



**October 20 – October 26**

**Tuesday:** Mass-7:00pm (Spanish)

**Wednesday:** Mass-12:00 noon (English)

**Thursday:** Confessions-6:00pm

Mass-7:00pm (Spanish)

**Friday:** Mass-12:00 noon (English)

**Saturday:**

5:00pm – Confessions

6:00pm – Vigil Mass (English)

**Sunday:**

**8:00am** – Mass, Holy Family (English)

**9:30am** – Mass, St. Paul (English)

**12:00pm** – Mass, St. Paul (Spanish)

**“All of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as part of it, we belong to each other.” Rom 12:5**

***St. Paul Catholic  
Church and Mission***

***Iglesia Católica San  
Pablo y Misione***

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**Parish Website:** www.stpaulmissions.org

**Confessions:** Thursday from 6:00-7:00pm,  
Saturday 5:00-6:00 at St. Paul, or by appointment

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

**126 Holy Family Rd., Willacoochee**

**Administration □ Administración**

**Parochial Administrator:**

**Rev. Saimel Perdomo**

**Deacon Ron Milkas**

**Church Secretary: Janet Benton**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**INTENCIONES DE MISA**

**October 19 – October 25**

**Sunday, Oct. 19 – 9:30 Mass-†Russell Dwight Pridgen**

**Tuesday, Oct. 21 – For Our Parishioners,  
Special Intention**

**Friday, Oct. 24 – John Benton**

**Saturday, Oct. 18 - †Souls in Purgatory**

**Our Mission  
Statement  
Declaración  
de Misión**

**"Nosotros, siendo muchos, formamos  
un solo cuerpo en Cristo, y en ese  
cuerpo cada uno esta al servicio de los  
demás." Rm 12,5**



**Twenty-ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time—Reflection**

Today's readings encourage us to persevere in our faith in God's goodness by being attentive to God's Word.

It is perseverance that wins us the crown. Yet it is the most difficult of all the virtues because of the weakness and inconstancy of the human spirit. One minute we desire to do one thing, but soon after we change our mind. We must keep constant watch over ourselves. The nectar of divine love cannot be distilled into a heart where the old self reigns. To grow in God's love we have to work diligently at letting go of our self-centeredness, and live according to reason, not according to worldly tendencies.

Have courage. The teacher does not always demand that the pupil know the lesson without mistakes. It is enough that the pupil takes care to do its best to learn the lesson. Have you ever seen those who learn to ride a horse? They often fall off. Yet they do not think they are defeated. For it is one thing to be beaten sometimes, and quite another thing to be vanquished.

We do not always have to feel courageous and strong. It is enough to hope that God will give us the strength and courage when and where we need them. Surely Our Lord would never exhort the faithful to persevere if he were not ready to give them the power to do so. If we are faithful we will make great progress. Perseverance is the most desirable gift that we can hope for in this life. For this reason we must continually ask for perseverance by using

the means God gives us in order to obtain it: prayer, helping others, frequenting the sacraments, associating with good companions, and hearing and reading Holy Scripture.

We must be like those sailing on the sea. Always looking to the pole star, they make headway because they know they are going in the right direction. Let us follow this beautiful star and this divine compass fearlessly, for it is our Lord who never fails us.

*Oblates of St. Francis de Sales*

**FROM HIS HOLINESS,  
POPE LEO XIV**

"For us, the Lord is everything. He is everything in different ways: as Creator and the source of existence, as love that calls and challenges, as the strength that impels and inspires us to give. Without him, nothing exists, nothing makes sense, nothing is worthwhile. In this regard, Saint Augustine describes God's presence in his own life using beautiful imagery. He speaks of a light not bound by space, a voice that never fades, food that is not lessened by eating, and a hunger which is never satisfied, and he concludes: "This is what I love when I love my God" (Saint Augustine, *Confessions*, 10.6.8). These are the words of a mystic, yet they resonate with our own experience. They reveal the longing for infinity that dwells in the hearts of all man and woman."

-- St. Peter's Square, Homily, Holy Mass,

**DONATIONS TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE**

The Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring donations through November for the Potter's House in Alma for abused women, who often leave home with nothing. Donations of gently used clothing, toiletries, socks, etc. can be placed in a designated container in the narthex.



### **Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario — Reflexión**

Las lecturas de hoy nos animan a perseverar en nuestra fe en la bondad de Dios, prestando atención a su Palabra. La perseverancia nos da la victoria. Sin embargo, es la más difícil de todas las virtudes debido a la debilidad e inconstancia del espíritu humano. En un momento deseamos hacer una cosa, pero al poco tiempo cambiamos de opinión. Debemos cuidarnos constantemente. El néctar del amor divino no puede destilarse en un corazón donde reina el viejo yo. Para crecer en el amor de Dios, debemos esforzarnos diligentemente por abandonar nuestro egocentrismo y vivir según la razón, no según las tendencias mundanas. Ten valor. El maestro no siempre exige que el alumno aprenda la lección sin errores. Basta con que el alumno se esfuerce por aprenderla al máximo. ¿Has visto alguna vez a quienes aprenden a montar a caballo? A menudo se caen. Sin embargo, no se consideran derrotados. Porque una cosa es ser derrotado a veces, y otra muy distinta ser vencido.

No siempre tenemos que sentirnos valientes y fuertes. Basta con esperar que Dios nos dé la fuerza y el coraje cuando y donde los necesitamos. Seguramente Nuestro Señor nunca exhortaría a los fieles a perseverar si no estuviera dispuesto a darles el poder para hacerlo. Si somos fieles, progresaremos mucho. La perseverancia es el don más anhelado que podemos esperar en esta vida. Por eso debemos pedir perseverancia continuamente utilizando los medios que Dios nos da para obtenerla: la oración, la ayuda a los demás, la frecuencia de

los sacramentos, la compañía de buenos compañeros y la escucha y lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras.

Debemos ser como los que navegan por el mar. Siempre mirando a la estrella polar, avanzan porque saben que van en la dirección correcta. Sigamos esta hermosa estrella y esta brújula divina sin temor, porque es nuestro Señor quien nunca nos falla.

*Oblatos de San Francisco de Sales*

#### **DE SU SANTIDAD, EL PAPA LEÓN XIV**

“Para nosotros, el Señor lo es todo. Lo es todo de diferentes maneras: como Creador y fuente de la existencia, como amor que llama y desafía, como fuerza que nos impulsa e inspira a dar. Sin Él, nada existe, nada tiene sentido, nada vale la pena. En este sentido, san Agustín describe la presencia de Dios en su propia vida con bellas imágenes. Habla de una luz que no está limitada por el espacio, una voz que nunca se apaga, un alimento que no disminuye al comer y un hambre que nunca se satisface, y concluye: «Esto es lo que amo cuando amo a mi Dios» (San Agustín, Confesiones, 10.6.8). Estas son palabras de un místico, pero resuenan con nuestra propia experiencia. Revelan el anhelo de infinito que habita en el corazón de todo hombre y mujer.”

-- Plaza de San Pedro, Homilía, Santa Misa,

#### **DONACIONES A LA CASA DEL ALFARERO**

La Asociación de Damas patrocinará donaciones hasta noviembre para la Casa del Alfarero en Alma, dirigida a mujeres maltratadas que a menudo se marchan de casa sin nada. Las donaciones de ropa usada en buen estado, artículos de aseo, calcetines, etc., pueden depositarse en un contenedor designado en el nártex.

**FYI**  
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~



ST PAUL COUNCIL 15716

**RAFFLE TICKETS SALE**

The Knights of Columbus are currently selling raffle tickets for a drawing of VISA gift cards (\$500, \$300, \$100). The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. All proceeds from this fund raiser will go to the St. Paul Building Fund.

**NEXT BAPTISM CLASS**

The next baptism class is Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00pm in the social hall for parents & godparents who want to baptize their child.

**LA PRÓXIMA CLASE DE BAUTISMO**

La próxima clase de bautismo será miércoles 19 de noviembre a las 6:00pm en el salón social para padres y padrinos. Esto es necesario antes de que los padres puedan comunicarse con la oficina para seleccionar una fecha.



**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Paul**

|                            |                     |
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| <b>FY Offertory Budget</b> | <b>\$305,000.00</b> |
| Received to date           | 111,072.00          |
| Received 10-12-25          | 8,041.00            |
| <b>FY Bldg Fund Budget</b> | <b>144,000.00</b>   |
| Received to date           | 9,559.00            |
| Received 10-12-25          | 310.00              |

**Offertory: Holy Family**  
Sun. (10-12-25): \$387.00

**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 (Fort Campbell, Kentucky), April M. Martin (Japan), Michael Martinez, CW3 Jeb S. McKinnon (USA), Martin Rios, Candise R. Rolerson (Witchita Falls, TX), Juan Vargas, Erick Vilches, Octavio Rodriguez, Rolando Chavez

**Pray for us that we  
may be healed.**

Mary Bodnar, James Bookhardt, Benny Carino, Toby Cash, Maria Gomez, Gilbert Hernandez, Larry Hinson, Pong Holton, Tina Hoover, Sandye Jarrard, Sr. Sharon McLaughlin, Roxanne Maini, Kayla Marlow, Margaret Milkas, Don Nolan, Malou Navarro, Ian Nugent, David Perry, Lou Pierce, David Powell, Tony Sicari, Andrew Smith, Gene Waldron, Ramona Witthoft, A.D. Young, Mary Young

**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--solo en salón social.

**CAPÍTULO PARA LA PROTECCIÓN DE NIÑOS**

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

**CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

Visit website: [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection)  
Or call 888-357-5330 to report knowledge of abuse.



*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](http://stpaulmissions.org) All masses are archieved on our website for viewing anytime.



*St Paul Catholic Church and Missions*

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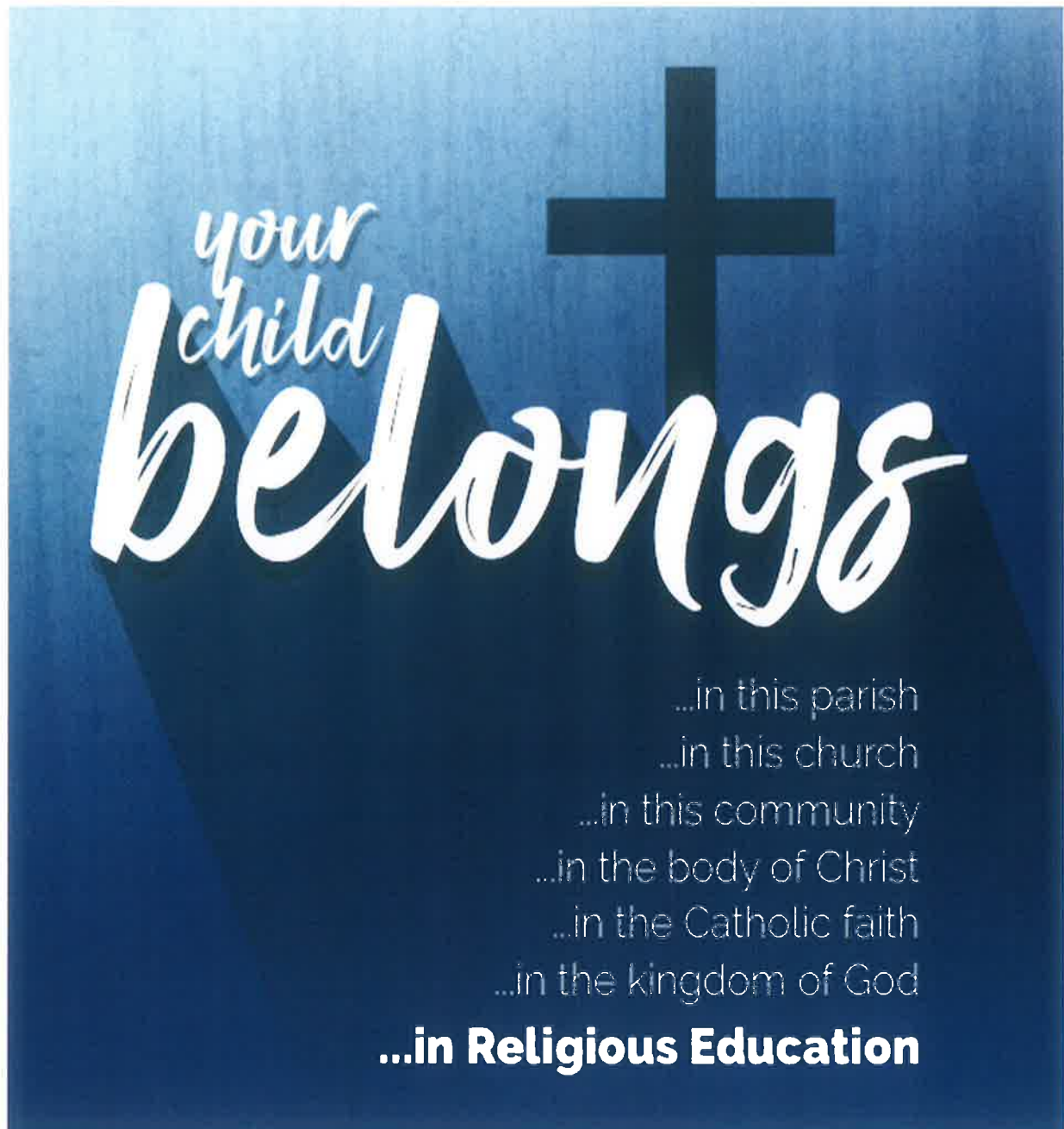
# OCTOBER

## Month of the Holy Rosary

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#### Devotion of the Month

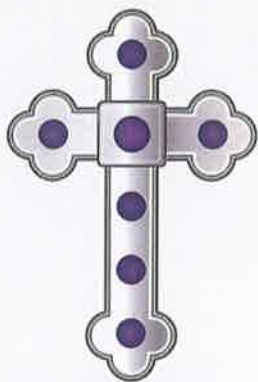
The Catholic Church designates October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. During this month the faithful venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary especially under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary, and make special effort to honor the Holy Rosary with group recitations and rosary processions. St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, is the saint to whom Our Lady famously appeared and gave the prayers of the Holy Rosary to assist him as a spiritual weapon in combating heresy and leading souls back to the one, true Catholic faith.



Religious Education classes begin at 10:45

DRE Maria Gomez





**HARVEST  
of HOPE**  
**COSECHA de ESPERANZA**

**ORAMOS JUNTOS**

Padre Celestial, que nos has reunido hoy y aquí en Tu providencia, te pedimos guíes, inspires y bendigas nuestra Diócesis de Savannah y la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza.

Otorga Señor a Tus hijos, el terreno rico de la fe, esperanza y el amor, para que las semillas que sembramos hoy den frutos abundantes para las generaciones venideras.

Mientras trabajamos juntos por la venida plena de Tu reino, Señor, que encontremos una nueva forma de ser para Ti y para los demás, regocijándonos siempre en Tu generosidad.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

*Sembrando semillas para el futuro de la Diócesis de Savannah.*



**NÚMEROS DE LA CAMPAÑA**

¡Gracias a todos los que se han comprometido o han hecho un donativo a la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza!

**SAN PABLO, DOUGLAS**

- Tenemos 161 compromisos y donaciones
- Para un total de \$364,862 (La meta es \$275,695)
- ¡Esto es 132% de nuestra meta total!

**SAGRADA FAMILIA, WILLACOOCHEE**

- Tenemos 10 compromisos y donaciones
- Para un total de \$21,711 (La meta es \$21,496)
- ¡Esto es 101% de nuestra meta total!

**Si aún no te has comprometido con nosotros, únete a la causa para que esta campaña sea un gran éxito!**

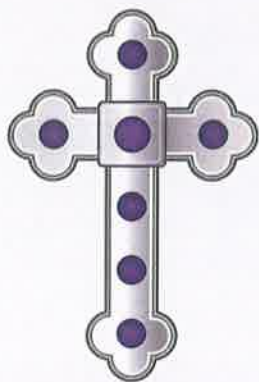
Como recordatorio, la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza tiene una duración de 3 años. Si se comprometió, se le enviarán sobres de pago a su dirección. Los sobres le llegarán al final de septiembre. También tendremos sobres de pago para la campaña aquí en nuestra iglesia. ¡No olvide hacer sus pagos!

Gracias al personal de nuestra oficina, que han hecho un trabajo maravilloso durante toda la campaña. ¡Un agradecimiento especial para el Padre Saimel Perdomo, Janet Benton, Gary Holland y Nancy Jacobs!

Para más información, póngase en contacto con nuestra directora de la campaña Bryan Bedoya en el 512-608-1360 o [bbedoya@guidanceingiving.com](mailto:bbedoya@guidanceingiving.com)



## CAMPAIGN UPDATE



**HARVEST  
of HOPE**

**COSECHA de ESPERANZA**

### WE PRAY TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, who in Your providence have brought us together at this time and in this place, we ask You to guide, inspire, and bless our Diocese of Savannah and the Harvest of Hope campaign.

Provide us, Your children, with the rich soil of faith, hope, and love, that the seeds we are planting now will bear abundant fruit for generations.

As we work together for the full coming of Your kingdom, O Lord, may we find a new way of belonging to You and to one another, rejoicing always in Your generosity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Planting seeds for the future of  
the Diocese of Savannah*



## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### CAMPAIGN NUMBERS

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or a donation to the Harvest of Hope campaign!

#### ST. PAUL, DOUGLAS

- We currently have 161 pledges and donations
- For a total of \$364,862 (The goal is \$275,695)
- This is 132% of our total goal!

#### HOLY FAMILY, WILLACOOCHEE

- We currently have 10 pledges and donations
- For a total of \$21,711 (The goal is \$21,496)
- This is 101% of our total goal!

**If you have not pledged, join us in order to make this campaign a great success!**

As a reminder, the Harvest of Hope campaign is over a 3 year period. If you pledged, you will be having payment envelopes sent to your address. You will be receiving these envelopes at the end of September. We will also have payment envelopes for the campaign here at our church. Don't forget your payments!

Thank you to our office staff who have done such a wonderful job throughout the campaign. A special thank you to Fr. Saimel Perdomo, Janet Benton, Gary Holland, and Nancy Jacobs!

For more information, please contact our campaign director Bryan Bedoya at 512-608-1360 or [bbedoya@guidanceingiving.com](mailto:bbedoya@guidanceingiving.com)



# Jubilee 2025

## **We Are Pilgrims of Hope**

On May 9, 2024 Pope Francis solemnly announced that the Church's Jubilee year 2025 "will be a Holy Year marked by a lively experience of grace and an opportunity to be renewed in the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth, where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises."

"Hope is the virtue that gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope."

## **Our Pilgrimage Journey to and with Jesus**

A pilgrimage is both an outer journey to a sacred place, and an inner journey to meet Christ and deepen our relationship with him. Thus Pope Francis desires that this Jubilee Year be a time "to encourage and sustain the hope that guides our steps towards the goal of a genuine, personal encounter with the risen Lord Jesus, who is not only the destination of our earthly pilgrimage but also a constant presence in our lives. I invite everyone to place their trust in the Lord who not only guides us, but is God-with-us, who loves us and walks with us in every circumstance of life. He shows us the path of love, lifts us up when we fall and supports us in our labors, opens our eyes to see our wretchedness and that of the world, but at the same time fills us with hope."





## THE MEANING OF THE JUBILEE LOGO: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The official logo of the 2025 Jubilee Year shows four colorful pilgrims, who symbolize all of humanity coming from all directions on their common journey to Christ. As they embrace each other in unity, the figure in front grasps the cross, which is the sign of our hope that united with Jesus we will also move through our death to new life. The elongated cross also changes at its base into an anchor, which was an ancient sign of hope because sailors used the anchor to stabilize ships during storms. So during the challenges of our daily lives and the events of the wider world symbolized by the rough waves beneath the pilgrims, hope keeps us focused on the goal of our pilgrimage to draw ever closer to encounter the Risen Christ.



### WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

The jubilee year (from the Hebrew word *yobel*, meaning horn, which was blown to proclaim the year's beginning) is an ancient Jewish tradition (see Leviticus 25:8-17, 29-31) of pardon and reconciliation celebrated every 50 years (after a "sabbath of sabbaths," 7 x 7 years) when the community imitated God's mercy and forgiveness by forgiving debts and by each family returning to its own land and not cultivating it that year.

This jubilee tradition was first adapted for Catholics in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII as a universal "year of forgiveness of all sins." Since that time the "ordinary" jubilee years have usually been at 50 or now 25 year intervals (the last was in 2000), with other "extraordinary" jubilee years declared for special reasons like that of Mercy in 2015. Jubilee years are characterized especially by prayer, good works, pilgrimages to sacred sites (especially Rome), cultural events and special indulgences for those who participate.

### THE HOLY DOOR OF ST. PETER'S

Since the 1500's, the ceremonial opening at St. Peter's Basilica of the usually locked massive bronze Holy Door (also called the "Door of the Great Pardon" since its 16 panels portray various biblical scenes of sin and redemption) begins each Jubilee Year. After reciting specific prayers and invoking the Holy Spirit, the Pope pushes open the door and enters the Church, inviting pilgrims likewise to renew their spiritual journey and cross the threshold.



The opening of the Holy Door invites the faithful to embark on a journey of even deeper faith. Crossing the threshold of the door is a powerful act, inspired by Jesus' words in John 10:9, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." This passage highlights the transformative experience of entering through the Holy Door, symbolizing the decision to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The door serves as a physical and spiritual gateway, leading pilgrims into the sacred space of the church and inviting them to renew their commitment to their faith.

## 2025 JUBILEE PRAYER PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a  
new heaven and a new earth, when,  
with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. *Amen.*



For more information on the 2025  
Jubilee Year of Hope and how you may  
participate more fully see the Vatican's  
official website at  
[www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)

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# RAFFLE CONTEST



SUPPORTING BUILDING FUND

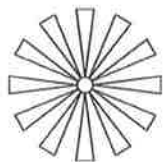
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**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$500 GIFT CARD**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - \$300 GIFT CARD**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - \$100 GIFT CARD**

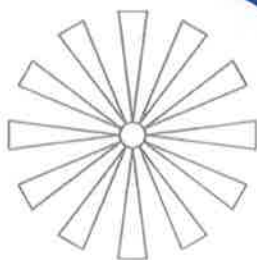
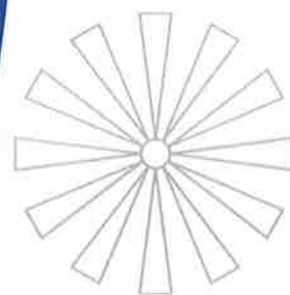
DONATION:  
\$2 EACH  
3 FOR \$5



# IGLESIA SAN PABLO



# RIFA



APOYANDO CONSTRUCCION DE LA IGLESIA

**8 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2025**

**PRIMER LUGAR - TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$500**  
**SEGUNDO LUGAR - TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$300**  
**TERCER LUGAR - TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$100**

DONACION:  
\$2 CADA UNO  
3 POR \$5

# ST PAUL'S COLUMBARIUM



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

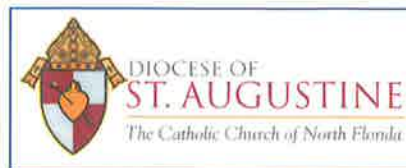
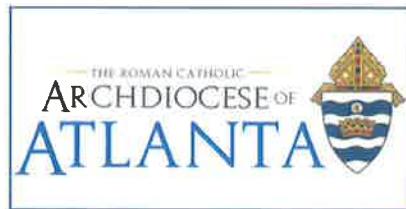


**“LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”**

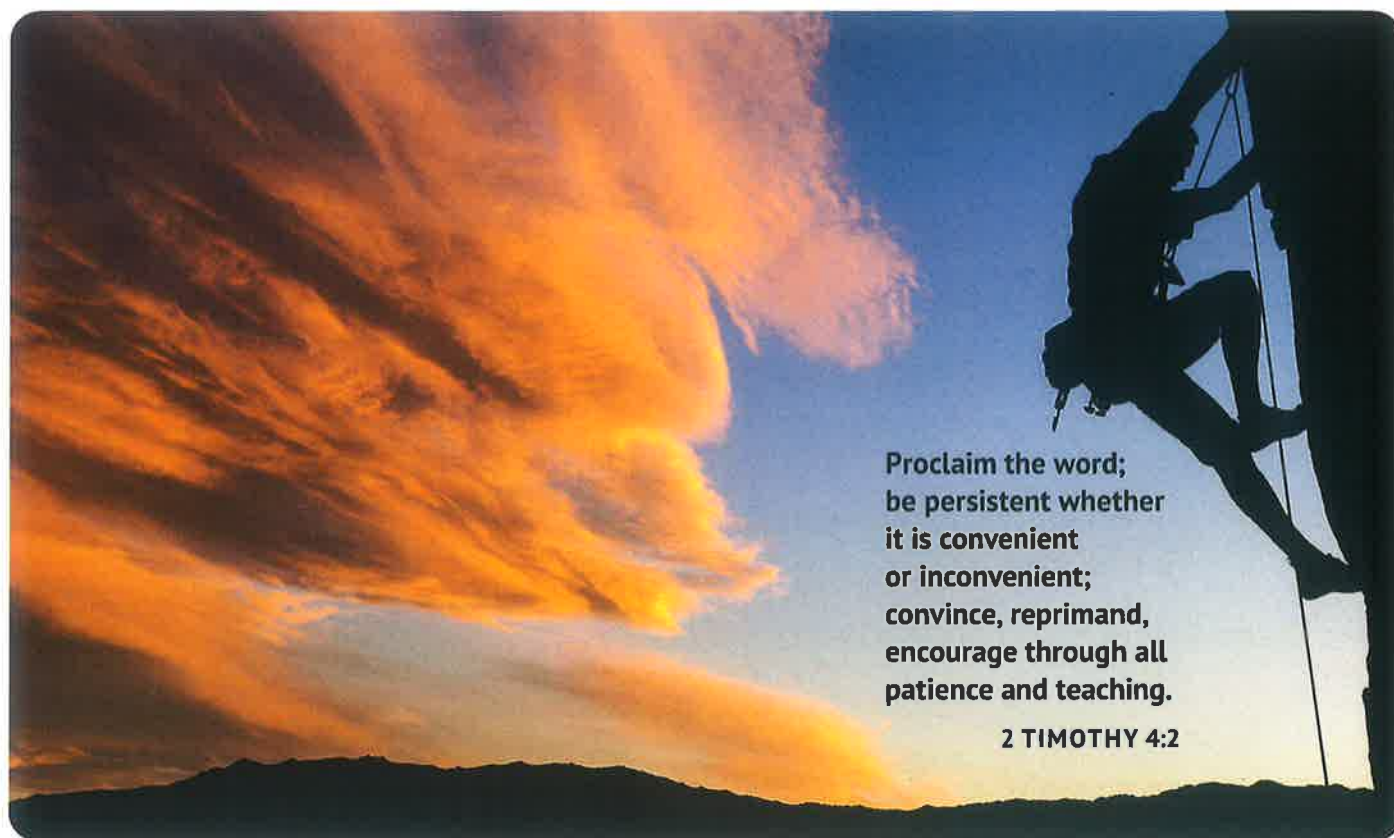
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# MARRIAGE PREPARATION

- 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.







Proclaim the word;  
be persistent whether  
it is convenient  
or inconvenient;  
convince, reprimand,  
encourage through all  
patience and teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

## The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I** have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

### Reflect

***When I talk to God, do I also listen?***

# Dear Padre,

***What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?***

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●



Ekaterina Bolotova / Pexels

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

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### **A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

***Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by***

***eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.***

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#### **Monday**

October 20

*Weekday*

Rom 4:20–25

Lk 12:13–21

#### **Tuesday**

October 21

*Weekday*

Rom 5:12, 15b,  
17–19, 20b–21

Lk 12:35–38

#### **Wednesday**

October 22

*Weekday*

Rom 6:12–18  
Lk 12:39–48

#### **Thursday**

October 23

*Weekday*

Rom 6:19–23  
Lk 12:49–53

#### **Friday**

October 24

*Weekday*

Rom 7:18–25a

Lk 12:54–59

#### **Saturday**

October 24

*Weekday*

Rom 8:1–11  
Lk 13:1–9

#### **Sunday**

October 25

*Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Sir 35:12–14, 16–18  
2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18

Lk 18:9–14