



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Mission Statement/Declaración de la Misión

We, the Catholic community of St. Paul, are building the kingdom of God through the celebration of sacraments, faith formation, support of one another, the sharing of gifts in ministry and by evangelization.

Nosotros, la comunidad Católica de la Iglesia St. Paul, estamos construyendo el reino de Dios por medio de la celebración de los sacramentos, la formación en la fe, el apoyo mutuo, el compartir los dones del ministerio y mediante la evangelización.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Sunday of the Word of God

God's Word
has the power to open our eyes and to
embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity.

Pope Francis

Palabra de Dios

tiene el poder de abrir los ojos y emprender
un nuevo camino de compartir y solidaridad.

Papa Francisco

Domingo de la

Palabra de Dios

January 22nd 2023

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Johnson Nellissery, ISP

Associate Pastor: Rev. Hector Vega, ISP

Dcn. Michael Marchek

Dcn. Rey Garza

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Parish Business Administrator

John Steen

Office Administrator

TBA

Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Nieves

Music Director

Monique Meiske

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Monse Robledo

Custodian/Maintenance

Anita Gonzalez

Bookkeeper

Gloria Villareal

MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (English)

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (English)

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

& 5:00 p.m. (English)

12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, Noon (Eng.)

RECONCILIATION

Thursday in anticipation of

First Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

or Call Parish Office for an appointment

BAPTISM

Check the St. Paul Parish
website or call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Contact parish 6-12 months
in advance for an appointment
with the Marriage Coordinator

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/ ANOINTING

Call the Parish Office

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday - 12:30p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

First Friday of each Month
following the Noon Mass until
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

CHAPEL

Open daily 8:00 am—8:00pm

Greetings From Father Johnson

New Year Greetings, St. Paul Parishioners!

I hope your New Year has been fantastic. We are nearing the completion of the first month of the new year! The third Sunday of the Ordinary Time is here.

Pope Francis has designated the third Sunday of the Ordinary Time as the **Sunday of the Word of God**. Pope Francis advises that we devote time to celebrating, studying, and sharing the written Word of God and urges us to place the Bible in a noticeable spot in our homes.

I express my gratitude to the Bible study leaders in our parish. Please join one of our many groups at St. Paul that meet to learn more about our faith that is revealed in the Bible. I am grateful to our lectors who share the Word with our community. The online Bible study videos on formed.org are outstanding. It is free for St. Paul parishioners after you register.

We are challenged this Sunday to pay attention to God's voice and make decisions that will change our lives. We watch the first disciples' life-altering experience, highlighting the need for faith and trust in the Lord. The disciples' love for Jesus comes to be their only priority in life.

We might hear from the Holy Spirit: Be open to hearing what He says and have the fortitude to follow Jesus wherever he leads. Unbelievably, Jesus, the one who calls us, also provides the means and resolution to complete our journey.

Called By Name Sunday, a project of the Vocations Office which honors God's invitation to us to follow Him in his way is being observed this weekend in the Diocese of Austin.

I encourage you to read Bishop Vásquez's letter about this occasion in our bulletin or social media pages. Bishop Vasquez requests our involvement in two ways:

- 1) Stay alert for God's call. Be available to the call to the priesthood or the religious life for those who can.
- 2) Consider a parishioner who possesses the traits you want in a priest or religious sister and whom you believe God may be calling to the priesthood or the religious life. We will have envelopes in the pews this weekend at all the Masses for you to share that person's name and contact information. They will receive a letter of support from Bishop Vásquez and Fr. Greg Gerhart, our director of vocations.

May St. Paul Parish be open to God's calling and respond favorably for the benefit of our community and for those whom our Lord is sending elsewhere! St. Paul, our Patron, whose Conversion we remember on Jan 25, may intercede for us,

Father Johnson

Tabernacle Candle/Vela De Tabernáculo



Intention/Intención: † Antonia Vasquez
From/De: Erlinda Martinez



Saludos de Padre Johnson

¡Saludos de Año Nuevo, feligreses de St. Paul!

Espero que su Año Nuevo haya sido fantástico. ¡Nos acercamos a la finalización del primer mes del nuevo año! El tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario está aquí.

*El Papa Francisco ha designado el tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario como el **Domingo de la Palabra de Dios**. El Papa Francisco aconseja que dediquemos tiempo a celebrar, estudiar y compartir la Palabra escrita de Dios y nos urge a colocar la Biblia en un lugar visible en nuestros hogares.*

Expreso mi gratitud a los líderes del estudio bíblico en nuestra parroquia. Únase a uno de nuestros muchos grupos en St. Paul que se reúnen para aprender más sobre nuestra fe que se revela en la Biblia. Estoy agradecido con nuestros lectores que comparten la Palabra con nuestra comunidad. Los videos de estudios bíblicos en línea en formed.org son sobresalientes. Es gratis para los feligreses de St. Paul después de registrarse.

Este domingo tenemos el desafío de prestar atención a la voz de Dios y tomar decisiones que cambiarán nuestras vidas. Observamos la experiencia que cambió la vida de los primeros discípulos, destacando la necesidad de fe y confianza en el Señor. El amor de los discípulos por Jesús llega a ser su única prioridad en la vida.

Podemos escuchar del Espíritu Santo: Esté accesible a escuchar lo que Él dice y tenga la fortaleza para seguir a Jesús dondequiera que Él lo guíe. Increíblemente, Jesús, el que nos llama, también proporciona los medios y la resolución para completar nuestro camino.

***El Domingo de Llamados por Nombre**, un proyecto de la Oficina de Vocaciones que honra la invitación de Dios para que lo sigamos en su camino, se está celebrando este fin de semana en la Diócesis de Austin.*

Los animo a leer la carta del obispo Vásquez sobre esta ocasión en nuestro boletín o páginas de redes sociales. El obispo Vásquez solicita nuestra participación de dos maneras:

- 1) *Mantente alerta al llamado de Dios. Estar disponible a la llamada al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa para los que puedan.*
- 2) *Considere a un feligrés que posea los atributos que desea en un sacerdote o una hermana religiosa y a quien crea que Dios puede estar llamando al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa. Tendremos sobres en los bancos este fin de semana en todas las misas para que comparta el nombre y la información de contacto de esa persona. Recibirán una carta de apoyo del obispo Vásquez y el Padre Greg Gerhart, nuestro director de vocaciones.*

¡Que la Parroquia de St. Paul esté accesible al llamado de Dios y responda favorablemente para el beneficio de nuestra comunidad y para aquellos a quienes nuestro Señor está enviando a otros lugares! San Pablo, nuestro Patrón, cuya Conversión recordamos el 25 de enero, interceda por nosotros,

Padre Johnson

Collection Report Jan. 9-15, 2023

Envelope Collection\$7,800.00
 Online Collection.....\$4,130.00
 Total.....\$11,930.00

Envelopes Used 124
 Online Offertory.....53

Additional Donations:

Building Improvement Fund\$81.00
 New Building Fund\$2,425.00
 SVDP\$471.00
 Second Collection (Holy Family)\$1,341.00
 Total.....\$4,318.00

In Person Attendance:

Saturday 5:00pm..... 147
 Sunday 8:30am..... 128
 Sunday 10:30am..... 236
 Sunday 12:30pm..... 351
 Sunday 5:00pm..... 190
 Total 1,052

Special Collections/Colecta Especial

January/Enero

29—Building Improvement Fund

February/Febrero

5—New Building Fund

12—For the Poor

It's Time!  **¡Ya es la Hora!** Thank You! ¡Gracias!

Campaign Pledge Redemption/Redención de Promesas de Campaña

Amount Pledged/Cantidad Prometida: \$ 3,270,900.00

Amount Paid/ Cantidad Pagada: \$ 1,036,790.00

Updated 1/8/2023

Music Ministry/Ministerio de Musica
Director of Music Ministry
Monique Meiske, Ph.D. (512) 420-4075

We are a vibrant, growing church community with an exciting future. As our choir/music groups grow we invite you to become involved in one of our many ministries, including the Music Ministry. The choirs work in conjunction with the liturgy in the Mass to provide the parishioners a means to pray through music. Volunteers needed for: performing at Masses for both cantors instrument players, and for special events.

Choir Openings

We are seeking singers/cantors to join our regular Saturday 5pm Mass Services. All are welcome! Join our rehearsal held at 4pm in the music room 2 prior to Mass services on Saturday. We are also seeking Strings musicians (guitar, bass, violin, viola) and/or Woodwind (flute, saxophone) musicians. Thank you for your support of music ministry efforts!

If you have any questions or would like information about becoming a music/choir member, please call Monique Meiske, our music director, at (512) 280-4460 ext. 118. God Bless!

2022 Tax Statements

2022 tax statements are now available for parishioners who want them.

For 2022, you can only deduct charitable contributions if you itemize deductions on Schedule A - (Form 1040), Itemized Deductions. If you take the Standard Deduction you cannot include your charitable contributions on your tax return.

Marriage Convalidation Convalidación Matrimonial

Are you married, civilly, but want to get married in the church? Have you been thinking about getting married in the church? Have you been living together for several years and want to get married in the church? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then come to any information meeting on January 23rd at 7:30pm. We will be having a marriage Convalidation ceremony on Saturday, May 13(one in English and one is Spanish. Call or email office to sign up.

"Vamos a celebrar la Convalidación Matrimonial lo cual se llevará a cabo el 13 de mayo del 2023. ¿Están casados por el civil, pero quieren casarse por la iglesia? ¿Han estado viviendo juntos por varios años y quieren casarse por la iglesia? Si su respuesta es "sí", acompáñennos a una junta informativa que se llevará a cabo el 23 de enero a las 7:30pm. Habrá más detalles en las próximas semanas. Si gustan asistir a la junta favor de llamar a la oficina para apuntarse o si tienen cualquier pregunta.

Jan 25: Feast of Conversion of St. Paul

Many blessings to all Parishioners as we celebrate our Patron Saint's Feast on Jan 25. Saint Paul the Apostle was born in 5 AD in Tarsus, Cilicia, Roman Empire (modern-day Turkey). He worked in Roman Empire and died in 67 AD in Rome. He was a devout Jew. Christian persecution under him and his conversion is described in the Bible. St. Paul is the Patron Saint of Missions, Theologians, and Gentile Christians.

New! EIM Update

The Office of Ethics and Integrity in Ministry is excited to announce that we are now live at VIRTUS.org. Please visit our <https://www.austindiocese.org/initial-eim-training> where you will find instructions on how to login and sign up for a workshop.

Nos complace anunciar que ya estamos disponibles en VIRTUS.org. Consulte <https://www.austindiocese.org/taller-de-eim> incluyendo instrucciones sobre cómo iniciar sesión e inscribirse en un taller.

Jan 22: Called By Name Sunday

Called By Name Sunday not only is an opportunity for us as individuals to be open to God's calling in our lives. It is also a chance for us to allow God to call others through our invitation. Is there someone you know who may be called to the priesthood or religious life? Help us to encourage them by sharing their name and contact information. There are two ways to do so: online or by mail.

To share their information online, go to our website: www.austinvocations.com.

Prayer Requests/*Peticiones de Oración*



Tino Dominguez	Geoff Merritt	Fernando Hernandez
Eileen Newstrom	Richard Boncales	Elida Lorraine Nava
Arthur Soto	Elena Torres	Claudette Jirard
Theresa Ochoa	Kelly Bryan	Valentin "Vanc" Marquez
Cheryl Mansfield	Bill Harrison	Jane Greenberg
Luna Ramos	Linda Lopez	Manuel Carrales Jr.
	Salina McCullough	

Online Prayer Requests

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill at this time. Thank you!

Favor de orar por nuestros feligreses que están enfermos. ¡Gracias!

We remove the names of the sick at the end of each month, so please contact the office to update regularly. Thank You!

Eliminamos los nombres de los enfermos al final de cada mes, así que por favor llame a la oficina para actualizar se información regularmente. ¡Gracias!

Mass Intentions/*Intenciones de Misas*

Jan.	22	8:30am	Nilsa Esther Fernandez Apolayo-Birthday Blessing
		10:30am	Blessings for Camen Garduna & Family
		12:30pm	† Stephen Cooper
		5:00pm	† Romana Cantu
Jan.	23	Noon	For Parishioners
Jan.	24	Noon	Faithful departed & conversion of sinners
Jan.	25	Noon	† Eppie & John Carroll
Jan.	26	Noon	Jose Subia
Jan.	27	Noon	† Joe Hoffman
Jan.	28	5:00pm	Oscar & Juanita Mejie & Family

Monday Morning Rosary Group

All are invited to join us in prayer, in the Chapel, from 9 to 10am every Monday morning.

We start with prayer petitions from the church, special requests and personal petitions. We pray the rosary and follow with other devotional prayers.

Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day

The annual Texas Pro-Life Day is Jan. 28. Join us for Mass at San José Parish, St. Louis Parish, or the University Catholic Center in Austin. The rosary will be prayed at 9 a.m. with Mass beginning at 10 a.m. at each location. After Mass, all are invited to participate in the Texas Rally for Life, a statewide rally at the Texas State Capitol at 1 p.m. The Diocese of Austin continues to emphasize local efforts to build a culture of life -- to expand outreach to families facing crisis pregnancies and to families who are in need. Join us in continuing to Walk with Mom's in Need, and advocate for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

For more information visit, www.austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day.

Spiritual Contribution to New Church

We appreciate everyone who prays the "Our Father" prayer every day at 3:00 PM since November 7. The next prayer stage will be more participatory and open to all. We would like to present a wooden-framed New Church Replica. You can insert a prayer bead into this Replica to demonstrate your sacrifice and spiritual commitment. Pray the prayer you find next to the Replica before putting a prayer bead on it. Think about a good deed, gift, or sacrifice you made for our new church project. Put one of the two drilled holes with a prayer bead you may find next to the Replica.

Eucharistic Miracles



Recent surveys have shown that many Catholics struggle with believing what their senses are unable to confirm.... that the consecrated host and contents of the chalice are no longer inanimate objects, but rather the living body, blood, soul and divinity of the second person of the Holy Trinity, our Lord Jesus Christ. To support the faith of any parishioners who may struggle in this area, we are highlighting church approved miracles in which God has confirmed the supernatural nature of the Eucharist. The content is pulled from the website accessible by using the QR code above.

Focus Miracle: Bolsena Italy (1264)



A German priest, while on pilgrimage to Rome, was struggling to accept the true presence. When he spoke the words of consecration, immediately blood began to seep from the Host and trickle over his hands and onto the altar. He consulted with Pope Urban IV, who after having the matter investigated had the Host and linen cloth bearing the blood stains enshrined in the Cathedral of Orvieto where they can be seen to this day. Prompted by this miracle, the Pope commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Office for the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours, and the Pope established the feast of Corpus Christi.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a healing ministry for those who suffer as a result of a previous abortion experience. Suffering is the untold story of abortion. Grief after abortion is normal — it is the grief of a mother who has lost a child in a traumatic way; it is the grief of lost fatherhood. We are here to help you experience the hope and healing of Christ through Project Rachel. If you or anyone you know is grieving from experiencing an abortion and would be interested in a weekend of healing and peace at a confidential Project Rachel retreat please email the Project Rachel team at project-rachel@austindiocese.org for more information.

Project Rachel es un ministerio de sanación para aquellos que sufren como resultado de una experiencia previa de aborto.

El sufrimiento es la historia no contada del aborto. El duelo después del aborto es normal: es el duelo de una madre que ha perdido a un hijo de manera traumática; es el dolor de la paternidad perdida. Estamos aquí para ayudarlo a experimentar la esperanza y la sanación de Cristo a través del Proyecto Raquel. Si usted o alguien que conoce está afligido por un aborto y estaría interesado en un fin de semana de sanación y paz en un retiro confidencial del Proyecto Raquel, envíe un correo electrónico al equipo del Proyecto Raquel a project-rachel@austindiocese.org para obtener más información.

Religious Education/Educación Religiosa

Mary Nieves, DRE (512) 420-4070

Blessings to all. We want to welcome back all of our students! Spanish classes are underway on Wednesday evenings at 6pm along with the Confirmation classes held on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

English classes resume this week, January 23rd at 6pm. We had an extended vacation due to the MLK Holiday.

Bendiciones a todos. ¡Queremos darles la bienvenida a todos nuestros estudiantes! Las clases de español están en marcha de nuevo los miércoles por la noche a las 6:00 p. m., junto con las clases de confirmación que se llevan a cabo los miércoles a las 7:30 p. m.

Prayer for the Building Project

Most gracious and loving God, we pray for your favor, strength, and wisdom at this point. Let us undertake with your grace the challenges of building the community of St. Paul and the building of a new church on our property. Kindly grant us the best solutions for our needs and may our efforts, gifts, talents, and sacrifices be pleasing to you. Amen.

Amado y bondadoso Dios, imploramos tu favor, tu fortaleza y tu sabiduría en este tiempo. Haznos asumir con tu gracia el desafío de construir la comunidad de St. Paul y la construcción del nuevo templo en nuestra propiedad. Concédenos bondadosamente las mejores soluciones para nuestras necesidades y te pedimos que te sean agradables nuestros esfuerzos, dones, talentos y sacrificios. Amén

Youth Ministry/Grupo de Jóvenes



We invite all high school students to join the St. Paul's Youth Group! We meet every Sunday after the 5pm youth mass at Spark.

We hope to see you there.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)



RCIA is the process for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith community. The program is designed for persons who may or may not be baptized, or perhaps baptized in another Christian faith, or who were baptized Catholic but not raised in the faith. RCIA is also for Baptized Catholic adults who are in need of completing one or both of their Sacraments of Initiation – Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Our next session begins in the fall of 2023 with registrations opening July. Any questions or additional information, please contact our Religious Education Office at (512) 420-4070.

RICA es el proceso para cualquier persona que esté interesada en convertirse en miembro de la comunidad de fe católica. El programa está diseñado para personas que pueden o no estar bautizadas, o quizás bautizadas en otra fe cristiana, o que fueron bautizadas como católicas pero no fueron criadas en la fe. RICA es también para adultos católicos bautizados que necesitan completar uno o ambos sacramentos de iniciación - Confirmación y Santa Eucaristía.

Nuestra próxima sesión comenzará en el otoño de 2023 y las inscripciones se abrirán en julio. Cualquier pregunta o información adicional, por favor póngase en contacto con nuestra Oficina de Educación Religiosa al (512) 420-4070.

Readings for the Week of January 22, 2023 Lecturas para la Semana 22 de enero, 2023

Sunday/Domingo

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

Monday/Lunes

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de la Criatura en el Vientre Materno

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday/Martes

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church/Memoria de San Francisco de Sales, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday/Miércoles

Feast of the Conversion of Paul the Apostle

Fiesta de la Conversión de San Pablo, Apóstol

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday/Jueves

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

Memoria de Santos Timoteo y Tito, Obispos

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25

Friday/Viernes

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday/Sábado

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church/Memoria de Santo Tomás de Aquino, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Kids Corner



Sunday Gospel Activities

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | MATTHEW 4:12-23



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