



JANUARY 14th, 2024—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR MISSION: We are the temple of the living God, transformed by the Spirit into sacred vessels for the treasure of Christ. Like the monstrance, we present the love and light of Christ for all to see. Together, we become the dwelling place of God.

SACRAMENTS

HOLY MASS

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

ADORATION

Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Classes offered on an *ad hoc* basis
Registration requested—call parish office

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PASTOR'S CORNER



Rev. Leonard Chuwa

A few years ago in our very own city of Jacksonville, a family grieved the loss of their young son. The priest charged with the responsibility of delivering the funeral homily faced an impossible task—what does one say to console a family who lost a young man before his prime? I have no doubt the Holy Spirit guided the priest's preaching, because the homily was nothing short of inspired. He compared the young man to St. Andrew, in that for the short

time he was with us on Earth, he wasted no time in fulfilling God's mission for him. Namely, both Andrew and the deceased young man brought their families closer to Christ, then stepped out of the way. What more can any of us hope to achieve in this life?

In today's Gospel, we hear briefly about the call of St. Andrew. Then the focus shifts immediately to his brother, St. Peter. In the case of Andrew, he heard John the Baptist preaching, encountered Jesus, recognized him as the Messiah, and brought Peter to him—and that's literally it! He led Peter to Christ and stepped aside, but just look at the legacy he left behind, Peter became the rock of the Catholic Church. Now, we hear about Andrew from time to time in the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, but he is largely overshadowed by his brother.

There is a lesson to be learned from Andrew's life of quiet supplication. We should be like him, leading people to God and stepping out the way. And if we are not actively filling that role, we ought to recognize the beauty of others living this life. Sometimes we make lifelong friends; other times we lose friends along the way. But there are some people we encounter all too briefly—they enter our lives, change our hearts, and we never hear from them again. Only God knows how long he has blessed us with our lives. So during our stay on this earth—whether it be long or short—how can we be like Andrew and make haste to bring people closer to Christ?

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Bishop Pohlmeier will visit our parish on, Sunday January 21st for the 9:00 a.m. for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul's.
- The Mass Intention book is wide open for 2024. Please call the Parish Office and place your intentions.

RECURRING EVENTS

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| Sunday | Rosary
Before 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass
<i>Led by Chuck and Joan Wingfield</i> |
| Sunday | Adult Choir Practice
After 11:00 a.m. Mass |
| Thursday | Solemn Adoration
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Church |
| | Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:00 p.m. in the Church |
| Saturday | Solemn Adoration
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Church |
| First Tues. | St. Paul's Guild/
Council of Catholic Women
6:00 p.m. Meeting |
| Second Wed. | Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:45 p.m. in the Lower Parish Hall |
| Ad hoc | Baptismal Classes
Call (904) 387-2554 |

DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Sebastian was a Roman soldier and Praetorian Guard under Emperor Diocletian in the third century. At that time, the Roman Empire was still pagan, so Sebastian was practicing Christianity in secret—in fact, it is believed that he joined the Army to minister to other undercover Christians. Sebastian serviced Christian prisoners and converted many Roman pagans to Christianity. Several of his converts were high-ranking imperials, which led to him being found out. Diocletian attempted to publicly execute Sebastian by using him for target practice for his archers. The image of Sebastian covered in arrows is still famous to this day. Once the attempt failed, he was beaten to death.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 13th, 2024 4:00 p.m.: †Rev. Sal DiFazio <i>Requested by Frances Baccash</i>
Sunday	January 14th, 2024 9:00 a.m.: Warren & Joanne Powers <i>Requested by Emergency Pregnancy Services</i> 11:00 a.m.: †Milagros Mago <i>Requested by Janette Tolentino</i> 7:00 p.m.: †Charlie & Jill Arnold <i>Requested by Emergency Pregnancy Services</i>
Monday	January 15th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Mrs. Violet Stauter <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>
Tuesday	January 16th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Delores Jackson <i>Requested by Patty Howell</i>
Wednesday	January 17th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Delores Jackson <i>Requested by Patty Howell</i>
Thursday	January 18th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Henry & †Jason Borowy <i>Requested by Elaine Borowy</i>
Friday	January 19th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Robert Raymond Staley, Sr. <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>
Saturday	January 20th, 2024 4:00 p.m.: †Salvator & †Bess Greco <i>Requested by Mary Jo Krumviede</i>
Sunday	January 21st, 2024 9:00 a.m.: Paul Mahla 11:00 a.m.: †Ted William Bereswill <i>Requested by Ron & Karen Gebhard</i> 7:00 p.m.: †Dorothy Cunningham Cascone <i>Requested by Bret & Georgia Wilkinson</i>

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
Monday	of the Second Week of Ordinary Time 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	of the Second Week of Ordinary Time 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Saint Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	of the Second Week of Ordinary Time 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-14; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	of the Second Week of Ordinary Time 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Word of God Sunday Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

*“Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you.”*

- St. Augustine of Hippo

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	January 20th, 2024 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Louie Soule
Lector:	Nick Tichy
EMHC:	Deacon, Gia Donnally, Christa Feely
Sunday	January 21st, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Eileen Smith
Lector:	Youth Reader
EMHC:	Deacon, Jeanette Bruce
Sunday	January 21st, 2024 11:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Toni Finger
Lectors:	John Roberts
EMHC:	Deacon, Caroline Narramore, Cathy Roberts
Sunday	January 21st, 2024 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Brett Wilkinson
Lectors:	Lisa Weindorf
EMHC:	Deacon, Georgia Gill, Laura Dodson, Sisters of St. Louis

OFFERTORY | DECEMBER 30th—31st

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$9,676.00	\$1,660.00	\$11,336.00*

OFFERTORY | JANUARY 6th—7th

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$5,929.00	\$800.00	\$6,729.00*

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's Catholic Church!

*These numbers do not take into account the entirety of online and automatic giving. We hope to reflect those offerings on a routine basis soon.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We cannot truly be disciples of Christ unless we, too, wait to hear God's call and respond by transforming our lives, evidenced in the simple willingness to be obedient to God's will. This means more than keeping the commandments, it means that our whole lives are directed to waiting and listening for God's self-revelation. Sometimes this revelation comes through others—perhaps in their cry for help. Sometimes the revelation comes through prayer in which we take some time to listen to God. However, when the revelation or call comes, if we respond, we will be transformed. And Jesus will turn and ask us, "What are you looking for?" (*Living Liturgy*, p.42)

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor, (904) 553-7644. All calls are confidential.

ALTAR FLOWERS

To sponsor a weekend of flowers, contact the Parish Office at (904) 387-2554, ext.101 or email parishoffice@spsjax.org. Please note the altar will be not have flowers during Lent.



YOUTUBE CHANNEL

We livestream our 11:00 a.m. Mass every week! If you have friends and family who live around the world or are otherwise unable to worship with us in person, make sure they subscribe to the YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@stpaulsjax.



PHOTO CREDIT

"*The Calling of St. Peter and St. Andrew*" by Bernardo Strozzi (1581-1644), oil on canvas, dated unknown, private collection. Here we see St. Peter and St. Andrew encountering Christ for the first time, embarking on a lifelong mission of discipleship.

PRAYER LIST

Ill and Healing

Mariel Ross Henn, Kevin Nolan, Linda Cate & Tim Cate, Liz Ulrich, Jack DeClemente, Becky Scheller, Barb Crissman, Paul Staley, Glenn Andrews, Jean Schott, Nicholas Narducci, Joan Mattingly,

Deceased

†Rosemary Condie, †Ron Guzman, †Joan Kennedy Dent, †Galena Roberts, †Vera Boyle-Benjamin, †Frank Rossi, †Rev. Sal DiFazio, †Rev. Thomas Sullivan, †Carlos Medina Corrales, †Lois McNally, †Bess Greco, †Henry D. Parker, Jr.

Military Service

Drew Baker and company, Johnathan Neufville, USN, Alex Ondina, USN, Shelby Wood, USAF, Michael Palaski, USN, Justin Moredock, USAF, Allen Watkins, USN, Romeo Antolini, USN

Expectant and New Mothers

Jacqueline Edwards, Alicia Moya, Olivia Kerrigan Taylor, Mallory Patten Rice, Holly Bailey, Anna Nalos, Ana Turner

Recently Baptized

Martin Edwards, Kai Koonce, Adeline Goldsborough, Charlotte Lavallee, Madelyn Garland, Emma Guanchez, Merrick Salud



DIocese OF
St. Augustine



YOUNG ADULT EVANGELIZATION *Workshop*

Presenting on Bishop Pohlmeier's Vision for Evangelization in our Diocese.

YOU CAN ATTEND AT ONE OF THE THREE LOCATIONS BELOW FROM 7-9 PM

1. Thursday, January 11 - Holy Family (in Parish Life Center)
2. Wednesday, January 17 - St. Paul's Riverside (in Rectory/Office)
3. Tuesday, January 23 - Cathedral St. Augustine (Bishop Baker Center)

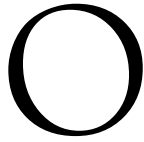


Speaker
JOSEPH WEST
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FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

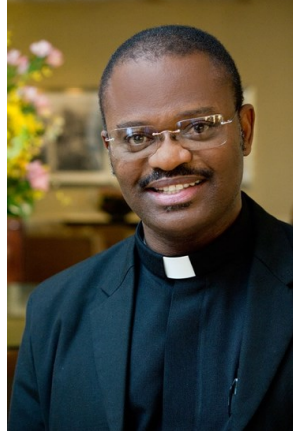


On January 21st, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Bishop Erik Pohlmeier will visit our parish to celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. This feast commemorates Paul being blinded by the power of Christ, turning his life from persecuting the Jews, and becoming a prominent leader in the new Christian Church. We welcome all to this joyous Eucharistic celebration and the family breakfast afterwards in the Parish Hall!

MEET OUR CELEBRANTS



Most. Rev. Erik Pohlmeier
Bishop of St. Augustine, FL



Rev. Leonard Chuwa
Pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church



MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Provides maintenance for St. Paul's School & Church buildings and grounds including semi-skilled carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, and other minor repair work. Troubleshoots, repairs, and maintains plumbing, mechanical, and electrical systems. Conducts preventative maintenance inspections and performs required preventative maintenance actions. Requires knowledge and experience with rough carpentry, painting, simple plumbing and electrical work, and basic equipment and facility repairs. Applicants please visit the Diocese website to apply.



OPEN ENROLLMENT

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Paul's Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. We would love to welcome your family. Begin your enrollment packet today as space is limited! Visit <https://spl-fl.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=4320> or scan the QR code below.



St. Paul's Catholic School
Pre-K3 - 8th Grade
Kim Repper, *Principal*
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PRAY FOR OUR 2024 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!



This weekend, our 8th grade Confirmation Candidates are on retreat at Marywood. Let us join together in prayer to support and uplift them. Please pray for their discernment, courage, and openness to the Holy Spirit. May they be filled with wisdom

and a profound sense of God's love as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Together, as a faith community, let us surround them with the power of prayer, trusting in God's guidance and blessings. Thank you for your support and prayers.

FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS

On December 18th, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith published the declaration *On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings*. Please read it for yourself—here is a link to the full declaration, in English, on the Vatican website: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_ddf_doc_20231218_fiducia-supplicans_en.html



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



A FAMILY OF FAITH

Family Catechesis
for Our Parish

Our next parent meeting will be on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the rectory dining room. January's lessons focus on the last four petitions of the Our Father, The Holy Spirit, and Prayer. Our new Religious Education program, A Family of Faith, aims to encourage and equip parents to live and teach their children the Catholic Faith at home. With one monthly family meeting, the program gives parents the knowledge and tools to bring their children up in the Faith. If you have not registered or want more information, please call Onie Lee.

High School
YOUTH GROUP

check out our founding members

We had a successful start to St. Paul's High School Youth Ministry. It was a great evening with some very enthusiastic teens, and we are just getting started!

Our next Meeting will be on January 28th at 5:00 pm in the Rectory Dining Room.

BELIEVE

9TH ANNUAL
DIOCESAN YOUTH
CONFERENCE

Join High School Youth from around the diocese to celebrate our Catholic faith!

JOHN 6:35 -
THEN JESUS DECLARED, "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY."

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

RHYAN RAMIREZ
Catholic Speaker | Emotional Intelligence Educator | Musician

VERONICA SALGADO
Catholic Educator | Speaker | Singer | Writer

ANSLEY ANDERSON
DOSA Young Adult Leader

REGISTER NOW!

DYC IX
FEB. 16-18, 2024

LOCATION: CAMP KULAQUA
HIGH SPRINGS, FL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Call Onie to Register
Deadline is January 28, 2024

MUSIC BY STELLA | MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP POHLMEIER

DIOCESE OF
St. Augustine

REGISTER for DYC Now!

Registration is now open for the annual Diocesan High School Youth Conference, DYC, Feb. 16-18, at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs. All high school youth are invited to attend the diocesan-wide conference with a theme of "Believe." The keynote speakers include Rhyan Ramirez, Verónica Salgado, and Ansley Anderson, with music by Stella. Participants will enjoy workshops, low ropes courses, live music, games, Mass, Adoration, and faith sharing. St. Paul's is taking a group and would love for you to join us. Registration is \$100.00 and includes transportation, meals, lodging, and all the activities. Contact Onie Lee to register.



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DIOCESAN CORNER



FROM THE OFFICE of STEWARDSHIP
JANUARY 14, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will."

THE PRESENCE OF GOD, JAN. 29-31 MISSION WITH THE DOMINICANS

The Presence of God Parish Mission, led by the Dominican Friars from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas is Jan. 29-31 at St. Madeleine Catholic Church, 17155 Northwest US Highway 441 in High Springs. The event includes mission talks with adoration, benediction, confessions and a Eucharistic Healing Service. You can attend either the morning or evening sessions, and the main event is on January 31 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://angelicum.it/fundraiser-campaign/parish-mission-in-high-springs-fl-2024/>



DIVINE MERCY PRESENTATION, JAN. 20



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is hosting a presentation that will include a great treasury of revelations, teachings, insights and prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy. The presentation, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., will be held in their Seton Hall. The guest speaker is Nestor Buendia. For more information call Elizabeth Steven at (386) 338-5332 or Ines Becker at (386) 387-1194.

MONTHLY DISCERNMENT EVENING, FEB. 5

This invitation is for young men, ages 16+, seeking to learn more about priestly vocations. Fr. Clay Ludwig will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. at the Marywood Chapel, 235 Marywood Dr., St. Johns, followed by a meal and small group discussion at San Juan de Rio Parish Family Center. There is no cost to attend. To register, email vocations@dos afl.com.



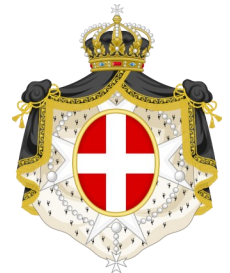
ORDER OF MALTA



We invite everyone to a Holy Mass of Anointing of the Sick for the Diocese of St. Augustine hosted by the Order of Malta. We are thrilled that the ninth annual Malta Holy Mass of Anointing will be celebrated by Father Remek Blazzkowski at San Jose Catholic Church and accompanied by the Jacksonville University choir. The JU choir has sung at the Vatican and brings a beautiful aura to this wonderful celebration. This Mass is open to anyone in the Diocese, and we ask that you arrive early to hear the choir who starts singing at 10:30 a.m. Please remember this Mass is for more than just physical suffering; think also of emotional and spiritual wellness. As you know, the Order of Malta has a special trip to Lourdes each year, when able, bringing the sick to the Grotto. Please mark your calendars today.

Saturday | February 10th, 2024

San Jose Catholic Church
3609 Toledo Road #A
Jacksonville, FL 32217



Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta.
Federal Association, U.S.A.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Congratulations St. Paul's! Because of your generosity, our parish exceeded Bishop Pohlmeier's expectations for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. We are so grateful to have such generous parishioners. Our 2024 BASA team is already preparing for next year's appeal.

We are looking forward to next year's appeal!

3 Benefits Of Giving Stock To Your Parish



- Avoid capital gains taxes.
- Receive a tax deduction for the total amount of your gift.
- Help your parish without affecting your cashflow.

Questions? Contact Kelly Wood,
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ABUSE HOTLINE—The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To report abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873, or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email inquiries@dos afl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit reportbishopabuse.org.