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WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Tues. through Sat.: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION: Wed. & Sat.: 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION

Fridays: 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.



August 17, 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Phone: (541)344-1401 School Website: www.saintpaul-school.org **Principal:** Christine Penwell

Mission Statement

Professing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired by the example of our patron Saint Paul, educating our children, serving others and supporting one another as loving witnesses for the Lord.

August 17, 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary

Deacon's Corner

The Sin We Cling To

Years ago, while finishing my 4th year as an undergraduate student in architecture at California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, CA, I was invited to join a group of students who would travel to Europe in lieu of the 5th year of studies. The decision was easy.

So with some loans and the help of my parents, I signed up for this amazing adventure that would take a group of like-minded students to three different cities in Spain that corresponded with the three guarters of the academic year. For this trip, the Fall Quarter would be spent in Madrid, the Winter Quarter in Almunecar on the Southern Coast of Spain, and the Spring Quarter in a small village, Colonia Güell, just outside of Barcelona.

The charter flight the group boarded at Los Angeles International Airport was headed first to Paris, France. Landing in Paris, the group settled into a couple weeks of sightseeing and then on the last day in Paris, we picked up our leased Renault automobiles to be used for the remainder of our travels throughout Spain. From Paris, we drove South to . . .

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Liturgical Volunteers August 23 & 24, 2025

Greeters

Sat: 4:30p-Gerry Sun: 8:00a-Ortons Sun: 10:30a-Penny

Lectors

Sat: 4:30p-Coleen Sun: 8:00a-Katie Jo Sun: 10:30a-Bob

EMHC

Sat 4:30p-Pete, Susan, Carla Sun:8:00a-Terri, Dave, Sam Sun:10:30a-Zeny, Lynda, Nancy

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday August 16 8:30 a.m. Minnie Kutlas † Michael McKay † 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

August 17 **Dominican Friars** St. Paul Parishioners &

Guests

August 18 Monday Prayer 8:30 a.m. Tuesday

August 19 Trudy Vandehey 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Mary N. Pham † August 21

August 20

8:30 a.m. Friday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday

Mike Lewis Sr. August 22 Joseph Pham †

Saturday 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

August 23 Fr. Scott Vandehey † St. Paul Parishioners &

Guests

Let Us Pray

Bob Simon Colleen Howard William Thompson Timothy McDonald Faline Sikes Cheryl Suzuki Judah Sikes Ray Miller Raini Nelson Larry Wade Gracie Guardino Sharon Wade Ella Doralyn Bocchi Kirk Bembry Patty Roland Pamela Blanton Loretta Cook Tracy Villada Stephanie Cook Sr. Miriam Ally Angelastro Carmen Isabel Frank Paula Singh John Ressler Kelly Bryson Joseph Barba Douglas DeWald Colleen Bushmaker

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday August 17 9:15 a.m. **RCIA** Tuesday August 19 Koffee Klatch 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Catholic in Recovery

Wednesday August 20 9:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Thursday August 21

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Friday August 22 9:00 a.m. Adoration Saturday August 23 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday August 24 9:15 a.m. **RCIA**



Weekly Financial Report August 10, 2025

TOTAL	\$ 14,264.00
eGiving	\$ 4,526.00
Maintenance	\$ 165.00
Unidentified	\$ 732.00
Identified	\$ 8,841.00

Readings for August 24, 2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 66:18-21 Responsorial Psalm: 117: 1, 2 Reading 2: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Communion Antiphon: John 6:54

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for all ministries are open this weekend. This includes Sacramental Prep for First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children.

Fall Schedules for Middle and High School Youth Groups are also available. To get up-to-date info please follow stpaulygeugene on Instagram or contact Kristin to get added to our list for text and email updates.

Are you an incoming junior or senior? Active in youth group? Have a heart for our parish and your youth group?! Join our St Paul Youth Group Core Team. Online Applications available this weekend by contacting Kristin. We are also looking for dedicated Adults to join our Core Team and our amazing catechists working with the Youth of our St Paul Community. We are excited to meet you!

Please email Kristin (kwhite@archdpdx.org) with any questions or inquiries.

SCHOOL

2025-2026 School Year Kickoff

August 28 Popsicles on the Play-

ground & Middle School

Social, 6p.m. Orientation Day September 2

September 3 First Day of Classes September 9 Lifetouch Photo Day

September 11 Back to School Night

Parish News





The Scripture warns those who are spiritually lukewarm, "Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am going to spit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:16). Is the fire of the Holy Spirit still burning in our hearts? Are we passionate about justice, truth, and love, or have we allowed our zeal to fade?

—Bishop Gerald M Musa



OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Do you know someone who wants to join the Catholic Church or is interested in learning more about our faith? Registration is now open for adult OCIA (formerly RCIA). Forms can be found in the entry of the Church or in the Church office. Classes begin September 10th. Registration forms are due back by September 3rd. For more information email pvdmehden@archdpdx.org or call 541-686-2345.

Community

Retreats at St Benedict's Lodge

Women's Annual Retreat— September 5-7. Father Emmerich Vogt, O.P. will direct the retreat. The theme is Love is Lord of Heaven and Farth

Journaling Retreat—September 12-14. Deacon Chris Anderson will direct the retreat. The theme is Praying as Remembering: St. Augustine and the Sacred Stories of Our Lives.

Men's Retreat—September 19-21. Father Emmerich will direct the retreat. The theme is Love & the Mysteries of Faith. Registration forms are available in the back of the Church. For more information call 541-822-3572 or visit sblodge.opwest.org/news.

Jubilee Rosary Procession

Join the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus council for a Jubilee Rosary Procession Saturday, August 23rd from St. Rose of Lima Parish at 9:45a.m. to Holy Rosary Church with 12:00p.m. Mass, confession, a catered meal to follow, and bus service provided back to St. Rose. Contact the Knights at holyrosarykoc@gmail.com for any questions.

Parish News



Catholic Sisterhood Retreat

The Catholic Sisterhood invites you to SAVE THE DATE for our 2nd annual Fall Retreat on October 25th — *Poured Out: A Day of Retreat and Restoration for Women.* At this full-day retreat, the team from Hazelnut Catholic will offer a gentle invitation to step out of survival mode and into sacred restoration.

Who: Adult Catholic women of all ages and stages

Where: Parish Hall Cost: - \$79

For more information please visit https://www.catholicsisterhood.com

Community

Catholic Community Services Great Hour of Caring 2025

Enjoy breakfast, hear inspiring stories, and learn how your support helps change lives. Thursday, September 18th, 8 a.m.-9 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.ccslc.org/ghoc2025

Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

the city of Madrid and following the completion of the Spring Quarter, we headed west to Portugal, south along the west coast of Portugal to the City of Gibraltar, and finally traveled east along the southern seacoast of Spain to the small resort village of Almuñécar, Spain; the destination to which this week's Deacon's Corner's message is devoted.

In Almuñécar, there were two apartments reserved for our group occupying the upper floor of a three story building with a 180 degree view overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Spectacular. Anyway, each apartment was divided into four bedrooms clustered around a central living room and a shared bathroom facility. Not long after we had settled into our rooms, someone noticed that the bathroom in our apartment was also hosting an army of ants clearly visible along the top edge of the bathtub.

The following day while everyone was relaxing in the common living room, I took a small bowl filled with water, added some sugar, and with a large watercolor brush 'painted' my name in script on the wall above the tub. Within a few minutes, the line of ants had quickly rerouted their column clinging to the wall and the sugar-water mixture unaware that in their frenzied efforts to consume the sugar they were also marqueeing my name in animated text. Having accomplished my ruse, I walked into the common room and told everyone that I had trained the ants in the bathroom to spell out my name on the wall above the tub. Following some skeptical looks, the group took turns in astonishment at my name on the wall and my supposed command of a small army of ants.

In this weekend's reading from The Letter to the Hebrews, we are cautioned to rid ourselves of, 'the sin that clings to us.' This seems like a curious statement to me as I try to image how sin 'clings' to us almost as though the sin we might succumb to is personally tailored to our human weaknesses and most effective in snaring us like the sugar-water mixture that snared the ants. Likewise, I think that the evil one knows the best recipe to reroute us from our love of and relationship with God. Amen?



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