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St. Paul's
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reverend Leonard T. Chuwa, Pastor



JANUARY 21st, 2024—FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

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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FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL



PASTOR'S CORNER



Rev. Leonard Chuwa

*“Love is patient, love is kind.”
“Rejoice in the Lord always.”
“My grace is enough for you.”
These quotes from Paul are so lovely, but sometimes I wonder why they always end up adorning peoples’ bathrooms.*

For the curious person on a faith journey, their first encounter with the New Testament will likely include a beautiful passage from one of the many letters of Paul. A conflict might surface when one

peers slightly deeper into Paul’s life and discovers his tumultuous past. A popular question regarding Paul’s status in the Church is, “Why would God pick someone so awful to carry out his will?”

Well, what is the worst thing you have ever done? A serious crime, mortal sin, stealing bubble gum from your younger sibling? Whatever it was, chances are that it pales in comparison to Paul’s dark deeds. To name a few, he hunted down and killed the first Christians and aided the men who stoned Stephen—the first martyr—to death. He was an educated Jewish man and a full citizen of the Roman Empire, meaning he knew exactly what he was doing and he had the means to achieve these wicked ends. So, comparatively speaking, it may be safe to say that Paul was worse than the average sinner. No wonder it comes as a shock that God chose him to evangelize to the known world!

It is remarkable how easy we humans fall into the trap of hopelessness. “It’s too late for me,” “I’m no good,” “What do I have to offer?” These thoughts are poison from the mouth of the enemy! Look at what the Lord did with a sinner like Paul and know that he can work wonders with you! It matters not what sins you have committed in the past—so long as you repent for them. What matters is the path that lies ahead of you. Thrown from your horse like Paul, rise! And follow the Lord. “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, February 11th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- The season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. We will offer three Masses at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.
- The Mass Intention book is wide open for 2024. Please call the Parish Office and place your intentions.

RECURRING EVENTS

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 Francis de Sales was born into a noble family in the 16th century, near Geneva, Switzerland. Following his parent's guidance, he studied law in Padua, Italy, and was poised to become a prominent government figure. However, God had other plans—Francis was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Geneva, later becoming the bishop there.

A major challenge facing the Catholic Church in those days was the rise of Calvinism. Francis defended the Catholic faith and won over many Protestants. What is important to note is that he was not a fire-and-brimstone kind of preacher. Rather, he gently approached Catholic doctrine and entered into engaging dialogues with others. Regardless of our differing faiths, it is important to follow Francis' example and learn to communicate openly.

MASS INTENTIONS

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>
Monday	January 22nd, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Fenwick Landat
Tuesday	January 23rd, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Rev. Thomas Sullivan <i>Requested by Katherine Bark</i>
Wednesday	January 24th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Anne. Morabito <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>
Thursday	January 25th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Mary Zurowski
Friday	January 26th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: Ron & Rosemary Moredock <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>
Saturday	January 27th, 2024 4:00 p.m.: †Linda Davis <i>Requested by Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i>
Sunday	January 28th, 2024 9:00 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Paul's 11:00 a.m.: Helen Casilla <i>Requested by Patty Howell</i> 7:00 p.m.: †Larry Rodney Wilkinson <i>Requested by Bret & Georgia Wilkinson</i>

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Monday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Conversion of Saint Paul The Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	January 27th, 2024 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Gia Donnalley
Lector:	Dianne Mollica
EMHC:	Deacon, John Lippincott, Mary Jo Krumviede
Sunday	January 28th, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Eileen Smith
Lector:	Youth Reader
EMHC:	Carol Frierson, Kevin Murphy, Suzanne Murphy
Sunday	January 28th, 2024 11:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Sr. Janet
Lectors:	Terry McGee
EMHC:	Deacon, Toni Finger, Sisters of St. Louis
Sunday	January 28th, 2024 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Georgia Gill
Lectors:	Brett Wilkinson
EMHC:	Deacon, Missy Parkison, Sisters of St. Louis

OFFERTORY | JANUARY 13th–14th

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$7,213.00	\$728.00	\$8008.00*

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

The transformation that is a necessary consequence of hearing Jesus' call to discipleship takes place through repentance. Jesus calls and the disciples abandon all to follow him. Jesus' call was to simple fishermen while they were plying their trade. The starting point for Jesus' call to discipleship isn't with "holy" or "perfect" people; the starting point is with sinful humanity. The good news is that we can repent and believe. All we need to do is let go and let our daily lives be characterized by repentance and belief. Jesus gives us a continuing call. Our transformation doesn't come all at once but takes place throughout our lives. We only have to repent and believe in the gospel, for indeed the kingdom of God is at hand. (*Living Liturgy*, p.46)

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

"St. Paul Stained Glass Window" by the Rambusch Company, NY, stained glass, 1940's, St. Paul Catholic Church. Our magnificent stained glass windows highlight important moments in the lives of their subjects. In the East Transept, St. Paul is depicted in three images: (top) the Conversion, (middle) St. Paul will scripture and sword, and (bottom) one of his shipwrecks.

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

Deceased

†Rosemary Condie, †Ron Guzman, †Joan Kennedy Dent, †Galena Roberts, †Vera Boyle-Benjamin, †Frank Rossi, †Rev. Sal DiFazio, †Rev. Thomas Sullivan

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

Recently Baptized

Ezio Stone, Molly McGowan, Lucy McGowan, Martin Edwards, Kai Koonce, Adeline Goldsborough, Charlotte Lavallee, Madelyn Garland, Emma Guanchez



ST. PAUL'S GUILD

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The St. Paul's Mini Vinnies and parishioners collected 156 blankets that were delivered to four area senior care/memory care facilities! We—as well as the seniors who received these blankets—are so very grateful for the sacrifice and dedicated of the good people of St. Paul's.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday | February 11th
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

On Blood Bus, in Parking Lot. Come save some lives and get a \$25.00 e-gift card and special 50th Anniversary Life South fleece blanket! Scan QR for lower wait time appointments!

All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 lbs, and show photo I.D. Visit lifesouth.org for more information.

LIFESOUTH
Community Blood Centers





POPE'S INTENTION



Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

FREEWILL WORKSHOP, JAN. 29

The Catholic Foundation is offering a free and secure online resource to create a legal will, or plan to take to an attorney. Monday, January 29th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call the Parish Office to reserve your place, (904) 387-2554.

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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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.



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

Register Now



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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Onie Lee is the Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry at St. Paul Catholic Church. For all inquiries, please contact Onie in the Parish Office. You can reach out if you would like to volunteer for any of the Youth Ministry programs.



DIOCESAN CORNER



FROM THE OFFICE of STEWARDSHIP
JANUARY 21, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow workers. To what is Jesus calling me - at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon to follow Him?

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/>

MORNING STAR SPIRIT NIGHT, JAN. 31

FAMILY FUN AT TOP GOLF

Join us for a fun-filled evening with your family at the Morning Star Spirit Night at Top Golf on Jan. 31. This event is part of the annual Catholic Schools Week celebration and promises to be a blast. The event will take place at Top Golf, 10531 Brightman Blvd, Jacksonville, from 6:00 to 8 p.m. You can book an entire bay for six people at \$150 or register individually for \$25 per person. Each student who participates in the event can win a \$50 gift card to RC Uniforms. To register, you can go online and visit <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E331251&id=60>.

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@dosaf.com.

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@dosaf.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit reportbishopabuse.org.

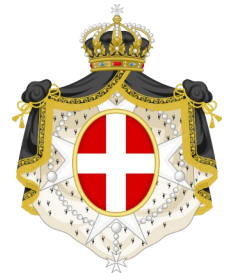
ORDER OF MALTA



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!



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- Share healthcare, financial, and funeral choices.
- Create a gift in your will for your parish.

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