

November 17 – November 23

Tuesday: Mass-7:00pm (Spanish)

Wednesday: Mass-12:00 noon (English)

Baptism Class-6:00pm, Social Hall

Thursday: Confessions-6:00pm

Mass-7:00pm (Spanish)

Friday: Mass-12:00 noon (English)

Saturday:

5:00pm – Confessions

6:00pm – Vigil Mass (English)

Sunday: Happy Birthday, Fr. Perdomo!

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

November 16 – November 22

Sunday, Nov. 16 – 9:30 Mass- ☩Christy Cole

Tuesday, Nov. 18 – For Our Parishioners,

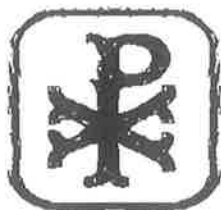
Special Intention

Thursday, Nov. 20 – For the Priests of Our Diocese

Friday, Nov. 21 – For the Sick of Our Parish

**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**



From Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation *Delexi Te*

Indeed, we find a clear ecclesial example of sharing goods and caring for the poor in the daily life of the first Christian community. We can recall in particular the way in which the question of the daily distribution of subsidies to widows was resolved (cf. *Acts* 6:1-6). This was not an easy problem, partly because some of these widows, who came from other countries, were sometimes neglected because they were foreigners. In fact, the episode recounted in the Acts of the Apostles highlights a certain discontent on the part of the Hellenists, the Jews who were culturally Greek. The Apostles do not respond with abstract words, but by placing charity towards all at the center, reorganizing assistance to widows by asking the community to seek wise and respected people to whom they could entrust food distribution, while they take care of preaching the Word.

When Paul went to Jerusalem to consult the Apostles lest somehow he "should be running or had run in vain" (*Gal* 2:2), he was asked not to forget the poor (cf. *Gal* 2:10). Therefore, he organized various collections in order to help the poor communities. Among the reasons for which Paul makes this gesture, the following stands out: "God loves a cheerful giver" (*2 Cor* 9:7). The word of God reminds those of us not normally prone to benevolent and disinterested gestures, that generosity to the poor actually benefits those who exercise it: God has a special love for them. In fact, the Bible is full of promises addressed to those

who give generously to others: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full" (*Prov* 19:17). "Give, and it will be given to you... for the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (*Lk* 6:38). "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly" (*Is* 58:8). Of this, the early Christians had no doubt.

The life of the first ecclesial communities, described in the pages of the Bible and handed down to us as God's revealed word, has been given to us as an example to imitate, but also as a witness to the faith that works through charity and an enduring inspiration for generations yet to come. Throughout the centuries, those pages have moved the hearts of Christians to love and to perform works of charity, which, like fruitful seeds, never cease to produce a rich harvest.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON NOVEMBER 23, FATHER PERDOMO

Next Sunday, Nov. 23, Fr. Perdomo will celebrate his birthday. We give thanks to God that he is our priest at St. Paul and Holy Family.

DONATIONS TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE

The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring donations for abused women for the Potter's House in Alma. Currently, needed now are toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc), household cleaning items (bathroom cleaners, window cleaners, etc.) and such personal items as socks. Thank you for your generosity for these women in need.



De la Exhortación Apostólica *Delexi Te* del Papa León XIV

En efecto, encontramos un claro ejemplo eclesial de compartir bienes y atender a los pobres en la vida cotidiana de la primera comunidad cristiana. Podemos recordar, en particular, la manera en que se resolvió la cuestión de la distribución diaria de subsidios a las viudas (cf. Hechos 6,1-6). Este no era un problema fácil, en parte porque algunas de estas viudas, procedentes de otros países, a veces eran desatendidas por su condición de extranjeras. De hecho, el episodio narrado en los Hechos de los Apóstoles pone de manifiesto cierto descontento por parte de los helenistas, los judíos de cultura griega. Los Apóstoles no responden con palabras abstractas, sino que sitúan la caridad hacia todos en el centro, reorganizando la ayuda a las viudas al pedir a la comunidad que buscara personas sabias y respetadas a quienes confiar la distribución de alimentos, mientras ellos se encargaban de predicar la Palabra.

Cuando Pablo fue a Jerusalén a consultar con los apóstoles para que no «corriera en vano» (Gálatas 2:2), le pidieron que no se olvidara de los pobres (cf. Gálatas 2:10). Por ello, organizó diversas colectas para ayudar a las comunidades necesitadas. Entre las razones por las que Pablo realizaba este gesto, destaca la siguiente: «Dios ama al que da con alegría» (2 Corintios 9:7). La Palabra de Dios nos recuerda, a quienes no solemos ser propensos a gestos benevolentes y desinteresados, que la generosidad con los pobres beneficia a quienes la practican: Dios les tiene un amor especial.

De hecho, la Biblia está llena de promesas dirigidas a quienes dan generosamente a los demás: «Quien se apiada del pobre presta al Señor, y recibirá su recompensa» (Proverbios 19:17). «Den, y se les dará... porque con la medida con que midan, se les medirá» (Lucas 6:38). «Entonces tu luz brillará como el alba, y tu sanidad brotará rápidamente» (Is 58,8). De esto, los primeros cristianos no tenían duda.

La vida de las primeras comunidades eclesiales, descrita en las páginas de la Biblia y transmitida hasta nosotros como palabra revelada de Dios, nos ha sido dada como ejemplo a imitar, pero también como testimonio de la fe que obra por la caridad y como inspiración perdurable para las generaciones venideras.

A lo largo de los siglos, esas páginas han conmovido los corazones de los cristianos a amar y a realizar obras de caridad, que, como semillas fecundas, nunca dejan de dar una abundante cosecha.



FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS EL 23 DE NOVIEMBRE, PADRE PERDOMO

El próximo domingo, 23 de noviembre, el Padre Perdomo celebrará su cumpleaños. Estamos muy agradecidos de que se haya convertido en nuestro sacerdote.

FYI
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~



St. Paul will have a Toy Drive to collect new, unwrapped toys to give children this Christmas Season. Your donations can be placed in the designated box in the narthex.

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

FY Offertory Budget	\$305,000.00
Received to date	140,425.00
Received 11-9-25	8,279.00
FY Bldg Fund Budget	144,000.00
Received to date	13,240.00
Received 11-9-25	640.00

Offertory: Holy Family
Sun. (11-9-25): \$426.00

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, 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

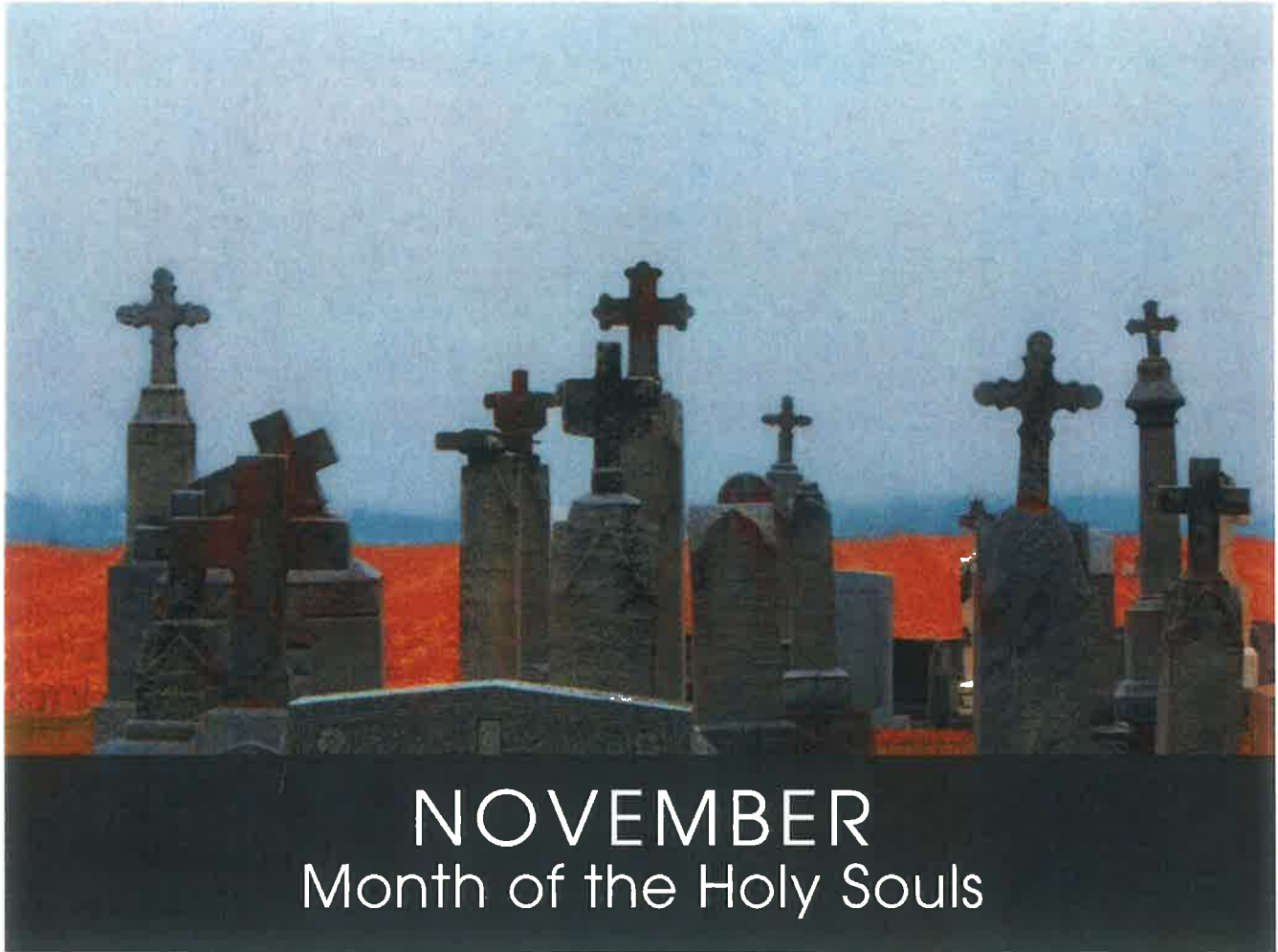
Visite la página Web de la diócesis para leer el código: www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection o 888-357-5330.

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

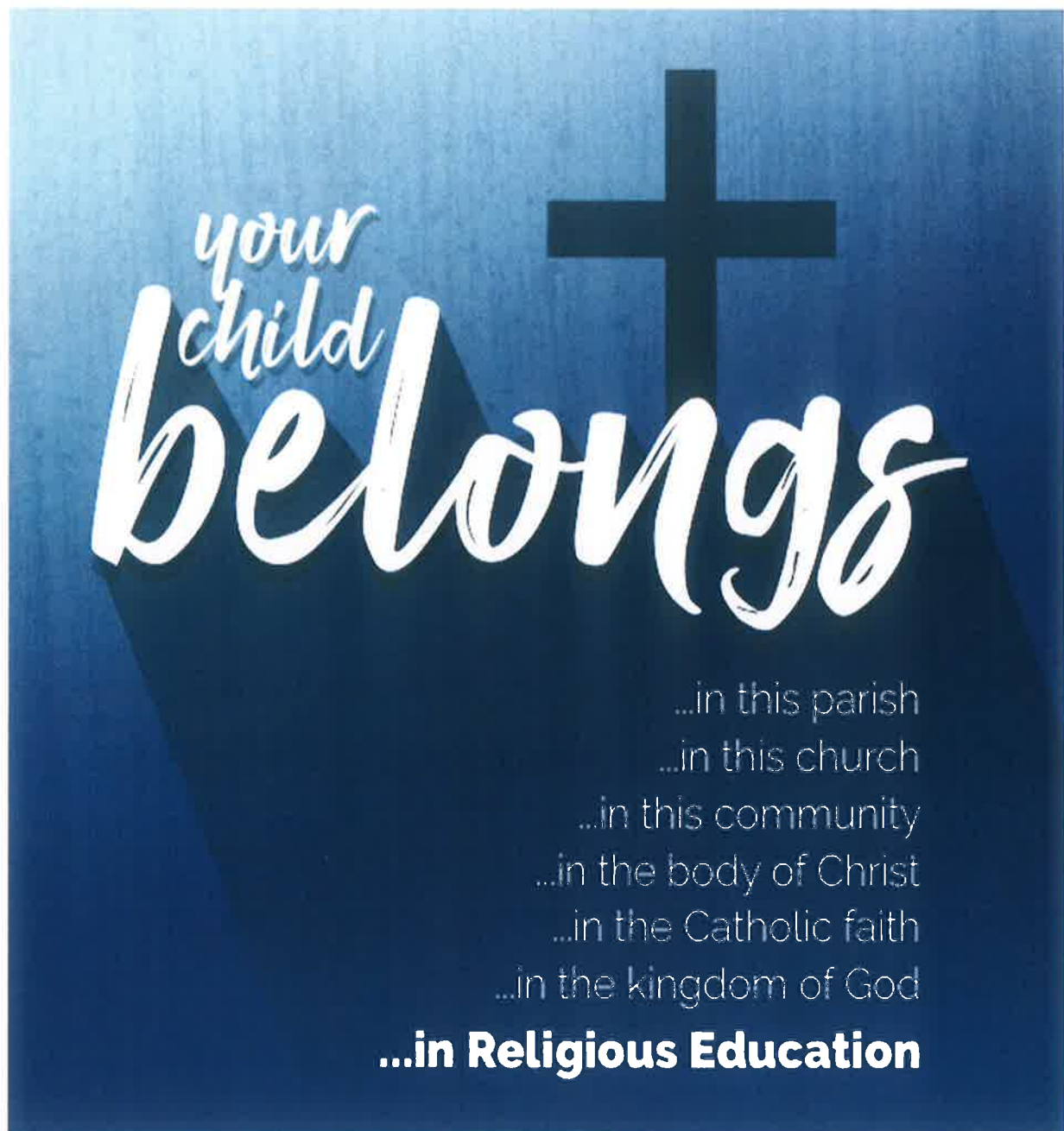
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Or call 888-357-5330 to report knowledge of abuse.

Month of the Holy Souls

Devotion of the Month



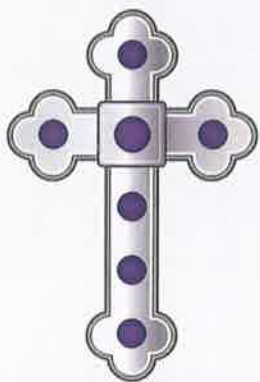
The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to praying in a special way for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Holy Souls (also called the Faithful Departed) are members of the Church who await the purification of their souls before joining the saints in heaven for all eternity. Specifically, they are referred to as the Church Suffering (the saints in heaven are the Church Triumphant, and the faithful on earth are the Church Militant). The poor souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves or do anything to hasten their entrance into heaven, but we can and ought to pray for them as an act of charity. The feast of the Holy Souls is November 2nd.



Religious Education classes begin at 10:45

DRE Maria Gomez

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

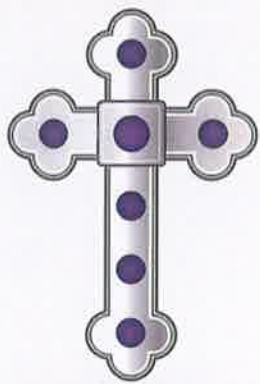
- We currently have 10 pledges and donations
- For a total of \$21,711 (The goal is \$21,496)
- This is 101% of our total goal!

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



**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.



**ACTUALIZACIÓN DE
LA CAMPAÑA**

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, WILLACOOCHIEE

- 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

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

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

ST PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS A

TOY DRIVE

**GIVE A TOY
LIGHT UP A HOLIDAY**

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FROM NOW UNTIL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21



NEW TOYS ONLY

IGLESIA CATOLICA SAN PABLO PRESENTA UNA

COLECTA DE JUGUETES

REGALA UN JUGUETE
ILUMINA UN DIA FESTIVO

SE ACEPTAN DONACIONES
DESDE AHORA HASTA

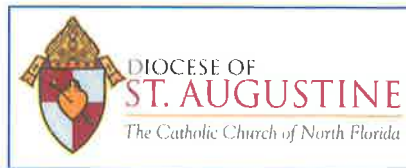
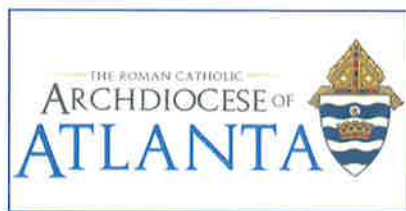
DOMINGO
21 DE DICIEMBRE



Solo juguetes nuevos

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.





Dismantled and Reassembled

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is the time of year when seasons turn and the rhythm of life changes as days become dismantled and reassembled in new and varied ways. All of this is not unlike the much deeper process continually at play within our hearts. Indeed, the seasons of our individual lives can be dismantled and reassembled—and often more than once in a lifetime. That white-robed prophet of doom who proclaims that the end is near is right. Our lives do collapse in such cosmic ways that not one stone is left upon another. The end may come with a life-robbing illness or the premature death of someone we love. It may take the shape of an unwanted move to a new city or a life collapsed by addiction. It may happen slowly, as life forces us to surrender passion or enthusiasm or the dreams of our youth, like colors faded by sunlight yet never noticed until suddenly we realize the color has all but disappeared. Such transitions can feel as violent as the end of our lives in this world. Indeed, at such times, we may feel that a part of us has died. Yet, if we pay attention, we may discover that we have been refashioned, recreated into something new. It is the story of the divine phoenix rising from the ashes, lived by every human being and understood by every person who lives with faith in the resurrection. ●

Reflect

***Have I known the experience of life
being dismantled and reassembled
into something new?***



[Jesus said,] “All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”

LUKE 21:6

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to swear if I'm not taking the Lord's name in vain?

As hard as it might be to comprehend, not every bad habit is a sin. Human weakness is sometimes nothing more than human weakness. An exclamation of anger or frustration is often nothing more than an expression of how you feel. When we assign "sin" to every human action or imperfection, we trivialize sin. When we see sin around every corner and in every possible human interaction, we might very well become numb to the presence of real sin when it occurs. The possibility of sin is a wonderful motivator to help us adjust our choices and change our behaviors, but it need not be the only option.

Monitor your speech because you want to be a good person, a mature person, a caring person. That is a virtuous reason and worth the effort. At the same time, remain vigilant, as any good person who desires to be in relationship with the Lord, and choose behaviors that model a good Christian life. Examine your choices and decisions, and when you recognize the presence of sin, be willing to acknowledge that it is sinful, confess it, and then graciously accept the forgiveness and mercy of the Lord. ●



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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> 1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63 Lk 18:35–43	November 18 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Mc 6:18–31 Lk 19:1–10	November 19 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Mc 7:1, 20–31 Lk 19:11–28	November 20 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Mc 2:15–29 Lk 19:41–44	November 21 <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59 Lk 19:45–48	November 22 <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Mc 6:1–13 Lk 20:27–40	November 23 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> 2 Sm 5:1–3 Col 1:12–20 Lk 23:35–43



NINA ALZADA / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims have been marked by a growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity, fostered by esteem for these our brothers and sisters.... This approach, based on mutual respect and freedom of conscience, is a solid foundation for building bridges between our communities.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025