

# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

6828 Chef Menteur Highway – New Orleans, Louisiana 70126

The First Established Catholic Church in New Orleans East Since 1947

## Mass Schedules

Sunday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am  
Youth Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10:00am  
Tuesday Novena Mass 6:00pm  
Wednesday – Friday 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm

## Confessions

Saturday at 3:00pm or by appointment

## Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Lunch Break 12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Parish Phone (504) 242.8820  
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Website [www.stpaultheapostlechurch-nola.org](http://www.stpaultheapostlechurch-nola.org)

## Mission Statement

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church is predominantly, an African American Community, one parish family that draws on the strength and riches of its diversity, growing, worshiping together and carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.

## Marriage

Please contact the pastor before arrangements are made. Allow six (6) months for preparations.

## Infant Baptism

Contact Fr. Charles Ndumbi, SVD.

## Funeral

Notify the pastor first on the intended funeral arrangements *before* contacting the funeral home.

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 6, 2025

### Parish Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Charles Ndumbi, SVD</b>
Deacon	Duane E. Cruse, Sr.
Secretary	Donna J. Gibson
Parish Catechetical Leader	Charlotte W. Scott

### Pastoral Council

Chair	Frederick Bell
Vice-Chair	Joe Ball
Secretary	Cabrina Phillips
Assistant Secretary	Chelsey Napoleon

### EMHC Leadership Team

Frederick Bell, Carolyn Washington

(Sick / Home bound/ Funerals)

Lois Mouton, Carolyn Washington



### Ushers Coordinator

Irma Duckworth

### Lector's Coordinators

Terrence Augillard, Dione Breckenridge, Lynette Causey

### Sacristans

Frederick Bell, Theresa Walker

### Altar Servers Coordinator

Cabrina Phillips

### Youth Ministers

Juliana Smith, Denise Oguinn

### Children-Children

Miracle Fulton, Trudi Haney-Dyer, Angel Lawrence

If you feel the call to religious life as a priest, brother, or nun, please contact: Divine Word Missionaries and Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit at **1.800.553.3321**

Scan the QR Code for Online Giving or Text Giving to: 504 814-8999

Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul the Apostle.





*"Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength."*  
cf. Psalm 43(42): 1-2

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent: April 6, 2025

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

**Monday:** St. John Baptist de la Salle ~ Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** St. Stanislaus ~ Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 13, 2025

Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

**Saturday-4pm Deceased:** Emile Evans (Rosemary Evans); Melvin & Lillian Gilyot (Quintella & Harvey Jackson); Oliver Williams (Wife & Children); Lionel J. Williams (Gloria Williams & Family); Joyce & Kenneth Graves (Kristi Hubbard & Family); David Bittner (Agnes Bittner); Matthew Causey (Lynette Causey & Family); Warren & Michael Armstrong (Sylvia Armstrong); Theresa Knight (Arlene Knight-Lombard); Alva LeSassier (Claudia L. Francis & Family); and all who have died this past week.

**Sunday-8am Deceased:** Joyce & Kenneth Graves (Kristi Hubbard & Family); Matthew Causey (Lynette Causey & Family); Theresa Knight (Arlene Knight-Lombard); Herman Myles, Sr. / Missing You, & Lawrence Ewell, Sr. / Rest in Peace (Carolyn Ewell & Juanita Myles); Nathan & Doris Huntsberry (Charlotte C. McKinnon); and all who have died this past week

**Sunday-10am Special Intention:** Mass for the Parishioners of St. Paul

**Tuesday-6pm: Deceased:** Meldon Woods (Audrey Woods);

Theresa Knight (Arlene Knight-Lombard)

**Wed-Thur-8am: Deceased:** Theresa Knight (Arlene Knight-Lombard)

**Friday 8am: Deceased:** Theresa Knight (Arlene Knight-Lombard)

**Pray for the Sick:** Alicia Alexander-Walton, Marie Augillard, Fr. Alfred Ayem SVD, Frederick Bell, Delrio Brunious, Maria Burkett, Mira Cosey, Tiffany Duckworth-Matthews, Wenona Dupart, Cornell Esteen, Rosemary Evans, Pia George-Reed, Alexandra Harrison, Donald and Mae Jackson, Alexander Joseph, Milton Miller, Erica Mitchell, Juanita Myles, Celine Narcisse, Joyce Rawlins, Roulette Robinson, Janice Scott, Lula Simms, Claudia Taylor, John Williams, Adisyn Wilson, and all those suffering from chronic or terminal illnesses.

### Stewardship and Attendance March 29-30, 2025

Saturday 4pm	\$1,843.00	46
Sunday 8am	\$ 490.00	28
Sunday 10am	\$1,478.00	94
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,811.00</b>	<b>168</b>

Online Giving: \$ 520.00 - Life Center: \$ 15.00

**Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: April 20 – Building Insurance**

Need Assistance? Contact

**St. Vincent de Paul at**

**St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Conference**

(504) 298-1041

Monday – 9am to 11am, Saturday – 11am to 12:30pm

Note: At this time, we are serving those living within the 70126-zip code area.

## Ministers Schedule for April 12-13, 2025

### Lectors

**Saturday** – 4pm: Gavin Richard

**Sunday** – 8am: Terrence Augillard

**Sunday** – 10am: Yolanda Mitchell

### Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

**Saturday** – 4pm: Patricia Harris

**Sunday** – 8am: Lois Mouton

**Sunday** – 10am: Loretta Hobbs, Jacqueline Mayo

### Altar Servers

**Saturday** – 4pm: Lionel Williams

**Sunday** – 8am: Ronald Alexander, Colin Joshua

**Sunday** – 10am: Ashaad Bowers, Kevin Boyd, Hailey Smith, Sean Smith,

Ayden Walker

### Ushers

**Saturday** – 4pm: Philip Barrow, Barrett Breaux, Ricky Granger

**Sunday** – 8am: Bertrand Brickham, Steve Brown, Irma Duckworth, Raphael Perrault

**Sunday** – 10am: Troy Esteen, Lerone Harris, Sherman McCall

## DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### First Communion – 9am to 10:30am

Saturday, April 5 Class

Saturday, April 12 Class

### CCD – 8:45am to 9:50am

Sunday, April 6 Class

Sunday, April 13 Class

### Confirmation Phase I & II – 5pm to 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 8 Class

Tuesday, April 15 No Class

**April Bible Quiz:** Answers can be found in 1 Peter Chapters 1-5 in the New American Bible. List chapter/verse(s) where answers were found.

1. As he who called you is holy, \_\_\_\_ in every aspect of your conduct.
2. With what were the beloved ransomed from the futile conduct, handed on by their ancestors?
3. How do we purify our souls?
4. What did Peter urge the beloved sojourners to keep away from?
5. Why are emperors, kings as supreme or governors sent by the Lord?
6. By what are we healed?
7. What must one do if he loves life and wishes to enjoy good days on this earth?
8. What should believers be ready to do?
9. At what point did Jesus preach to the imprisoned spirits?
10. How should Christians respond to trials by fire which try them?
11. What does Peter encourage his readers to do if they suffer for being Christians?
12. As a result, those who suffer in accord to God's will \_\_\_\_ over to a faithful creator as they do good.
13. What reward will Church Elders who did their duty receive when Jesus comes?
14. When will God restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you?
15. How did Peter teach the believers to greet one another?

Answers are due no later than Monday, April 28. Send to [jmayo@arch-no.org](mailto:jmayo@arch-no.org), [stpaultheapostle@arch-no.org](mailto:stpaultheapostle@arch-no.org), or bring to the parish office.

**Deadline for bulletin submissions is each Wednesday**







## St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church – April 6, 2025

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent



### Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 11 at 6pm, followed by Mass.

### The Last Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, April 11, 11am to 5pm - \$12 per dinner

### Confession Available in All Parishes

April 9 - 5pm to 6:30pm

### Palm Sunday

If you have fresh palms to donate for Palm Sunday (April 13), please bring them to the parish office or leave them on the doorstep of the Rectory by April 11.



**Holy Thursday**, April 17 Mass at 7pm, Adoration until 9:30

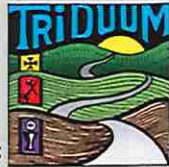
Lector: Carol Gonzales-Smith

**Good Friday**, April 18 Mass at 3pm

Lector: Charlotte Scott

**Holy Saturday**, April 19 Mass at 8pm

**Easter Sunday**, April 20, 8am and 10am Masses



### God's Actions Now

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and His sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, His teachings, and His sacrifice on the cross were not just for His followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent for our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin anymore. This is new and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course, one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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### Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention:

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

### Lenten Morning of Prayer and Reflection

The OBCM also presents: **Pilgrims of Hope Lenten Revival** at St. Raymond – St. Leo the Great church, (2916 Paris Avenue) April 7-9, 2025, featuring St. Augustine High School's *Knights of Praise*. Each night of the Revival begins at 6:30pm.

### Friday – March 28 Fish Fry Report

Monetary Donations: \$ 74.00

Sales \$4,478.00

Expenses and Fees -\$1,292.46

**Total \$3,259.54**

Thank you for your donations, time, and patronage. Our final Lenten Fish Fry is April 11. Thanks in advance for your efforts to make this one another success!



75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services work around the world and 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in our community. **Bowls are available on each patio.** Bowls should be returned on Holy Thursday, April 17, Mass is at 7pm. Boxes will be available for drop-off.

### Film About the First Millennial Saint

The film, "Carlos Acutis: Roadmap to Reality", about the life of the first millennial saint (to be canonized on April 27, 2025), will be in theaters April 27-29, 2025. This is a great opportunity for individuals to invite people to an evangelistic event during this mission year of the Eucharistic Revival. Once the first 5,000 tickets are sold, the film has been guaranteed an additional three days in theaters. Locations and advance tickets may be purchased now at <https://carlosacutisfilm.com/>

### Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations

The annual Mass for vocations will take place Sunday, May 18 at the St. Louis Cathedral for 11am. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and people of the archdiocese are cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact the Vocation Office at (504) 861-6298.

### Gospel – John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning, He arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to Him, and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now, in the law, Moses commands us to stone such women. So, what do You say?" They said this to test Him, so that they could have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with His finger. But when they continued asking Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again, He bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders. So, He was left alone with the woman before Him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."



## How to Go to Confession

**Prepare** – Before going to confession, you should prayerfully compare your life with the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the example of Christ. Using an Examination of Conscience, such as the one provided on the reverse side can be helpful.

**Go to Confession** – After the priest welcomes you, both of you make the Sign of the Cross. Then you may want to talk about yourself, your situation and difficulties you face living a Christian life and tell him the last time you went to confession.

**The Word of God** – (optional) You or the priest may read one of the suggested scriptural passages.

**Confession of Sins and the Act of Penance** – Confess your sins. The priest then offers suitable advice and gives you an act of penance, which may include prayer, self-denial or works of mercy.

**Act of Contrition** – O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.

**Absolution** – The priest extends his hands over your head and pronounces a formula of absolution, making the sign of the cross over your head during the final words. You answer, "Amen".

**Dismissal** – The priest sends you forth to go in peace. Continue to express your conversion through a life renewed according to the Gospel and the love of God.



## Examination of Conscience

To what extent have I spent time in prayer and have I included God in my daily life?

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

Am I actively living my Catholic faith and, if I have them, raising my children in the faith?

Have I been ashamed to speak about my faith?

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation?

Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Do I use my gifts and talents to serve God?

Do I care for those around me or do I use them to get what I want?

Do I show respect to both those in positions of legitimate authority and those who are under my authority (including my children if I have them)?

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

Am I lazy?

Have I harmed others through physical, verbal, or emotional means?

Do I look down on those who are different from me?

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

Have I honored my spouse (if married) with my full affection and exclusive love?

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Do I seek to fill what is lacking in my life with material possessions?

Am I moving toward addiction to drugs, alcohol, gambling or pornography?

Am I sincerely sorry for the things I have done wrong?