



September 22 – September 28

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)

**St. Paul Catholic
Church and Mission**

**Iglesia Católica San
Pablo y Misione**

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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 21 – September 27

Sunday, September 21 – 9:00 Mass- †Rachelle
Navarro, Lina Davis & Ramon Linus Beroy, †Jack
Tresslar, †Charlie Kirk

12:00 Mass- †Elvira Lopez

Thursday, September 25 - For Our Parishioners,
Special Intention

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

**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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-- Reflection

Today's Gospel tells us that while persons who focus on self-gratification are very shrewd in their friendships, Christians must focus on being trustworthy, serving One Master.

For true friendship to come into and remain in existence it calls for close communication between friends. When we have a high esteem for those we love, we open our heart to their friendship in a way that their inclinations, good or bad, quickly enter into us. While a certain kind of bee seeks nothing but honey, unknowingly it sucks in the poisonous qualities of the plant it draws the honey from. Our Lord said to be good bankers and moneychangers. Don't take in bad money along with the good. Hence, do not enter any compromise with a love opposed to love of God.

Certainly, we must love our friends in spite of their faults. However, true friendship requires us to share the good, not evil. Those who dig for gold in a stream sift out the sand and leave it on the banks. So also, those who share in good friendship ought to remove the sand of its imperfections and not let it get into their souls. Genuine friendship resides in the heart, where God's love holds first place. Thus, it is grounded in God's love and is guaranteed to last eternally. It encourages, assists and leads friends to perform good deeds. Persons walking on a rugged slippery road hold on to one another in order to walk more safely; so too with genuine friendship. It keeps us safe and assists us in many dangerous places we

must cross. It does not watch its friends perish in evilness without helping and correcting them, for genuine living friendship survives only on true virtue. It is good, holy and sacred. How good it is to love and cherish one another in this world as we shall do eternally in the next!

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THANK YOU, FROM FLAME OF LOVE RETREAT

The Flame of Love Retreat would like to thank everyone who helped to make our experience a success. We offer special thanks to Fr. Perdomo and the Knights of Columbus for all that they did.

FROM HIS HOLINESS, POPE LEO XIV

"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! All of us are in God's hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another other! We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace."

---May 8, 2025, Vatican Basilica



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first day of Religious Education has begun; class time is 10:30-11:45. Parents still have a limited time to register students.



Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Reflexión

El Evangelio de hoy nos dice que, si bien las personas que se centran en la autogratisfación son muy astutas en sus amistades, los cristianos debemos centrarnos en ser confiables y servir a un solo Señor.

Para que la verdadera amistad surja y perdure, es necesaria una comunicación estrecha entre amigos. Cuando estimamos mucho a quienes amamos, abrimos nuestro corazón a su amistad de tal manera que sus inclinaciones, buenas o malas, nos invaden rápidamente. Mientras que cierta clase de abeja solo busca miel, sin saberlo, absorbe las cualidades venenosas de la planta de la que extrae la miel. Nuestro Señor nos dijo que seamos buenos banqueros y cambistas. No aceptemos dinero malo junto con el bueno. Por lo tanto, no nos comprometamos con un amor opuesto al amor de Dios.

Ciertamente, debemos amar a nuestros amigos a pesar de sus defectos. Sin embargo, la verdadera amistad requiere que compartamos lo bueno, no lo malo. Quienes cavan en busca de oro en un arroyo separan la arena y la dejan en la orilla. Así también, quienes comparten una buena amistad deben remover la arena de sus imperfecciones y no dejar que penetre en sus almas.

La amistad genuina reside en el corazón, donde el amor de Dios ocupa el primer lugar. Por lo tanto, se fundamenta en el amor de Dios y tiene garantía de perdurar eternamente. Anima, asiste y guía a los amigos a realizar buenas

obras. Quienes caminan por un camino accidentado y resbaladizo se aferran para caminar con mayor seguridad; lo mismo ocurre con la amistad genuina. Nos mantiene a salvo y nos asiste en los muchos lugares peligrosos que debemos cruzar. No deja que sus amigos perezcan en la maldad sin ayudarlos y corregirlos, porque la amistad genuina y viva solo sobrevive en la verdadera virtud. Es buena, santa y sagrada. ¡Qué bueno es amarnos y apreciarnos mutuamente en este mundo como lo haremos eternamente en el venidero!

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

“Dios nos ama, Dios los ama a todos, ¡y el mal no prevalecerá! Todos estamos en sus manos. Así que, avancemos sin miedo, juntos, de la mano de Dios y unos con otros. Somos seguidores de Cristo. Cristo nos precede. El mundo necesita su luz. La humanidad lo necesita como puente que nos lleve a Dios y a su amor. Ayúdanos, a todos, a construir puentes a través del diálogo y el encuentro, uniéndonos como un solo pueblo, siempre en paz.”

---8 de mayo de 2025, Basílica Vaticana

GRACIAS, DESDE EL RETIRO LLAMA DE AMOR

El Retiro Llama de Amor agradece a todos los que contribuyeron a que nuestra experiencia fuera un éxito. Agradecemos especialmente al Padre Perdomo y a los Caballeros de Colón por todo su esfuerzo.

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, October 15 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 15 de octubre 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	82,098.00
Received 9-14-25	7,043.00
FY Bldg Fund Budget	144,000.00
Received to date	7,318.00
Received 9-14-25	100.00

Offertory: Holy Family
Sun. (9-14-25): \$583.00

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 (Wichita 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/chilyouthprotection o 888-357-5330.

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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

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!

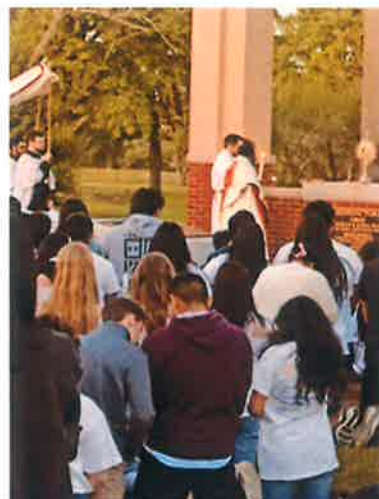
To view the schedule, register to attend, set up
an exhibit table, or carry a procession banner,
scan the QR code or visit **diosav.org/10-11**



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

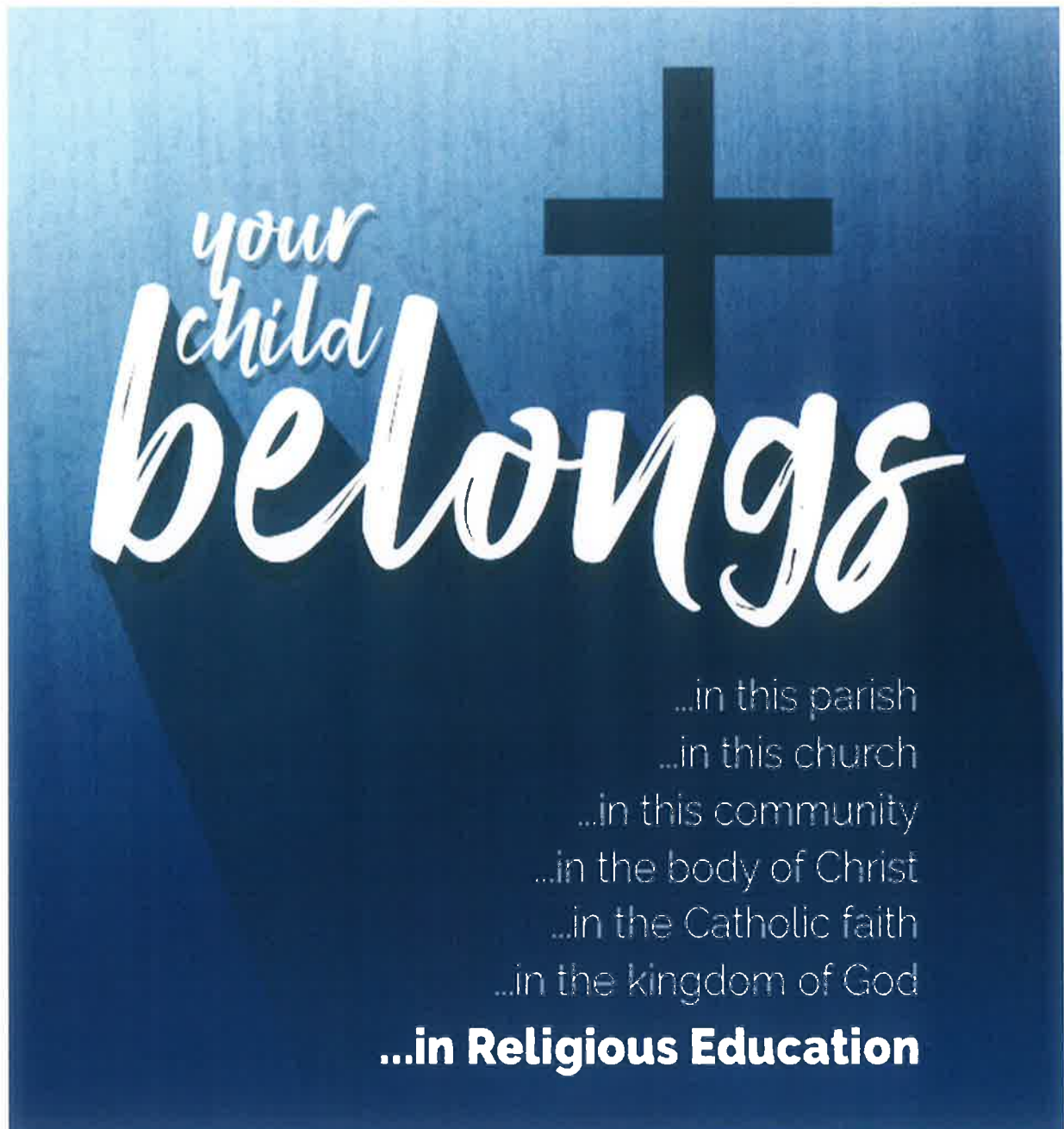
Mesas de Exhibición: Aplica para tener una mesa: ¡para parroquias, ministerios, grupos, negocios de artículos religiosos, tiendas religiosas, y más!

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**

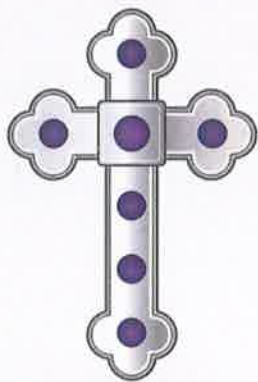




Religious Education classes begin at 10:45

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

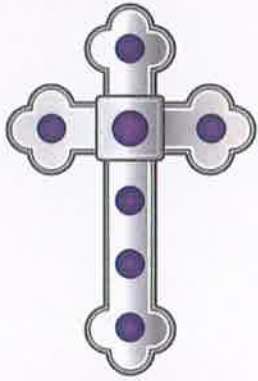
- We currently have 8 pledges and donations
- For a total of \$17,880 (The goal is \$21,496)
- This is 83% of our total goal!

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

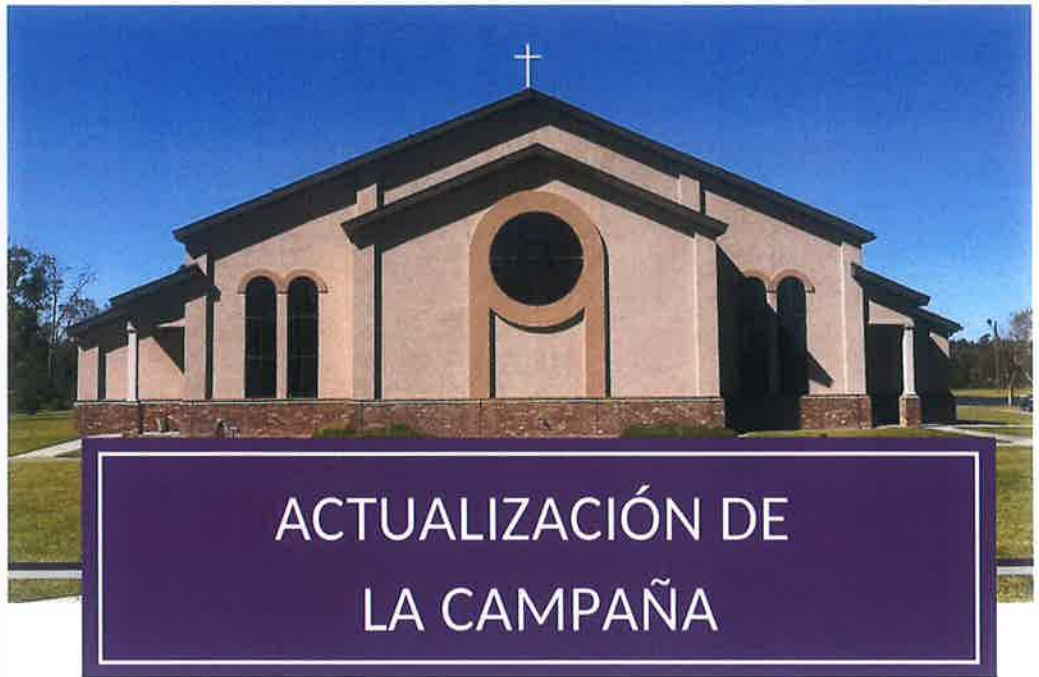
Padre Celestial, que nos has reunido hoy y aquí en Tu providencia, te pedimos guíes, inspires y bendigas nuestra Diócesis de Savannah y la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza.

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.



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, WILLACOOCHIEE

- 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.*

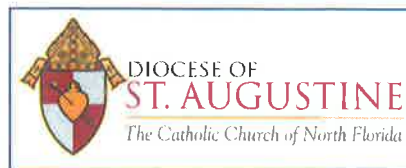
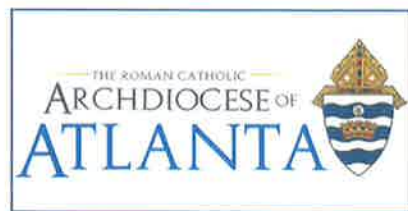


“LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”

P.S. 122

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.





Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted. As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted. ●

Reflect

***What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?***

No servant can serve two masters....
You cannot serve God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13

Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult."

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

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



JOHN MC ELROY

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

**HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025**



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

*St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest*

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

*St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest*

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

*Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31