



3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019

Please join us in praying the Rosary in the Chapel Sunday at 10:00

Father Hecker's Bicentennial Celebration

To conclude our bicentennial journey with Servant of God, Isaac Hecker, we will recite the vocation prayer (found in the pews) after the communion prayer. The Paulist Associates will also host a celebration in honor of his birthday on **December 18th after 5:30 Mass** in Hecker Hall. All are welcome.

***** Advent Reconciliation Service will be December 19th @ 5:30pm *****

Christmas Gift Cards for the Holidays

There is still time to order. Last date to order is Sunday, December 15th, 2019. Please complete a sales form, attach your check or cash, and cards will be available for pickup at all masses on December 21-22, or at the office during the week. **NEW!!** PK Nails and Spa located in Horseshoe Bay made available \$50.00 and \$100.00 gift certificates, and St. Paul receives a 10% rebate. They are available for purchase **NOW!**

2020 Calendars

The St. Paul the Apostle Calendars for 2020, featuring Classic Art from the ages, can be found in Hecker Hall. Please take one home with you today.

Email Problems

Our email provider has been experiencing difficulties since November 19th and we have had no email connection since then. If you need to contact the office, please call at 830-598-8342 or use our stand by email, stpaulhsb@gmail.com. If you have tried to reach out to us, please forgive us for not getting back to you. We are sorry for this inconvenience and are looking for a long lasting solution.

Annual Christmas Bag Drive: Thank You

Thank you for your enormous generosity, support and work making the St. Paul 2019 Christmas Bag Project a great success! Due to your generosity plus the diligent work of over 20 volunteers we were able to provide clothing, toys, and HEB gift cards to 24 families encompassing 71 individuals. Check the church website for pictures, which will be posted shortly. (Please note that the administrative overhead is donated by our elves so 100% of your donations go directly to the families in the form of gifts and HEB gift cards.) **Thank you again for your support and may God bless you and your families this Christmas and throughout 2019!**

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

A Huge Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard in preparing food, decorations and all the behind the scenes work required that make St Paul the Apostle Christmas Party a wonderful event.

Merry Christmas!

200 years, Servant of God Isaac Hecker, Founder of the Paulist Fathers

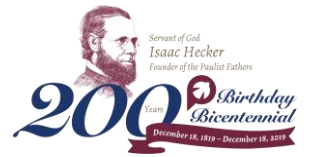
December 18, 1819 – December 18, 2019

On Wednesday, December 18, the Paulists will commemorate the Bicentennial of his Birthday.

Let me look back for a few moments and see where I stood last year this time (an incomprehensible length!) and where I now seem to stand. Then my faith was dim, unfixed and unsettled, then I was not so disentangled from the body and its desires as I hope in God I now am. In all I feel a consciousness that since then I have spiritually grown-been transformed. For my present I cannot speak. For my future it seems I dare not speak. Dreams of the future! Exalted visions of the beautiful! Unspeakable hopes! Deep untranslatable longings that fill the conscious soul.

...from Hecker's Diary, entry dated December 18, 1844, his 25th birthday.

In addition, we remember the 131st anniversary of Fr. Hecker's death (1888) on Sunday, December 22, 2019.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

FAMILY MASS – Prelude Concert-3:40 P.M. Mass-4:00P.M.

VIGIL MASS –Prelude Concert-5:40 P.M. Mass- 6:00 P.M.

TRADITIONAL MIDNIGHT MASS – Prelude Concert-8:10 P.M. Mass-8:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019 10:30 A.M

VIGIL MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 5:30 P.M.

***NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

St. Paul the Apostle Book Club

January's book has been changed to *Educated, a Memoir*, by Tara Westover. We will review the book, *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh in February.

Honor Garden Memorials Available for Christmas

Remember a friend or a loved one this Christmas with an Armed Forces Honor Garden memorial. Honor Garden Stars, that are on the water fountain wall (@\$250), honor deceased military veterans. Plaques. in the flag garden (5 x 3" @ \$200 or 5 x 15" @ \$600), honor our living military (active or veteran). And paver stones, located behind the "Lest We Forget" statue and along the walkways (@ \$150) recognize military and non-military families and friends. Forms for the purchase of memorials can be obtained from the parish office.

Interested In Becoming A Catholic

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The RCIA program at St. Paul's is year round and tailored to the scheduling and knowledge needs of the individual candidate; with a focus on developing a personal relationship with Christ. Interested individuals should contact lowellcable@gmail.com.

*The office will be closed Monday, December 23rd and Wednesday, December 25th.

Thank you for your generous contributions totaling \$7,712.00



Weekday Mass Schedule					
Dec. 14	5:30 p.m.	Rose Jamail +	Dec. 21	5:30 p.m.	Christopher Williams+
Dec. 15	8:30 a.m.	Christine Bard +	Dec. 22	8:30 a.m.	John & Patsy Wiley 50 th Anniversary
Dec. 15	10:30a.m	Mary Davis +	Dec. 22	10:30a.m	For the Parish
Dec. 18	5:30 p.m.	Millie Cannatella +	Dec. 24	4:00p.m. 6:00p.m. 8:30p.m.	Family Mass Vigil Mass Traditional Mass
Dec. 19	8:00 a.m.	For the Parish	Dec. 25	10:30	Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 20	8:00 a.m.	For the Parish	Dec. 26	8:00 a.m.	For the Parish

Liturgical Ministers

December 14, 5:30 p.m.

Lectors – Mike Brittian, Marilyn Ruiz
Ushers – Ted Shetka, Bill Gaylord

EM – Mark Bentley, Pat Bentley, Trudi Leddy
Sacristan and Altar Server- Gary Olfers

December 15, 8:30 a.m.

Lectors – Bill Steffek, Diana Virdell
Ushers –Jerry Kramer, Pauline Kramer

E.M. –Fred Phillips, Theresa Phillips, Jane Marino
Sacristan and Altar Server – Joe Marino

December 15, 10:30 a.m.

Lectors –Patty Gosselin, Paul Gosselin
Ushers – Debbie Engler, Tom Engler

E.M. –Jeff Cook, Veronica Cook, Barbara Fuller
Sacristan and Altar Server –Lois Girten

Happy Birthday

Parishioners celebrating birthdays this week: Al Remack, December 14th; Brent Kyler, December15th; Pat Bentley, December 17th; Ray Dupont and Averie Nesrsta, December 18th ; Denny Fuller and Greg Spence, December 19th and Kathleen Stahl, Miranda Thomas, December 20th. May your day be memorable and full of blessings.

Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to Ted and Yettave Shetka who will celebrate their30th anniversary on December 16th. Tom and Debbie Engler, will celebrate their 48th anniversary on December 18th; Also Josh and Brandy Teitge will celebrate their 1st anniversary on December 18th. May God bless their marriage.

Prayer Request

Please pray for: Annette Burton, Norman Beauchamp, Rev. Ellen Ely, Brian Lucas, Ana Schweizer, Roberta Timrick, Steve Showety, D. C. Wingate, Juanita Burson, James Kizziar, Barbara Leffingwell, Irl Unruh, James Huie, Dianne Jones, Bob Lowry, Franz and Broussard Families, Patrick Binagia, Debbie Sapp, Anita Fey, Alice Courtney, Steven Patrick Kopenitz, Trisha Belota, Shelby Spangler, Joe Gillespie, Patrick Binagia, Ginny Rhodes, Tammy Whitman, Bert Rogers, Jr., Vicki Bouressa, Mary Alice Clark, Johnny and Marcus Perez Families, GiGi Fischer, Emily Fenlon, Althea Rowan, Theresa Ross, Jeff Snyder, John Snyder, Greg Snyder, Janice Garvic, Marian Averyt, Bob Averyt, Edward Sacre, Jody Jamail, Laurie Shadrick, Cas Caspersen, Father Scott Mikkelson, Ed Peres, Tom Eurton, Pat Keller, Doreen Drinkard, Judy Breaux, Stan Jakubowsky ,Vicki Flam, Angelica Arrigoini , Lynda Rybaski, Kim Martinez, Mike Lessert, Gary Broad, Ginger Wright , Roy Ramirez, Sarah Fox and Bobby Joe Guthrie. For the Repose of Anne Kirkland’s soul.

Please pray for those in our Armed Services

Staff Sgt. Josh Zabierek
Army Spc. Warren Andrews
Sgt. Corey K. Bradford
Captain Sean Zarsky, USAF
Lt. Thomas Readel D.D.S.USN
Captain Eric Barton
Michael Cook
James Hicken, Jr. USAF

Matthew Anderson, USN
SFC Erick DeAlba
Staff Sgt. Adam Long
Captain Hannah Zarsky, USAF
Col. Maria Bochat
Captain Heather Barton
Jeremiah Caspersen, US Army

Tiffanie Beotchner
Lt. Christopher Carr
SFC Mary McLean
Ethan Cook
Sgt, James Balestrini
LCDR Darby Gray
Nathaniel Brown

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MASSES

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Saturday - 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

ADORATION

First Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction

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A Word from Servant of God Isaac Hecker, Founder of the Paulist Fathers

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If you have asked Father Hecker to pray for you or another person who is ill, and you believe something miraculous has happened, please phone Father Paul Robichaud, CSP, at 212-265-3209 x350 and tell him your story.