Jarrard

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul

FY Offertory Budget	\$275,000.00
Received to date	233,974.20
Received 4-7-24	7820.50
FY Bldg Fund Budget	\$144,000.00
Received to date	32775.74
Received 4-1-24	1942.00

Offertory: St. William

Sunday (4-7-24): \$371.00

Offertory: Holy Family

Sunday (4-7-24): \$532.00

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.

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!

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.

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, Jaedon Arvidson, 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, 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, Gilbert Hernandez, Jamie Hersey, Debra Heveder, Elaine Hinson, June Houston, Braylynn Hughes, Matthew Humphrey, George Irving, Bill Jacob, Oscar Kirkland, Amanda Knight, Christy Knight, Ann Koch, Stacy Lewis, Tommy Lindsey, Andrew Lott, Roxanne Maini, 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, John Pfefferle, 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 the Holy Eucharist

Devotion of the Month

The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.

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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4178 US HWY 441 S
Douglas, GA 31535

What Your 2024 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

5% | STEWARDSHIP

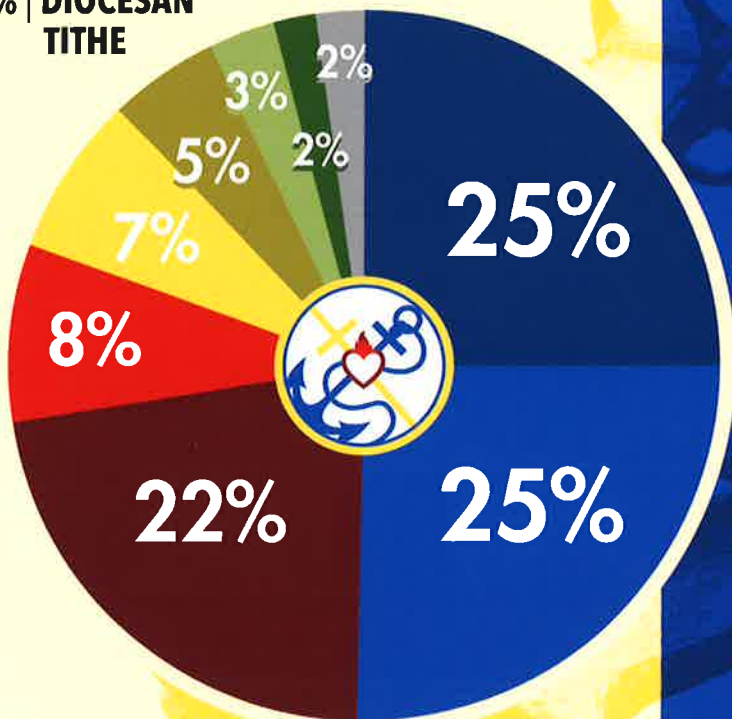
3% | CANONICAL MINISTRIES

- 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

Great Goodness!

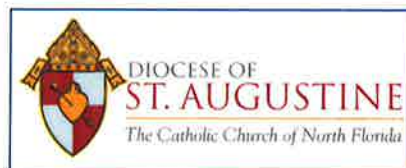
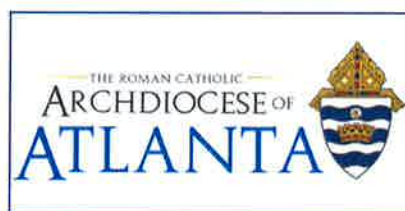


How great is your goodness, dear Lord! Blessed are you forever! May all created things praise you, O God, for loving us so much that we can truthfully speak of your fellowship with humankind, even in this earthly exile; and however virtuous we may be, our virtue always depends on your great warmth and generosity, dear Lord. Your bounty is infinite. How wonderful are your works! Amen.

St. Teresa of Ávila

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

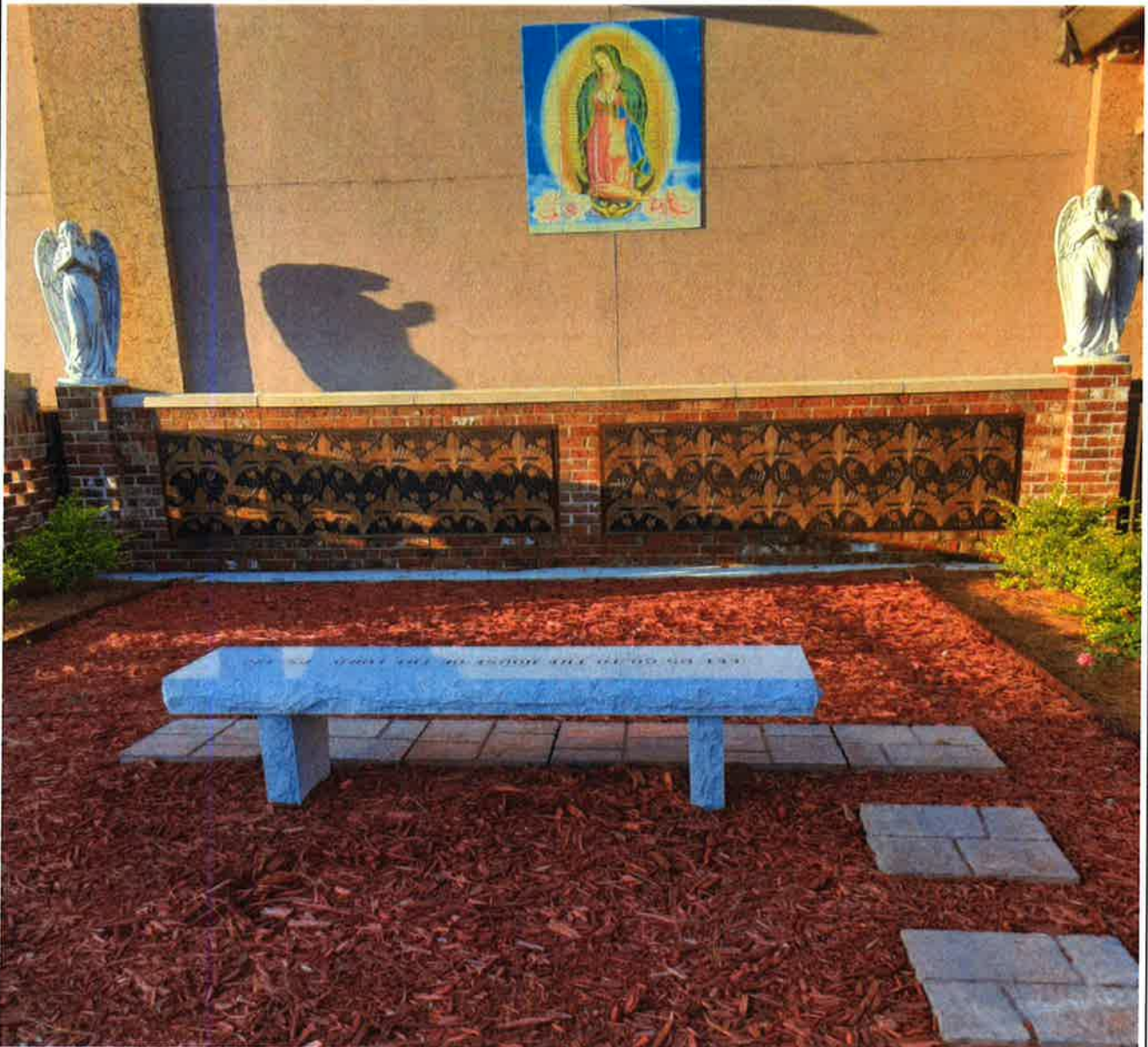
- Meet with the Priest is who is to perform the ceremony
- Bring Baptism and Confirmation certificates
- Must complete a pre-Cana (marriage) class either through the Diocese of Savannah, Arch-Diocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of St Augustine.
- Complete all necessary forms
- At least one of the witnesses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



Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, “Peace be with you,” that’s the sort of peace he’s talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God’s love

over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

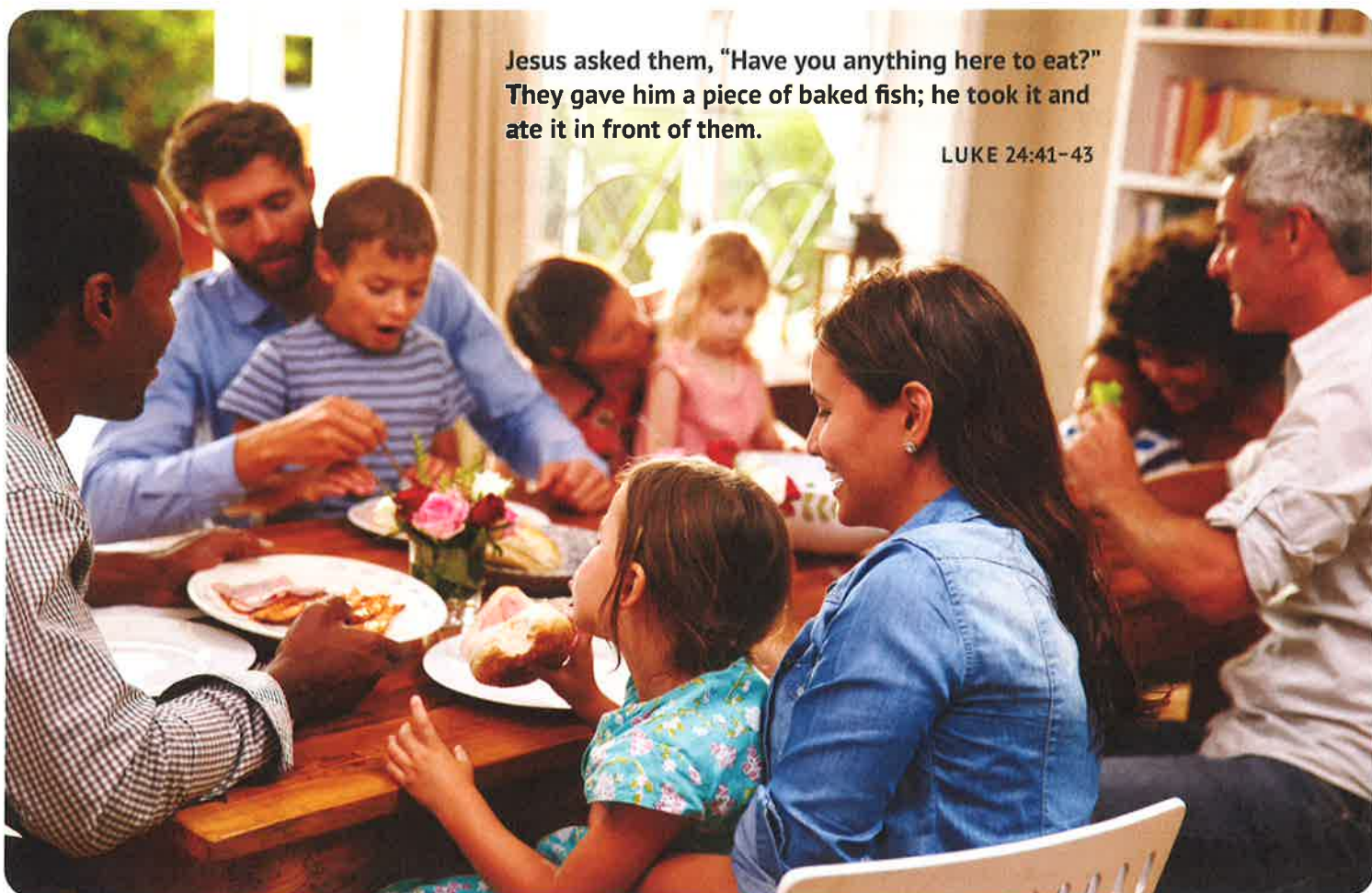
The thing about such peace is that only you know if it’s genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that’s God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it’s not easy to know if that’s God’s peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you’re at peace when everything else around you is not, that’s when you know it’s the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ☀

Reflect

Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?

Jesus asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”
They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and
ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43



Dear Padre

What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording.

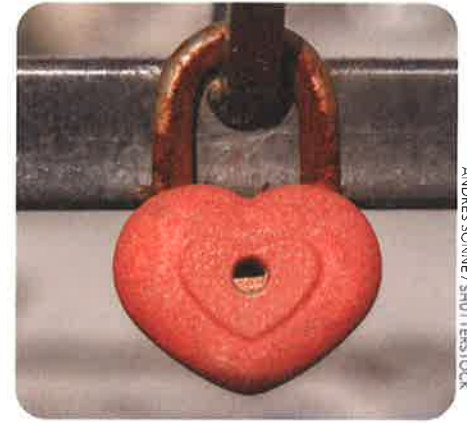
Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. 🍷

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ANDRES SONNE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8–15
Jn 6:22–29

TUESDAY

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51–8:1a
Jn 6:30–35

WEDNESDAY

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b–8
Jn 6:35–40

THURSDAY

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26–40
Jn 6:44–51

FRIDAY

April 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1–20
Jn 6:52–59

SATURDAY

April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31–42
Jn 6:60–69

SUNDAY

April 21
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8–12
1 Jn 3:1–2
Jn 10:11–18

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration.

How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021



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