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

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February 1, 2026 4th 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.

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Weekly Calendar

Deacon's Corner

Blessed Are Those Who Bless . . .

Sometimes I wonder whether the poor in spirit or the meek are actually comforted by the promise of Jesus in the beatitudes that "theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus responds to criticism of a woman who anoints him with perfume by saying, "The poor you will always have with you . . . (Matt 26:11). Does Jesus' promise of his kingdom help in any way to alleviate the protracted suffering of spiritual or financial poverty?

I also wonder about those who have lost a loved one to a serious illness or tragic accident. Are they comforted by the promise of *future* comfort? Is anyone actually comforted when grief or sorrow is visited upon their home? Or are those who are meek, who choose humility over the use of power, encouraged by the promise that they will inherit the land (understood by some as the Promised Land where rest and blessings await)?

And how is the promised blessing of satisfaction working for those "who hunger and thirst for righteousness," when violence . . .
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Liturgical Volunteers February 7 & 8, 2026

Greeters

Sat: 4:30p—Gerry
Sun: 8:00a—Eloise
Sun: 10:30a—Penny

Lectors

Sat: 4:30p—Andrea
Sun: 8:00a—Lynda
Sun: 10:30a—Rick

EMHC

Sat 4:30p—Vicky, Richard, Susan
Sun:8:00a—Dave, Terri, Sam
Sun:10:30a—Steve, Jim M, Zeny

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 8:30 a.m.	January 31 All Deceased Clergy of Portland †
4:30 p.m.	Donna Gay †
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	February 1 St. Paul Parishioners & Guests
10:30 a.m.	Douglas Brown †
Monday 8:30 a.m.	February 2 Franci Cardinal George †
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	February 3 Phil Rosebrook †
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	February 4 Dr. Douglas & Magdalena Carpenter ††
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	February 5 Martha Perez †
Friday 8:30 a.m.	February 6 Freda Zalonis †
Saturday 8:30 a.m.	February 7 Rev. Charles Scott †
4:30 p.m.	Elvira Pusung †

Please pray for those on our prayer list.

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 3 Koffee Klatch Quilters Catholic in Recovery
Wednesday 9:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	February 4 SVdP Reconciliation Book Club Craft & Coffee Adoration OCIA
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	February 5 Catholic Sisterhood
Friday 9:00 a.m.	February 6 Adoration
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	February 7 Reconciliation

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Weekly Financial Report January 25, 2026

Identified	\$ 6,994.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,101.25
Maintenance	\$ 110.00
eGiving	\$ 5,878.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,083.25



Readings for February 8, 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 58:7-10
Responsorial Psalm: 112:4-5,6-7,8-9
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16
Communion Antiphon: Psalm 107(106):8-9

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy is moving to Twice a Month! Thanks to an amazing team of volunteers we are able to have Children's Liturgy two times a month.

February 8 and February 22 during the 10:30 Mass for kids ages Pre-school-2nd Grade.

High School Movie Night February 5. Contact Kristin at kwhite@archdpdx.org to RSVP and receive permission slip with details.

Confirmation Class February 8, 11:45-12:45 please bring books.

Steubenville NW registration is Here! For incoming Freshman-Graduated Seniors. Please contact Kristin for questions at kwhite@archdpdx.org

SCHOOL

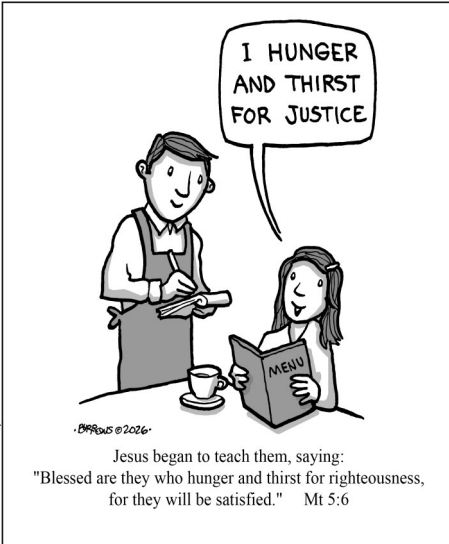
Tournament of Excellence

One of St. Paul's cherished traditions takes place February 13-15. We will welcome 8 Catholic Schools from across the state to Marist High School for basketball games and skill contests. Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul Church on Saturday February 14 at 7 p.m. followed with a dance in the school gym.

Parish News

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Parish News

What's Happening

Join the **Women of St. Paul** on February 10th at 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. in the St. Paul Room for their monthly meeting. We will be learning about Medical Directives, and have questions answered by a staff member of Sacred Heart Hospital. We will also be making Valentine cards for those who can not join us at Mass.



Everyone is welcome to gather online with members of the Eugene-Springfield **Laudato Si'** group for a Zoom meeting, on Sunday, February 1, 1:30-3:00 p.m.. We will be discussing the year ahead and prayerfully reflecting on Pope Leo's recent exhortation *Dilexi Te*. Call or text Virgil for more information, 402-285-2261.



Jesus brings good news, as there is hope and healing to be found. Through his forgiveness and abundant grace, He brings joy to our sorrows and desires for us to be healed through his mercy. Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in room 3 of the Parish Center.



Promises fulfilled: A Lenten Bible Study

This Lent, we will be studying how the salvation promised throughout Scripture is accomplished through Jesus Christ, in His Passion, death, and resurrection. Thursdays 6 p.m. or Sundays 9:15 a.m. beginning Feb. 19 or 22. Bring your Bible.

Community

Valentine Dinner & Dance

St. Mary's Parish is hosting the annual pro-life dinner & dance Friday, February 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for tickets/reservations please call 541-514-4246.

Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

and oppression are so ubiquitous in our country and in the world as a whole? For example, are any of us who have been baptized in the name of Christ satisfied with the disregard of the Rule of Law in the handling of immigrants who have risked their lives to reach the land of the free and the home of the brave in pursuit of a life free of poverty, extortion, or persecution? And then, I wonder also about those who face persecution or every kind of evil utterance. How can they rejoice and be glad, especially if those commentaries turn violent?

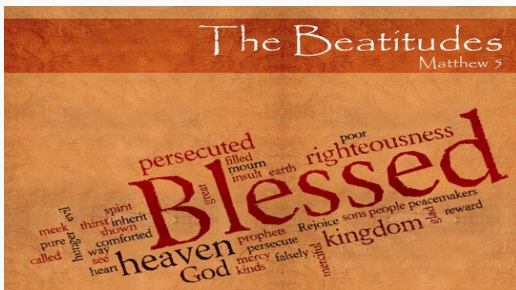
Possibly the easiest beatitude blessing to understand is the promised blessing for those who exhibit mercy: They will be shown mercy. The return is perfectly clear. Or the promise that the pure of heart and the makers of peace will see God, as these people are literally a mirrored image of God's character.

Then it struck me. Maybe the beatitudes blessings are as much about *our* involvement in *Jesus'* fulfilling the beatitude promises to the poor, those who mourn, and those who face insults and persecution in their efforts to right the injustice that is so prevalent this world. Or maybe when Jesus promises a blessing for the poor in spirit or the meek, he is looking to us to offer *our* resources to alleviate poverty and honor the faith of those who are humble and meek in spirit.

Or when Jesus promises a blessing to those who mourn, we might become the blessing of comfort Jesus promises. Jewish culture includes a custom called *shiva*, when family or loved ones offer practical help, like meals for those in mourning, as well as sitting with them in silent loving support.

We might consider how we can be a blessing to those who act so courageously in opposing the oppression and persecution that are so prevalent and unchallenged in so many parts of our country and the world.

Blessed are *those who bless* the poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who hunger for righteousness, those who are makers of peace, and those who are persecuted, for *theirs* is the Kingdom of God. Amen?



If we get to the bottom of the Beatitudes, the secret subject, Jesus, appears everywhere. He it is in whom it becomes clear what it means to be poor in spirit: it is he who mourns, who is meek, who hungers and thirsts for righteousness, who is the merciful. He is pure in heart, he is the peacemaker, he is persecuted for righteousness' sake. All the sayings of the Sermon on the Mount are flesh and blood in him. In this way we can finally discern...its actual definite instructions for us: the Sermon on the Mount is a summons to follow Jesus Christ in discipleship. Pope Benedict XVI



Mass Monday, February 2 at 8:30 a.m.
This is Jesus' first visit of many to the temple. It is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Malachi in the first reading: "suddenly there will come to the temple, the Lord whom you seek." (Mal 3:1)



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