

**St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**  
**Eufaula, Oklahoma**  
**December 20th 2020**



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**December 13th:**  
**Week 24**

Envelopes:	\$	544.00
Loose Checks:	\$	2,315.00
Loose Cash:	\$	20.00
Christmas:	\$	100.00
Mass Intentions:	\$	100.00
St Jude's	\$	2,000.00
Total:	\$	5,079.00
YTD Budget:	\$	31,920.00
YTD Actual:	\$	23,903.68

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**\*\*\*ON LINE GIVING\*\*\***

You can donate to St. Paul parish by visiting <https://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/donate-to-support-a-specific-parish>. Once there, you can select St Paul to make your contribution.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**DECEMBER 20th:** Tammy Clark  
**DECEMBER 26th:** Rome McDonald

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
 Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: Winter begins  
 Wednesday: St. John of Kanty  
 Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas  
 Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
 Saturday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 20, 2020**  
 The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.  
 —Luke 1:35

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We are experiencing the darkest, longest nights of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

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**Envelopes and Calendars**

**2021 envelopes and calendars are in the main entrance. If you need envelopes see Larry Boyer. There are still some blue Advent books available as well.**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalms** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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*Pray for ...*

**The Sick:**

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## FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PROJECT WEEKLY COLLECTION

God bless you for your generosity. You have made a positive difference in the lives of hungry families. The requested food item for this week's collection is **CAN GOODS AND ANY NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS ONLY.**

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## THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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## TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™

The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma invite all married and engaged couples to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual

***Together in Holiness* marriage conference  
on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm  
at the Parish of Christ the King in Tulsa, OK.**

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Childcare  
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation

Featuring: Kathryn Whitaker and Deacon Tim Sullivan

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Mass Schedule:



Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Sunday at 8:30 AM

Holy Days at 5:30 PM

Confession before Mass or by Appointment

## December 2020 ~ January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 8:30 am Mass Third Sunday of Advent	14	15	16 9:00 am Mass	17 5:30 pm Reconciliation Service	18	19
20 8:30 am Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent	21	22	23 9:00 am Mass	24	25 8:30 am Mass  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27 8:30 am Mass The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	28	29	30 9:00 am Mass	31	1 8:30 am Mass 	2
3 8:30 am Mass The Epiphany of the Lord	4	5	6 NO MASS	7	8	9
10 8:30 am Mass The Baptism of the Lord	11	12	13 9:00 am Mass	14	15	16

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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