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

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

**RECONCILIATION:**  
**Wed.** 9:30 a.m. **Sat.:** 9:00 a.m.

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

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## December 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent

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### 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.*

# December 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent

## Deacon's Corner

### The Things I Have Failed to Do

The first time I confessed my sins to a priest was in 2007. The most recent occasion I sat with a priest for reconciliation was three weeks ago at the Deacon Retreat being held at Mt. Angel Abbey. To his credit, Fr. Randy didn't flinch when I confessed that my visits to the confessional have been somewhat spotty at best. For the next hour, with a degree of grace undeserved, Fr. Randy listened intently to the 'the things I should have done and the things I have failed to do' evoked by the penitential prayer spoken at the beginning of each mass.

The first time I experienced reconciliation was as a deacon in formation with a priest in the Diocese of Monterey who also happened to be the head of the formation group I was a part of. My first foray into the act of reconciliation was ministered by Fr. Roy and my recollection is of a pleasant encounter in which there wasn't any point at which I felt scolded or uncomfortable; mostly a calm reassurance of my growth as a relatively . . .

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### Liturgical Volunteers December 13 & 14, 2025

#### Greeters

Sat: 4:30p—Liberantes

Sun: 8:00a—Blake

Sun: 10:30a—Tom

#### Lectors

Sat: 4:30p—Pete

Sun: 8:00a—Tim

Sun: 10:30a—Jim

#### EMHC

Sat 4:30p—Kay, Carla, Colleen

Sun:8:00a—Jeremy, Phoebe, Sally

Sun:10:30a—Jim H, Carla, Georgine

## Mass Times & Intentions

### Saturday

8:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

### Monday

8:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

8:30 a.m.

### Wednesday

8:30 a.m.

### Thursday

8:30 a.m.

### Friday

8:30 a.m.

### Saturday

8:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

### December 6

Jim Novitsky

Darlean Scott †

### December 7

Doris Spangler †

St. Paul Parishioners &

Guests

### December 8

Hope, Joy, Love & Peace

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### December 9

Fr. Mark Bentz

### December 10

Joe & Rita Struble ††

### December 11

Mary H. Pham †

### December 12

Ciarlo Family

### December 13

Adolph Zalonis †

St. Paul Parishioners &

Guests

**Please pray for those on our prayer list below.**

Bob Simon	Timothy McDonald
William Thompson	Cheryl Suzuki
Faline Sikes	Ray Miller
Judah Sikes	Larry Wade
Raini Nelson	Sharon Wade
Gracie Guardino	Doralyn Bocchi
Ella	Patty Roland
Kirk Bembray	Ally Angelastro
Pamela Blanton	Frank Paula
Tracy Villada	John Ressler
Sr. Miriam	Joseph Barba
Douglas DeWald	Colleen Bushmaker
Colleen Howard	Justin Allensworth
Joyce Rauschert	John Guardino
Jim Novitsky	

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday

9:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday

9:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

## Thursday

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

## Friday

9:00 a.m.

12:00p.m.

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9:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

## Sunday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

9:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

## December 7

Advent Bible Study

Quilt Raffle Tickets

## December 9

Koffee Klatch

Quilters

Funeral for Sue Chuey

Women of St. Paul

Catholic in Recovery

## December 10

Reconciliation

Craft & Coffee

Adoration

OCIA

Advent Bible Study

## December 11

Lunch Bunch

Knights of Columbus

## December 12

Adoration

Parish Office Closed

## December 13

Reconciliation

WSP Christmas Tea

## December 14

Knights Breakfast

Advent Bible Study

Quilt Raffle Tickets

Middle School Y.G.

High School Y.G.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## Weekly Financial Report November 30, 2025

Identified	\$ 7,550.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,069.53
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
eGiving	\$ 2,440.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,079.53</b>

## Readings for December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading 2: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Communion Antiphon: Isaiah 35:4

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Class meets this Sunday after Mass at 11:45 in the church. Please bring your books and work books.

OCIC will be attending mass on Monday at 5:30 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

December 14 \*Middle School YG 5-6:15 Christmas Labrinth end in the church.

\*High School 6:30-8:30 start in church and then head to look at Christmas lights. Contact Kristin for permission slip. Park in front parking lot.

December 21 \*Middle School YG 5-6:15, \*High School 6:30-8:30 pm. Annual White Elephant gift exchange. \$10 limit. Ugly Awesome Christmas Sweater Contest.

\*all confirmation students required to attend Youth Group events.

To keep up to date on YG news contact Kristin at [kwhite@archdpdx.org](mailto:kwhite@archdpdx.org) or check out our Instagram at [spaulygeugene](https://www.instagram.com/spaulygeugene) for up to date information.

# SCHOOL

## Festive Fridays

Students that bring in a non-perishable food item can wear a Christmas top, hat, or socks on Friday December 12th or 19th.

Looking ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, classes will start Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

## Parish News

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



## Parish News

For Christians in areas of conflict

DECEMBER 2025



### Pope's Prayer Intention December 2025

#### For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. "Blessed are the peacemakers." In a world that can seem so divided, let us shine God's love and kindness. Once we have discovered that peace ourselves, let us be instruments of peace to others. "May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all." - 2 Thessalonians 3:16

### Turkey Time

St. Vincent de Paul has dropped off their freezer so we can start collecting turkeys for them to distribute to families for Christmas dinners in Lane County. Please bring them on your way to or from Mass on the weekend or Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast Sunday, December 14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. If you purchased a raffle ticket for the St. Paul quilt, the drawing will be held at 12 p.m.

## Community

**Penance services** are available at St. Mark Wednesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. at St. Jude Tuesday, December 16 at 6 p.m. St. Peter Wednesday, December 17 at 6 p.m.

### Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

new Catholic and encouragement for my journey towards ordination as a permanent deacon. So the question that still hangs in the air is why is there such a reluctance, I suspect with other Catholics as well, to engage in an age old practice that is such a fundamental sacrament of the church and so essential to our spiritual health?

I suspect that pride is the core reason for many to postpone, or altogether avoid, participation in reconciliation offered freely by the priests of our church. The reasoning might go something like this, "My sin isn't that bad or I have Christian friends that I can talk through any issues or failings I might have." The Book of James teaches, "Therefore confess your sins to one another . . ." (James 5:16) A friend might be able to give mutual support or advice but unfortunately, friends can't absolve us of the sins we carry since this is one of the prime facilities and office of an ordained Catholic priest.

The priest, acting in the person of Christ, has received the authority to forgive sins through Holy Orders and apostolic succession. (John 20:22-23) Close friends might offer what feels like a safer audience to share our deepest (darkest) secrets but they can only listen and/or offer their personal advice or support. Also, with friends, the temptation is to share only the less egregious failures and/or seek their support or alignment with our actions, or lack of action, as being righteous. I think we are more inclined to tell the *whole* truth to a loving priest who for all practical purposes is tantamount to talking to Christ. Who would be tempted to be less than totally honest when talking to Jesus?

Like the loving gift of Jesus' birth anticipated during Advent and celebrated on Christmas Day, reconciliation is a *gift* of grace given freely by a loving God wanting only to draw closer to us in relationship. *If* as beloved children of God, reconciliation is the best path to receive this gift of grace from a loving father, why in the world would we hesitate? Maybe the gift to give ourselves this Advent and Christmas Season is to sit down with a trusted priest and let him help us unpack the spiritual baggage that can rob us of our joy. Amen?



It is **time to prepare** the Christmas meal for the annex. Please sign up go to <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/116479614023/false#/invitation> Items need to be delivered to the Church office by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 23.

*Lord, soften our hearts to feel deeply for the poor, the hungry, and those without shelter. May we understand that in giving to them, we serve You and honor Your love. Let us remember that every act of compassion we extend is a reflection of Your love and care. In Your Name, Amen.*

The **Women of St. Paul** will have their meeting **Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.** We will be discussing the results of the Holiday Bazaar, and making plans for the New Year. A bit of business followed by some time making Christmas cards for some members of our parish who are not always able to attend Mass and other community activities. All women of the parish are welcome to join us. All women of the parish are invited to afternoon tea **Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m.** in the St. Paul room. Bring finger food to share, your Christmas cup and a cash donation to support Lane County Food Bank this Christmas.



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