

# Dear Padre,

***During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?***

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom....” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Thursday	Sunday
<b>June 1</b> <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> 2 Pt 1:2–7 Mk 12:1–12	<b>June 4</b> <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 2:8–15 Mk 12:28–34	<b>June 7</b> <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a 1 Cor 10:16–17 Jn 6:51–58
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>June 2</b> <i>Weekday</i> 2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18 Mk 12:13–17	<b>Friday</b> <b>June 5</b> <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Tm 3:10–17 Mk 12:35–37	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>June 3</b> <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12 Mk 12:18–27	<b>Saturday</b> <b>June 6</b> <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 4:1–8 Mk 12:38–44	

**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.*

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# Embracing the Mystery

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

**The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained**, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

## Reflect

**How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God’s nature as a communion of love?**



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## Parish Announcements

### Anointing Mass

Anointing of the Sick will be held on Tuesday, June 2, at the 12:00 PM Mass. Anyone in need of this sacrament is welcome to receive it.

### Baby Bottles

The baby bottles for The Center for Pregnancy Choices' annual "Every Penny Counts" fundraiser are due by June 4. You may return your filled bottle to the basket at the back of the church or drop it off at the church office.

### Children's Church

Children's Church will break for the summer and resume on Sunday, August 9.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 23-25 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for Pre-K through 5th grade at St. Michael. Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact Mimi Mitchell. [Mimi.mitchell@vicksburgcatholic.org](mailto:Mimi.mitchell@vicksburgcatholic.org).

### Fr. Rusty's Vacation

Fr. Rusty will be out of town on summer vacation beginning Sunday, June 7, after Mass and will return for weekend Masses on June 27 and 28. Fr. McGing will celebrate the weekend Masses for June 13-14 and June 20-21. There will be no daily Mass during this time, but the church office will remain open.

### St. Paul Celebration

There will be a luncheon in honor of our patron, St. Paul, on Sunday, June 28, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Be sure to save the date and watch for our Meal Train sign-up link coming soon.

## Offertory Summary

Weekly Budget.....\$7,700

### Online Giving

May 4- May 10 ..... \$1,740

### Weekend Offertory

May 2 & 3.....\$12,278

May 9 & 10 .....\$6,424

May 16 & 17.....\$4,767

May 23 & 24.....\$7,213

May 30 & 31.....\$ , \_

## Special Collections

May 17: Catholic Communications .....\$285



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## Knights of Columbus

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JUN 2 | Rosary @ 6:30 PM followed by Council Meeting

JUN 3 | K of C Bible study after 5:30 PM Mass @ St. Michael

JUN 6 | Meals on Wheels

## Weekend Mass Schedule†

### Saturday

#Confession 2:30-3:30 PM

Mass 4:00 PM

### Sunday

#Confession 9:30-10:00 AM

Mass 10:30 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule†

Monday 7:00 AM

Tuesday 12:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM

Thursday 12:00 PM

Friday 7:00 AM

† All schedule updates can be found in the Parish Calendar section of the bulletin.

‡ For Confessions during the week, please call the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

JUN 1, MON | Larry Curley

JUN 2, TUES | Max E. Polk, Deceased

JUN 3, WED | Special Intentions

JUN 4, THUR | Dan Fordice, Deceased

JUN 5, FRI | Special Intentions

JUN 6, SAT | Special Intentions

To request a Mass Intention for a Daily Mass or the Saturday Vigil Mass, please call, email, or visit the parish office. \*Sunday Mass is offered for all St. Paul's parishioners.



## Today's Readings

Visit [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org) or scan this QR code to find the readings



## Check out our Social Media!



St. Paul Catholic Church

## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers placed at the Ambo are in memory of Lydia Llanes

## Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in urgent need of anointing, please call the church office Emergency Ext. 106

## Parish Calendar

MAY 31, SUN | Children's Church will not meet

JUNE 1, MON | Offertory Counters: Elias Arredondo & Lorraine Smithhart

JUNE 2, TUES | Anointing Mass 12 PM

JUNE 6, SAT | Meals on Wheels

JUNE 14, SUN | Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM

JUNE 21, SUN | Community Food Pantry collection

## St. Paul Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. Rusty Vincent | Office Manager Ashley Roesch | Office Assistant Janis Koestler

Bookkeeper Beverly Connelly | Maintenance Charles Hahn | Organist Karen Harrison

## Leadership & Ministries

Parish Council President Travis Thornell | Finance Council Chair Bill Fulcher

Bereavement Story Ebersole | RCIA Connie and David Hosemann, and Bruce Ebersole | Meals On Wheels Jan Jackson, Christy Guizerix, and Rae Perry

Altar Flowers Cynthia Montalbano | Homebound Janis Koestler | Children's Church Ashley Lawrence

Baptism Prep Barbara Hill

Confirmation Jordan Amborn