



FEBRUARY 4th, 2024—FIFTH 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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER



Rev. Leonard Chuwa

Once upon a time, there was a humble fisherman. After a long day at sea, he stretched out on the dock and relaxed in the evening sun. Then along came a very wealthy fishing tycoon. "You lazy slob," said the rich man. "How can you sit back when there is so much work to be done?" "Work?" said the poor man. "I have caught all I needed and now I can rest. What more work is there to be done?" "Well," said the rich man, "You must double your hours at sea so you

can afford hands on your ship." "Then what?" asked the poor man. "Then with more men you can catch more fish, and make even more money," replied the rich man. "Oh?" asked the poor man, "And what would I do with all that money?" The rich man became excited, "You could buy even more boats and hire more help to catch more fish and make more money!" The humble fisherman just stared blankly at the wealthy fishing tycoon, "What would I do after all that?" "Then, my friend," said the rich man to the poor man, "You can finally sit back and relax."

In today's Gospel, we read about the incredible feats of Jesus, healing Peter's mother-in-law, expelling demons from possessed people, and preaching in synagogues all throughout Galilee. His public mission was just starting to ramp up and even more miraculous deeds were on the way. When we are called to emulate Christ, it can be rather daunting to follow such a powerful and potent example. The enemy can infect our minds with this thought, "You'll never be as good as Jesus, so why bother?"

Utter nonsense, says the Lord. To compare is to despair. We must keep in mind that Jesus was the son of God, perfect in every way and capable of performing these astounding miracles. Do not fret if you struggle with walking on water. Just try your best to keep your head above the waves. Do not be tempted to chase the fantasy of the wealthy fishing tycoon, but try your very best to persevere like the humble fisherman and accept the reward of a peaceful life.

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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.
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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 Josephine Bakhita was born in 1869 in Africa, where Sudan is today. As a little girl, she was forced into the Arab slave trade and sold to a wealthy man. He made her convert to Islam and called her “Bakhita”, which means “lucky”. The traumatic experience of enslavement involved daily harm—she even forgot her birth name.

Later on, she was sold to an Italian family and became their nanny. Since slavery was outlawed in Italy, Bakhita was recognized as a free woman. She converted to Catholicism and became a Canossian sister. Remaining in Italy, she spent her life in prayer and service to her town.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 3rd, 2024 4:00 p.m.: †Scott Prive <i>Requested by the St. Paul's Guild/C.C.W.</i>
Sunday	February 4th, 2024 9:00 a.m.: Mary Fitzgerald <i>Requested by Kevin Fitzgerald</i> 11:00 a.m.: Bob Fitzgerald <i>Requested by Kevin Fitzgerald</i> 7:00 p.m.: Parishioners of St. Paul's
Monday	February 5th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: Patricia Oxley <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>
Tuesday	February 6th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Carlos Medina Corrales <i>Requested by Ylia Corrales de Medina</i>
Wednesday	February 7th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Ron Masucci <i>Requested by Susan Masucci and family</i>
Thursday	February 8th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Joseph Thomas “J.T.” McGuire <i>Requested by the Busch family</i>
Friday	February 9th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Codi Kimball <i>Requested by Coleen Rickey</i>
Saturday	February 10th, 2024 4:00 p.m.: †Terry Grimes <i>Requested by the Otten family, the Grimes family, and Helen Wimmer & family</i> Secondary Intention: Penny Moran
Sunday	February 11th, 2024 9:00 a.m.: †Carlene Staffaroni <i>Requested by the Staffaroni family</i> 11:00 a.m.: Will Strassberger 7:00 p.m.: Parishioners of St. Paul's

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Monday	Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	of the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	of the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Saint Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

POPE'S INTENTION



For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	February 10th, 2024 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Gia Donnalley
Lector:	Dianne Mollica
EMHC:	Deacon, Jennifer Prive
Sunday	February 11th, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Eileen Smith
Lector:	Rodney Brown, Youth Reader
EMHC:	Deacon, Kim Repper, Kelly Brown
Sunday	February 11th, 2024 11:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Toni Finger
Lectors:	Terry McGee
EMHC:	Deacon, Midge Daniell, Caroline Narramore
Sunday	February 11th, 2024 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Jeff Conley
Lectors:	Julie Thieman
EMHC:	Deacon, Mylene Watson

OFFERTORY | JANUARY 27th–28th

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$4,835.00	\$1,337.00	\$6,172.00*

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.

PRAYER LIST

Ill and Healing

Carol Thompson, Donald Jordan Thompson, Mariel Rose Henn, Kevin Nolan, Linda Cate & Tim Cate, Liz Ulrich, Jack DeClemente, Becky Scheller, Barb Crissman, Paul Staley, Glenn Andrews, Jean Schott

Deceased

†James A. Pasticci, †Rosemary Condie, †Ron Guzman, †Joan Kennedy Dent, †Galena Roberts, †Vera Boyle-Benjamin, †Frank Rossi

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

Recently Baptized

Ezio Stone, Molly McGowan, Lucy McGowan, Martin Edwards, Kai Koonce, Adeline Goldsborough

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 not have flowers during Lent.



YOUTUBE CHANNEL

We livestream our 9:00 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 Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes", by Giovanni Lanfranco (1582-1647), oil on canvas, dated 1620-1623, National Gallery of Ireland. Today's Gospel does not include the Feeding of the 5,000, but in keeping with the Pastor's Corner this image depicts an example of Jesus' great miracles.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Jesus rose "very early before dawn" and went out to a "deserted place" to pray, to be in communion with God. He is able to turn his back on the adulation and keep his mission on a steady course because he does not lose sight of why he came—to preach the good news of salvation. He does not lose sight of his mission because he never loses sight of his Father. This is how we reorder ourselves—by praying, being in communion with God so that Jesus' mission is truly our own. (*Living Liturgy*, p.54)

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.

TAX NOTICE



If you are in need of a tax letter for your 2023 contributions to St. Paul's, please call the Parish Office at (904) 387-2554 or email parishoffice@spsjax.org. We will be more than happy to provide a statement for you!

SACRED SILENCE

The national effort for a Eucharistic Revival has been underway for over a year. At the heart of every effort is a desire to respond more fully to God's invitation. The same God who gives us life wants to nourish us for our human journey. We live in a world filled with joys and challenges. We must respond, but the path forward is often difficult and uncertain. God does not abandon those who call out to him. He responds to give us strength as we follow the narrow way, as we carry our crosses alongside Jesus.



BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. PAUL'S, FEB. 11

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



CALLING ALL GARDENERS! FEB. 10



On Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 a.m., the Garden Club will be weeding, pruning, and planning for our beautiful gardens. Please bring water and any tools you would like to use. Let's keep our grounds looking great!

WE NEED SACRISTANS

We are so grateful for the hard work of our sacristans! They do so much for our parish and we are looking to grow this ministry. The duty of a sacristan involves setting up for Mass and ensuring everything goes well behind the scenes. This is a skilled position for volunteers and training will be provided. Please pray on this need in our church and reach out to the Parish Office if the Lord is calling you to serve in this ministry.



CATHOLIC WRITERS GUILD, FEB. 10



Attention all Catholic writers and creative individuals! The St. John's Chapter Catholic Writers Guild invites you to a special event featuring Msgr. Vincent J. Haut on Saturday, February 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at St. Paul Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Msgr. Haut, a beloved figure in the Diocese of St. Augustine for over 50 years, will lead us in a conversation about Lent and more. This is an opportunity for you to nourish and challenge your creative spirit, whether it be through writing, editing, photography, graphics, or art. The event is free of charge, and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please email laurad47@bellsouth.net.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal (BASA) is now underway. If you are a registered member of our parish or another parish in our diocese, you may have received a mailing from Bishop Pohlmeier, asking for your support and participation in this year's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Appeal using gift options on the response card mailed to you or by completing a commitment envelope at Mass next weekend.

Our annual theme, "We are the hands of Jesus" reminds us that our faith community is made up of a network of parishes. Bishop Pohlmeier invites each of us to join in support of the beautiful mission of the Church, as we are called to be good stewards of what we have been gifted with. We can proclaim His love and faithfulness through sharing the blessings we have gratefully received from Him. We ask that you commit this invitation to prayer and if your circumstances allow, please come prepared to respond next week. Your gift should be in addition to what you are already giving to the parish. Please know that every gift is important, especially as the Church continues to serve during these times of great need.

Send your child to a private school with the help of a Step Up scholarship.
Learn more at SUF.S.org



"FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY", MAR. 12-14

LENTEN MISSION AND PENANCE SERVICE

Fr. Leonard invites you to come to St. Paul's for a two-night Lenten Mission and Penance Service:

"Food for the Journey" - Lenten Mission

Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Penance Service at St. Paul's

Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Come and prepare yourself for the Easter Season!

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*
(904) 387-2841





FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



A FAMILY OF FAITH Family Catechesis for Our Parish

Our next parent meeting will be on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the rectory dining room. February's lesson focuses on the Hail Mary. 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



Our next Meeting will be on February 25th 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

LAST CHANCE
DYC IX
FEB. 16-18, 2024

LOCATION: CAMP KULAQUA
HIGH SPRINGS, FL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Call Onie to Register

REGISTER NOW!

MUSIC BY STELLA | MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP POHLMEIER

DIOCESE OF St Augustine



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RISE UP

Attention Middle & High School Students & Families

MARCH 2 | 4:30 - 9:30 PM | BOLLES MIDDLE SCHOOL

RISE UP

Featuring

- STELLA
- RACHEL LEININGER

AS ARE WELCOME AND INVITED

FREE CONCERT - FOOD TRUCKS - DJ - GAMES - AFTER PARTY

Meet us there! Free tickets are online at www.riseupyc.org
Call Onie for more information!



DIOCESAN CORNER



FROM THE OFFICE of STEWARDSHIP

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

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 Blazskowski 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.

USDIN JUDEO-CHRISTIAN LECTURE, FEB. 6 BISHOP JOHN STOWE

Join us for an inspiring evening at Flagler College for the USDIN Judeo-Christian Lecture, featuring Bishop Dr. Timothy Johnson, the Craig and Audrey Thorn Distinguished Professor of Religion at Flagler College has extended a special invitation to members of the Diocese of St. Augustine for the upcoming USDIN Judeo-Christian Lecture Series on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Virginia Room, Ringhaver Student Center, 50 Sevilla, St. Augustine.

The guest speaker is Bishop John Stowe who will share his insights on Pope Francis's Vision for the Catholic Church. Bishop Stowe was appointed the bishop of the Diocese of Lexington in 2015 after completing his education in philosophy, history, divinity and church history. Attendees can look forward to a thought-provoking lecture. All are welcome to attend this free event.

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For confidential help contact Kelly C. Wood, 904-208-6931, kwood@dosafll.com



MONTHLY DISCERNMENT EVENING, FEB. 5

This invitation is for young men, ages 16+, seeking to learn more about priestly vocations. Father 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@dosafll.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@dosafll.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit reportbishopabuse.org.