



September 15 – September 21

Tuesday: No Mass

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 Misionero***

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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

September 14 – September 20

**Sunday, September 14 –12:00 Mass- †Maria
Barragan**

†Arnulfo Hernandez

**Wednesday, September 17 - For Our Parishioners,
Special Intention**

Thursday, September 18 – †Elvira Lopez

Friday, September 19 – †Paula Amador Piloto

**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**



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross--Reflection

Today we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ's victory over death on a cross reveals the radiance of God's pure love for us.

Out of Jesus' death on the cross comes eternal life. Our Savior's death purchased for us a life of eternal glory. The world does not understand this wondrous paradox of our Savior's Cross. His death was an excess of love that was eternally life giving to us.

On the cross, Jesus showed us how to save ourselves through holy love. Nothing urges on a person's heart so much as love. Like a loving nurse, Jesus tenderly nourished us on the cross with an incomprehensible love. He wanted to make us understand that the love He bore us was undiminished by his suffering.

On the cross, Jesus also wanted to teach us how our heart ought to be toward our neighbor. Seeing the ignorance and weakness of those who tormented Him, He forgave them on the cross. A prayer of forgiveness is a sacrifice. It is the sacrifice of our lips and our heart that we present to God as much for our neighbor as for ourselves.

On the cross, Jesus fed us with his own flesh and blood. God sent Jesus to heal our human brokenness. Indeed, He died with a holy joy for our cure, although it cost Him His life. He forgot Himself but not His creatures. Let us not be frightened or give up in our struggle to overcome evil with holy love and truth as Jesus did. Let us firmly and faithfully pursue the

course that Jesus traveled first and the saints after Him.

We ought to consecrate every moment of our life to the divine love of our Redeemer's Cross. That is, to his glory we must bring home all our works, actions, thoughts and affections. Then, we too will be alive to God in Christ Jesus, whose victorious and exalted Cross we celebrate today. *Oblates of St. Francis de Sales*

FROM HIS HOLINESS, POPE LEO XIV

"Dear friends, Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces. They encourage us with their words: "Not I, but God," as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: "If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach the end." This is the simple but winning formula of their holiness. It is also the type of witness we are called to follow, in order to enjoy life to the full and meet the Lord in the feast of heaven." Holy Mass with the Canonizations of Blesseds Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis, Homily of Pope Leo XIV, September 7, 2025



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first day of Religious Education began last Sunday, 10:45-11:45. Parents still have a limited time to register students.



Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz - Reflexión

Hoy celebramos la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. La victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte en la cruz revela el resplandor del amor puro de Dios por nosotros.

De la muerte de Jesús en la cruz proviene la vida eterna. La muerte de nuestro Salvador nos compró una vida de gloria eterna. El mundo no comprende esta maravillosa paradoja de la cruz de nuestro Salvador. Su muerte fue un exceso de amor que nos dio vida eterna.

En la cruz, Jesús nos mostró cómo salvarnos mediante el amor santo. Nada conmueve tanto el corazón de una persona como el amor. Como un enfermero amoroso, Jesús nos alimentó tiernamente en la cruz con un amor incomprensible. Quiso hacernos comprender que su amor por nosotros no disminuyó con su sufrimiento.

En la cruz, Jesús también quiso enseñarnos cómo debe ser nuestro corazón hacia el prójimo. Al ver la ignorancia y la debilidad de quienes lo atormentaban, los perdonó en la cruz. Una oración de perdón es un sacrificio. Es el sacrificio de nuestros labios y nuestro corazón que presentamos a Dios tanto por nuestro prójimo como por nosotros mismos.

En la cruz, Jesús nos alimentó con su propia carne y sangre. Dios envió a Jesús para sanar nuestra fragilidad humana. De hecho, murió con santa alegría por nuestra curación, aunque le costó la vida. Se olvidó de sí mismo, pero no de sus criaturas. No nos dejemos amedrentar ni

desistamos en nuestra lucha por vencer el mal con santo amor y verdad, como lo hizo Jesús. Sigamos firme y fielmente el camino que Jesús recorrió primero y los santos después de él.

Debemos consagrar cada momento de nuestra vida al amor divino de la Cruz de nuestro Redentor. Es decir, para su gloria debemos consagrar todas nuestras obras, acciones, pensamientos y afectos. Entonces, también nosotros estaremos vivos para Dios en Cristo Jesús, cuya Cruz victoriosa y exaltada celebramos hoy.

Oblatos de San Francisco de Sales



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

El primer día de Educación Religiosa comenzó el domingo pasado, de 10:45 a 11:45. Los padres aún tienen tiempo limitado para inscribir a sus hijos.

DE SU SANTIDAD, EL PAPA LEÓN XIV

“Queridos amigos, los santos Pier Giorgio Frassati y Carlo Acutis son una invitación para todos nosotros, sobre todo para los jóvenes, a no malgastar la vida, sino a orientarla hacia lo alto y hacer de ella una obra maestra. Nos animan con sus palabras: “No yo, sino Dios”, decía Carlo. Y Pier Giorgio: “Si tienes a Dios como centro de todas tus acciones, entonces llegarás hasta el final”. Esta es la fórmula, sencilla pero segura, de su santidad. Y es también el testimonio que estamos llamados a imitar para disfrutar la vida al máximo e ir al encuentro del Señor en la fiesta del cielo.”
Santa Misa con la Canonización de los Beatos Pier Giorgio Frassati y Carlo Acutis,
Homilía del Santo Papa León XIV 7 de

FYI
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~

**ST. PAUL'S 9:30 MASS USHERS
FOR SEPTEMBER**

Matt Jarrard, John Thomas Jarrard,
Andrew Smith, Tony Sicari

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

The next baptism class is **Wednesday, September 17 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 17 de septiembre 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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| FY Offertory Budget | \$305,000.00 |
| Received to date | 75,055.00 |
| Received 9-7-25 | 8,792.00 |
| FY Bldg Fund Budget | 144,000.00 |
| Received to date | 7,218.00 |
| Received 9-7-25 | 1,964.00 |

Offertory: Holy Family
Sun. (9-7-25): \$497.00

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, Kristin Perry Crosby, 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, Rachelle Navarro, Ian Nugent, Lou Pierce, David Powell, Tony Sicari, 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

Visit website: 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 All masses are archieved on our website for viewing anytime.



St Paul Catholic Church and Missions

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Month of the Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa)

Devotion of the Month

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa) is September 15th.



DIOCESAN JUBILEE GATHERING

OCTOBER 11, 2025 | SACRED HEART, WARNER ROBINS

Adoration • Talks • Live Music • Activities
Exhibit Tables • Fellowship • Relics
Mass with Bishop Parkes

Fun for the whole family – activities for all ages!

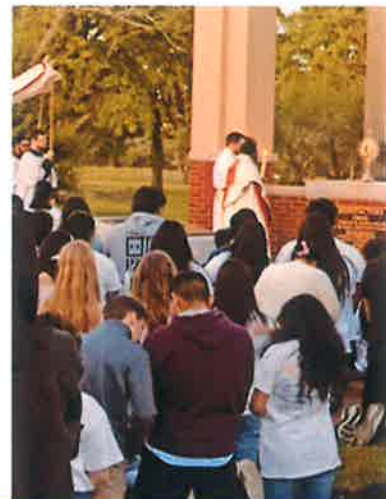
To view the schedule, register to attend, set up
an exhibit table, or carry a procession banner,
scan the QR code or visit **diosav.org/10-11**



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH
CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

FREE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Includes Lunch





CELEBRACIÓN JUBILAR DIOCESANA

11 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2025 | SACRED HEART, WARNER ROBINS

GRATIS – DEBE REGISTRARSE

Almuerzo Incluido

Adoración • Pláticas • Música en Vivo •
Actividades • Mesas de Exhibición • Convivencia •
Reliquias • Misa con el Obispo Parkes
¡Diversión para toda la familia – actividades para todas las edades!

Maestros de Ceremonia: Padre Kevin
O'Keefe y Padre John Johnson
Predicadores: Padre Brian O'Shaughnessy
y Madre Adela Galindo, SCTJM

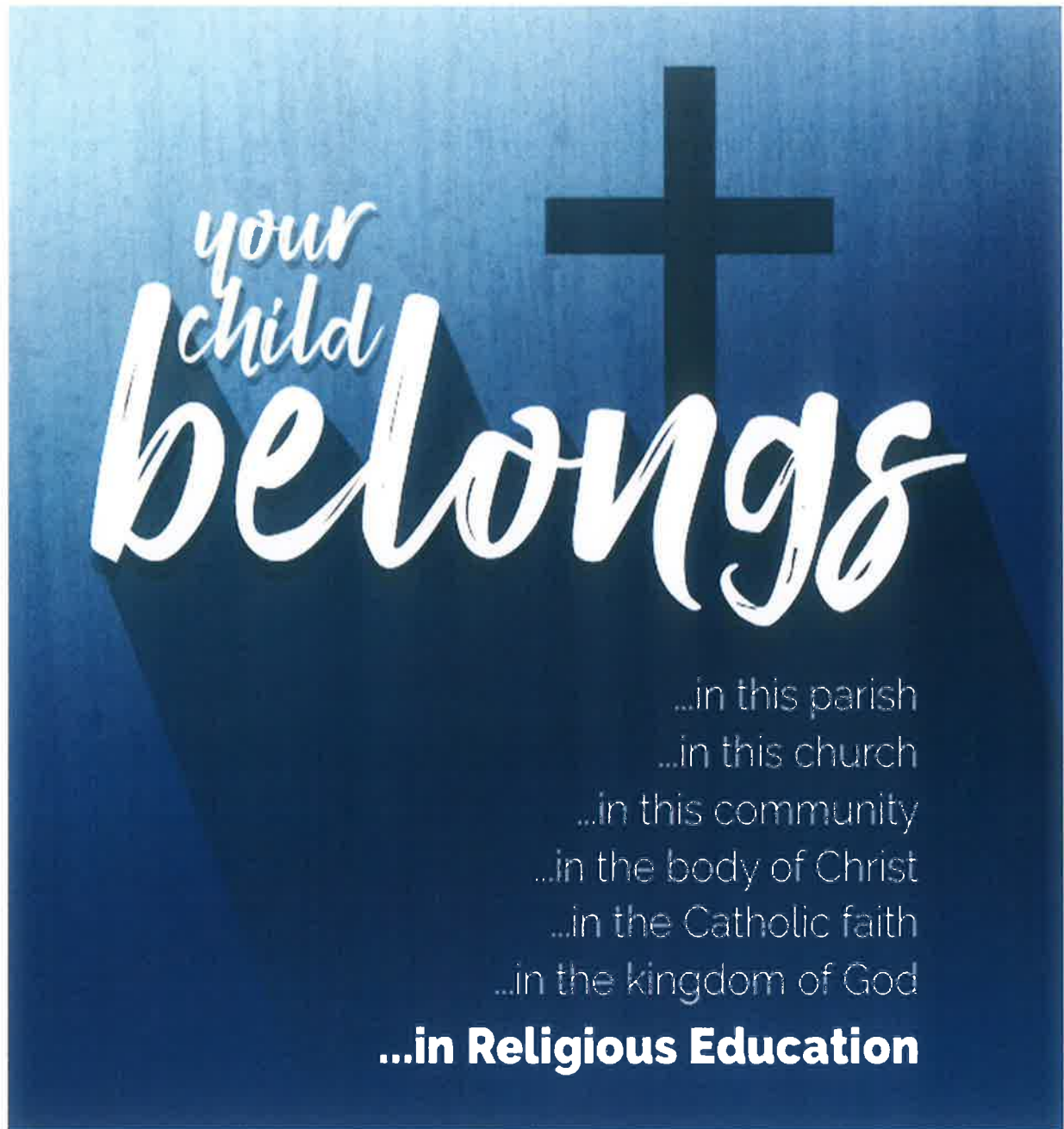
Mesas de Exhibición: Aplica para tener una mesa: ¡para parroquias, ministerios, grupos, negocios de artículos religiosos, tiendas religiosas, y más!

Pancartas para la Procesión: Parroquias, ministerios, y entidades católicas pueden registrarse para participar con su pancarta en la procesión de apertura que dará inicio con la Adoración



Para ver la agenda, registrarse para asistir, tener una mesa de exhibición, o tener una pancarta para la procesión, escanee el código QR o visite **diosav.org/10-11**

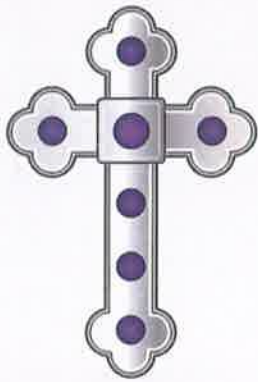




Religious Education classes begin at 10:45

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 145 pledges and donations
- For a total of \$345,704 (The goal is \$275,695)
- This is 125% of our total goal!

HOLY FAMILY, WILLACOOCHEE

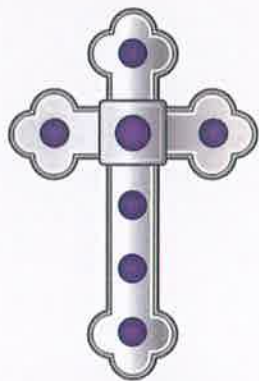
- We currently have 8 pledges and donations
- For a total of \$17,880 (The goal is \$21,496)
- This is 83% of our total goal!

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 145 compromisos y donaciones
- Para un total de \$345,704 (La meta es \$275,695)
- ¡Esto es 125% de nuestra meta total!

SAGRADA FAMILIA, WILLACOOCHEE

- Tenemos 8 compromisos y donaciones
- Para un total de \$17,880 (La meta es \$21,496)
- ¡Esto es 83% 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!

Jubilee 2025

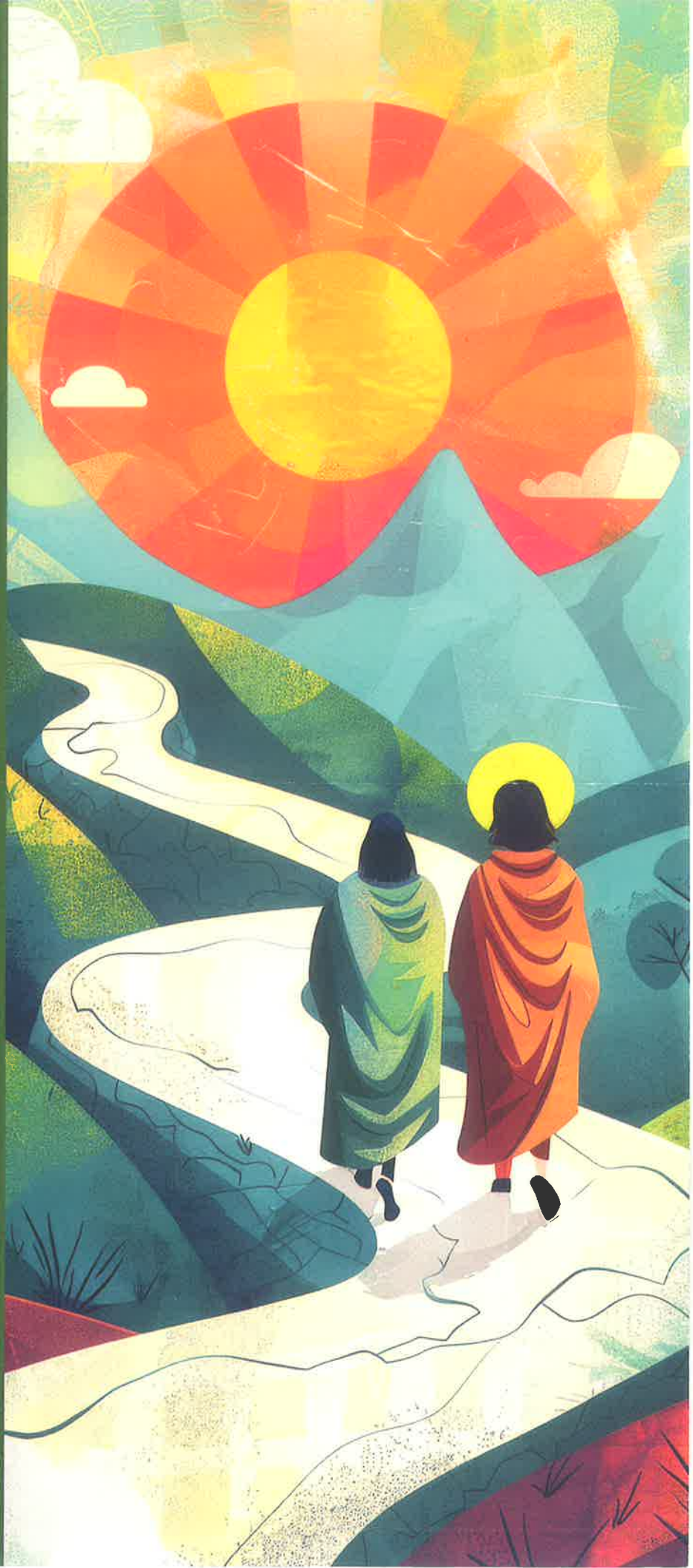
We Are Pilgrims of Hope

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



RAFFLE CONTEST



SUPPORTING BUILDING FUND

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

1ST PLACE - \$500 GIFT CARD
2ND PLACE - \$300 GIFT CARD
3RD PLACE - \$100 GIFT CARD

DONATION:
\$2 EACH
3 FOR \$5

ST PAUL'S COLUMBARIUM



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

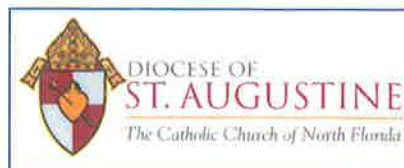
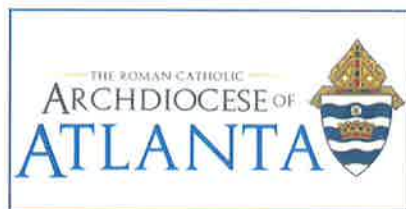


“LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”

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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.





When Life Is on Empty

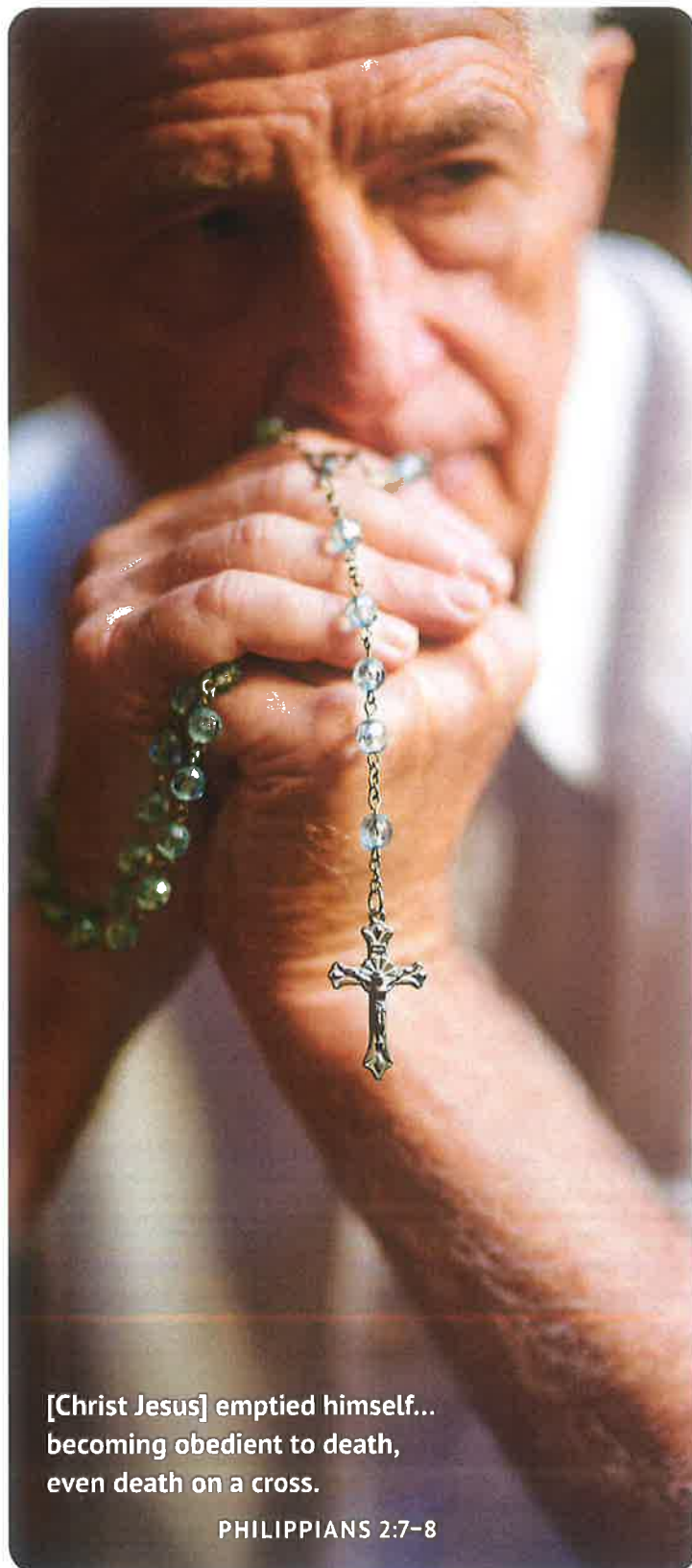
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, “Pain is weakness leaving the body.” Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one’s child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life’s joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul’s assertion that Jesus came and “emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross,” then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God’s spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

Reflect

***What emptying am I experiencing?
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?***



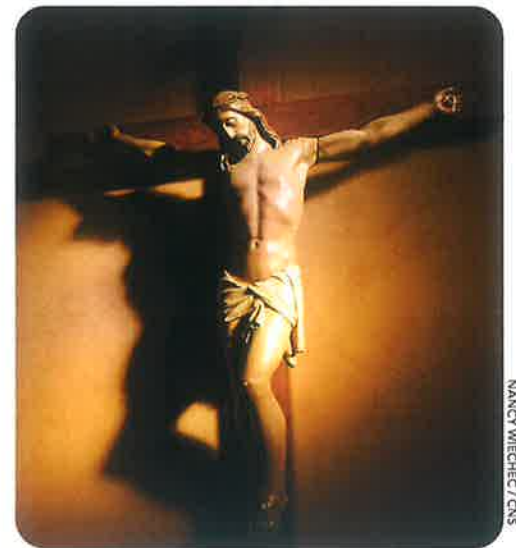
**[Christ Jesus] emptied himself...
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●



NANCY WIECHEC / CNS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| September 15 | September 16 | September 17 | September 18 | September 19 | September 20 | September 21 |
| <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> | <i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i> | <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 1 Tm 2:1–8 Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35 | 1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17 | 1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35 | 1 Tm 4:12–16 Lk 7:36–50 | 1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3 | 1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15 | Am 8:4–7 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13 |



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.

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