



2609 Park St., Jacksonville, FL 32204

St. Paul's
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reverend Leonard T. Chuwa, Pastor



MARCH 3rd, 2024—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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Registration for the 2024-2025 academic year
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



PASTOR'S CORNER



Rev. Leonard Chuwa

The money changers at the Temple were regarded as having the upper hand... until Jesus turned the tables!

The Temple

The gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B takes place in the temple. We must understand that the temple in Jerusalem was considered the most holy place for the Jewish people, and it was a place where they would come to offer sacrifices and worship God. The Israelites believed God was really present in the temple. The sales going on there enabled people traveling from afar to purchase animals for sacrifice. This was a great convenience. However, the presence of the merchants and money changers had turned the temple into a marketplace, which was not only disrespectful but also a distraction from the true purpose of the temple. Jesus, as the Son of God, recognized this and was filled with a righteous anger that compelled him to drive out the merchants and money changers.

In a similar way, we are called to reflect on this Gospel reading and ask ourselves how we may have turned our own lives into a marketplace, where we prioritize material possessions and worldly pursuits over our relationship with God. Like the merchants and money changers, we may have allowed distractions and temptations to take over our lives, causing us to lose sight of what is truly important. Fundraisers and youth sports activities are not bad in themselves, but they should not interfere with our attendance at Mass. Our focus must be on the Eucharist. We must not allow whatever else is going on at our parish to distract us from our central purpose - the worship of God.

We must also recognize that the temple in Jerusalem was a foreshadowing of the true temple, which is the body of Christ. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, and that every time we participate in Mass, we are entering into God's special presence. Let us approach the Eucharist with reverence and awe, just as the Jewish people approached the temple in Jerusalem. Let us also strive to make our own bodies and hearts a worthy dwelling place for Christ, so that we may be a true reflection of his love and mercy to the world.

Pure Hearts

In this gospel, Jesus demonstrates the importance of having a pure heart through his actions in the temple. By driving

out the merchants and money changers, Jesus was purifying the temple of all that was contrary to God's will. He was removing the distractions and impurities that had taken over the temple and restoring it to its intended purpose as a place of worship and prayer. As Catholics, we are called to follow in Jesus'; footsteps and strive to purify our own hearts and minds. This means being mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions, and ensuring that they are aligned with God's will. One way to purify our hearts is through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Another way to purify our hearts is through prayer and reflection. By spending time in prayer and meditating on God's Word, we can allow the Holy Spirit to work within us and transform our hearts. We can also ask God to help us identify areas of our lives that need to be purified, and to give us the strength and courage to make the necessary changes.

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

MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Saints Perpetua and Felicity were martyrs of the early Church in the second century, A.D. Perpetua was a young noblewoman from the North African city of Carthage, within the Roman Empire. She kept a diary which described the persecution of her Christian faith. Perpetua was imprisoned at 22, along with a slave—a young woman named Felicity.

While in captivity, Perpetua wrote about the harsh treatment from their guards, the intense Roman heat, and their impending execution. Felicity was with child and she gave birth in their prison. In the dramatic style of the Romans, Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded in a crowded amphitheater—spectacles of the public games.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 2nd, 2024 4:00 p.m.: Kathy Fleming <i>Requested by the O'Brien family</i>
Sunday	March 3rd, 2024 9:00 a.m.: †Carlene Staffaoni <i>Requested by Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i> 11:00 a.m.: Parishoners of St. Paul's 7:00 p.m.: †Salvator Greco <i>Requested by Mary Jo Krumviede</i>
Monday	March 4th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Gaby Ketter <i>Requested by Georgia & Gret Wilkinson</i>
Tuesday	March 5th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Christina Louisa Stauter <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>
Wednesday	March 6th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Carlos Medina Corrales <i>Requested by Ylia Corrales de Medina</i>
Thursday	March 7th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Kathleen Marie Dresser <i>Requested by David & Marischele Dresser</i>
Friday	March 8th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Jorge Montealegre <i>Requested by David & Marischelle Dresser</i>
Saturday	March 9th, 2024 4:00 p.m.: Eileen Smith <i>Requested by the O'Brien family</i>
Sunday	March 10th, 2024 9:00 a.m.: Michael Moran 11:00 a.m.: George Howell <i>Requested by Patty Howell</i> 7:00 p.m.: Parishioners of St. Paul's

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Monday	Saint Casimir 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	of the Third Week of Lent Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	of the Third Week of Lent Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Saints Perpetua and Felicity Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Saint John of God, Religious Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Laetare Sunday 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

POPE'S INTENTION



For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	March 9th, 2024 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Gia Donnalley
Lector:	Diana Mollica
EMHC:	Deacon, Jennifer Prive
Sunday	March 10th, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Eileen Smith
Lector:	Kevin Murphy, Youth Reader
EMHC:	Deacon, Suzanne Murphy, Carol Frierson
Sunday	March 10th, 2024 11:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Sr. Janet
Lectors:	Anita Thompson
EMHC:	Deacon, Christa Feely
Sunday	March 10th, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Georgia Gill
Lectors:	Bret Wilkinson
EMHC:	Deacon, Laura Dodson

OFFERTORY | FEBRUARY 24th–25th

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$5,318.00	\$1,376.73	\$6,694.73*

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

Angelleka Harris, Catherine Roberts, Victor Purdy, Jack DiPaolo, Megan Schultz, Stephen Machers, Carol Thompson, Donald Jordan Thompson, Mariel Rose Henn, Kevin Nolan, Liz Ulrich, Jack DeClemente, Becky Scheller, Barb Crissman, Paul Staley

Deceased

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

Military Service

Gabriel Roberts, USA, 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

Siobahn Wyatt, Jacqueline Edwards, Alicia Moya

Recently Baptized

Ezio Stone, Molly McGowan, Lucy McGowan

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. This is to symbolize the subdued nature of the season, as Christ secluded himself in the barren wilderness.



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

"Christ Driving the Money Changers from the Temple", by El Greco (c.1541-1614), oil on canvas, (1609), Church of San Ginés, Madrid, Spain.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and alms giving. While we have experience in praying and fasting, sharing with the poor may be logistically more challenging. Fear not! The St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to assist! Our mission is to help the poor year around. Please consider supporting our ministry with a check made payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the weekly collection basket. We promise to judiciously distribute your gift to house, feed, clothe and generally aid the poor! To those already supporting our work, thank you so much for your generosity.

If you are interested in joining our mission please contact John Roberts at stvdepaulriverside@gmail.com 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!

CATHOLIC WRITERS GUILD WORKSHOP, MAR. 9

The St. John's Chapter of the Catholic Writers Guild is hosting a workshop on March 9 at St. Paul Parish Hall, located at 2609 Park Street in Jacksonville. The workshop, Writing with Intent: Tips and Tools to Kick-Start your Writing Life, will be led by local author Paula V. Babadi, who wrote the book "Everywhere Hope." The event runs from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees are encouraged to bring a pen and paper for notetaking. Handouts will be provided. The event is free of charge and refreshments will be served. If you want to join with ZOOM, please contact Laura Dodson at laurad47@bellsouth.net for more information. Whether your creative spirit lies in writing, editing, photography, graphics or art, this workshop will nourish and challenge you!

ST. PAUL'S GUILD

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

We would like to invite all women of the parish to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 5th in the hall at 6:00 pm. Join us for food and fellowship, and help us plan the festivities for the upcoming Spring Carnival and Parish Picnic! Hope to see you there!

“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!

EASTER LILIES

HELP MAKE OUR ALTAR BEAUTIFUL!



If you would like to make a \$20.00 donation in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below, attach your donation, and place both in the collection basket; or you can stop by the Parish Office to drop off your completed form and donation. Following Holy Week we will publish all those remembered as well as those who donated.

PLEASE PRINT

This donation is in honor of/in memory of:

(please make a cross “+” next to the name(s) of those who are deceased)

Remembered by: _____

Amount Donated: \$ _____ Total

Please have the order form in by March 24th, 2024

CARNIVAL FUN FAIR

St. Paul’s Riverside Spring Carnival

Saturday, March 23, 2024

5:00–9:00 p.m.

Community event includes music, games, food, drinks, and FUN!

Bid on our Virtual Auction between March 18th and 23rd.

The auction closes at 8:00 p.m. (*link to follow*)



Now accepting auction donations!

Reserve a spot in our market place \$20 a table.

Text Victoria (904) 894-9600 for more info.

WE NEED SACRISTANS

We are so grateful for the hard work of our sacristans! They do so much 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.

Send your child to a private school with the help of a Step Up scholarship.

Learn more at SUFS.org



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 10:10 a.m. in the rectory dining room. March's lesson focuses on Prayer and Scripture. 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 this
Sunday, March 3rd at 5:00 pm
in the Rectory Dining Room.

**Register
Now**



SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Summer camp at Covecrest is an incredible opportunity to bring teens into an unforgettable experience of life. For over 20 years, Life Teen has provided experiences at summer camp where our high school teens are able to be free and confident in themselves, develop new friendships with other teens from our parish, and encounter God working in their lives. Their week at Covecrest includes inspiring talks, powerful encounters with God through the Sacraments, and fantastic activities such as high ropes, white water rafting, and messy games! This can be the summer that your teen begins to experience a bigger and better life than they ever thought possible!

When is Covecrest and how do we get there?

June 24-29, 2024

We are sharing a charter bus with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Palm Coast. They will pick us up from St. Paul's at 3am on Monday, June 24th and we will return around 10 pm on Saturday, June 29th!

How much does it cost?

We have spots for five teens and two adults. We have been awarded a grant that covers the camp fee. Individuals will be responsible for approximately \$300.00 to cover transportation and white-water rafting.

How do I sign up?

To secure your spot bring a \$50.00 deposit to Onie. Spots will fill up fast!

For more information contact Onie.

For any inquiries, please contact **ONIE LEE**, Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry. E: onie.lee@spsjax.org



DIOCESAN CORNER



FROM THE OFFICE of STEWARDSHIP

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

SANTA FE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE PILGRIMAGE, MAR. 16

Are you interested in attending a spiritually enriching and physically engaging pilgrimage? Then, join us at the Santa Fe Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, 17155 NW U.S. Highway 441 in High Springs on March 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for a walking pilgrimage, Holy Hour and Mass. Father Clay Ludwig and Father Jared De Leo will lead the pilgrimage. This event is specifically geared towards young men, ages 16 and older, considering a vocation in the priesthood. It is a great opportunity to meet and connect with like-minded individuals and deepen your spiritual journey. To register for the event, scan the QR code on the flyer or follow the link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf17vUerU-GEH9hnHaMqzKrXWEyK-_B3beNEU-SNg1un4qviYw/viewform.




DIOCESE OF St Augustine

THEOLOGY ON TAP

with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier

Engage with fellow young adults in a welcoming environment and explore Church teachings over drinks and conversation.

Save the date
March 4, 2024
7-9 P.M.

Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant
12373 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32223

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

The Diocesan Ministry Formation Program (MFP) is a three-year comprehensive program of study based on the USCCB document on lay ministry, "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord." The program is designed for those seeking to develop pastoral leadership skills for leading others to Christ, increase knowledge of the Catholic faith and develop a more profound personal spirituality. Five information nights are available for those who feel called to lay ministry and those currently in a position that still needs training. The following sessions will be held around the diocese: March 11 and March 18.



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HUMAN RIGHTS & DIGNITY FORUM

APRIL 13, 2024

Are you passionate about human rights and dignity? Join us at the Human Rights & Dignity Forum on Saturday, April 13. This event is from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 202 North 4th St. in Fernandina Beach.

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@dosaf1.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit reportbishopabuse.org.