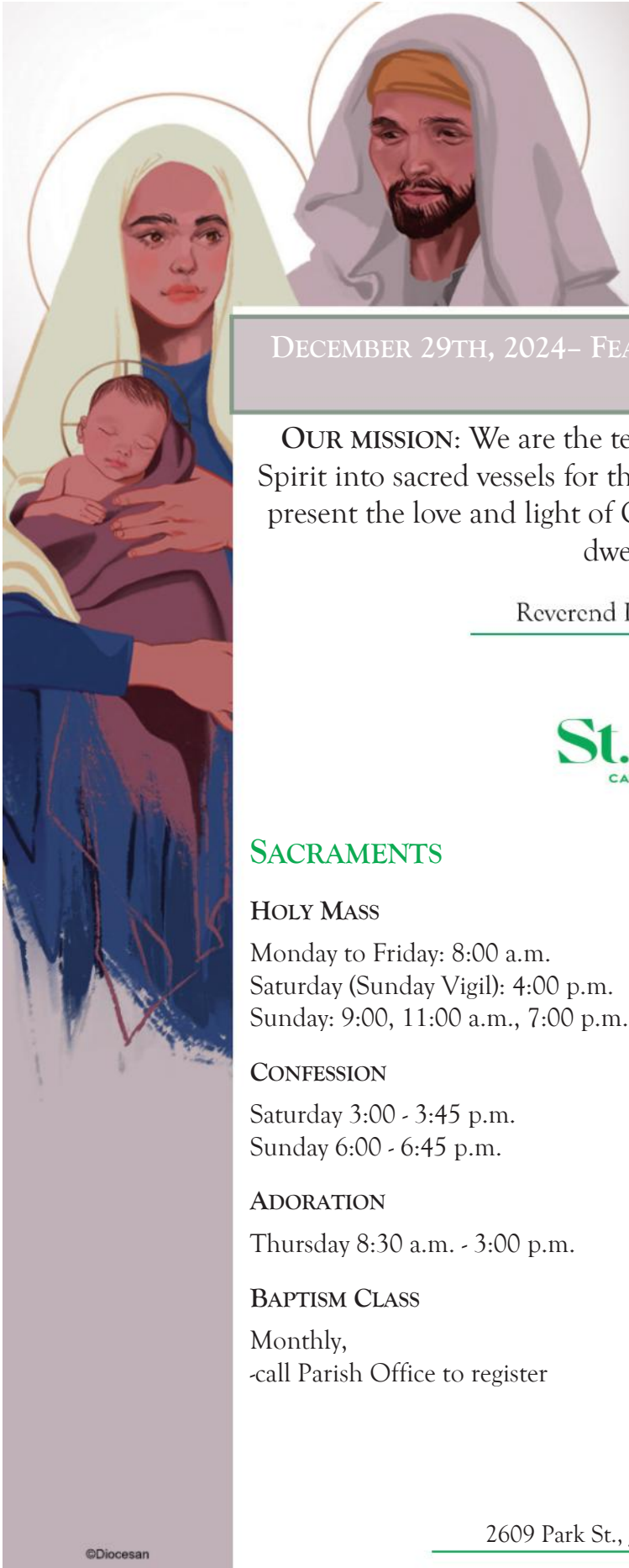




THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 29TH, 2024– FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH

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.

Reverend Leonard T. Chuwa, Pastor



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.

BAPTISM CLASS

Monthly,
-call Parish Office to register

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



PASTOR'S CORNER

What is a New Year's resolution?

A: Something that goes in one year and out the other.

The Holy Family
By: Antony Kadavil

Rev. Leonard Chuwa

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#2223) gives the following advice to the parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for *education in the virtues*. This requires an *apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery* – the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the "material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones." The CCC adds: "Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children." (CCC #2223).

Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all your families in the New Year.

RECURRING EVENTS

Sunday **Rosary**
Before 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass
Led by Chuck and Joan Wingfield

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

Second Wed. **Knights of Columbus Meeting**
6:45 p.m. in the Lower Parish Hall

Baptismal Classes— Monthly, please call Parish Office to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bulletin requests are due the Monday morning prior to the printed bulletin. Requests for the Ramblings are due Wednesday. Please email all communication requests to our new communications email: church@spsjax.org. Thank you!
- The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday January 1st. The Parish Office will reopen on Thursday January 2nd, 2025.
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; Holy Day of Obligation, Tuesday, December 31st (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 1st, 10:00 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 28th, 2024 4:00 p.m.: †Joan Tighe <i>Requested by: Mary Tighe</i>
Sunday	December 29th, 2024 9:00 a.m.: All Seminarians 11:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory 7:00 p.m.: St. Pauls Parishioners
Monday	December 30th, 2024 8:00 a.m.: †Ronald Lawrence
Tuesday	December 31st, 2024 4:00 p.m (Vigil): †Rudolph & Ameila Gillett
Wednesday	January 1st, 2025 Holy Day of Obligation 10:00 a.m.: Melaine Coughlin <i>Requested by: Mary Moran</i>
Thursday	January 2nd, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Amber Ryals <i>Requested by: Ansley Anderson</i>
Friday	January 3rd, 2025 8:00 a.m.: †Augorio & †Milagros Mago <i>Requested by: Milagros Mago</i>
Saturday	January 4th, 2025 4:00 p.m.: Baccash Family <i>Requested by: Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i>
Sunday	January 5th, 2025 9:00 a.m.: St. Paul Parishioners 11:00 a.m.: †Augorio Mago <i>Requested by: Janette Tolentino</i> 7:00 p.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Monday	Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday	Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday	Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Pope's Intention: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

• **4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Tuesday, December 31st**

• **10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 1st**

Holy Day of Obligation

Please note there will be no 8:00 a.m. daily mass

✠ ST. PAUL SCHOOL ✠

St. Paul's School is now registering for the 2025-2026 school year!



School Calendar of Events

- 12/21-1/5– Christmas Break
- 1/6– Classes Resume
- 1/8– Awards following 8am mass
- 1/10– Full day of School
- 1/20– No school, MLK Jr. Holiday

OFFERTORY | DEC. 21ST/22ND

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$—	\$—	\$—
Online* \$—	\$	\$—

Numbers not available due to Christmas Holiday

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

*We are happy to report Online Giving each week!

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PRAYER LIST

Ill and Healing

Kristen Nadeau, Madelyn Garland, Teri McClure, Brian Zimmerman, Angelleka Harris, Victor Purdy, Jack DiPaolo, Megan Schultz, Stephen Macher, Mariel Rose Henn, Kevin Nolan, Liz Ulrich, Becky Scheller, Abel Elijah Burnsed, David Goricki, Paul Staley, Bob & Sheila Davis, James Kinne, Cathy Stevenson, Evelyn Munther, Jean Lawrence, Marcus Taylor

Deceased

†Glenn Andrews, †Julianna Dizor, †Donald Jordan Thompson, †Marta Lancho, †James A. Pasticci, †Milagros T. Risos, †Evelyn Pankok †Margaret Ryals

Military Service

William Joseph Staley, Jr., USAF; Gabriel Roberts, USAF; 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; Steven McAdams, USN; Matt McGee, USN

Expectant and New Mothers

Holly Bailey, Katie Donohoe Maranto, Angela McClure, Nicole McClure, Paige Pattishall, Katia Gravenstein, Siobahn Wyatt

Recently Baptized

Emmett Collins, Emmaleigh Rudolph, Shaela Smith, Daniel Kelley

We need you at 9:00 Mass!

Join us in the choir loft, lector, usher or have your family bring up the gifts.

This Mass is very much a family Mass and we would welcome your participation.

Contact me at the email address below if you would be willing to serve.

jeff.staffaroni@spsjax.org

Did You Know?

Sunday, December 29th, 2024

Sometimes praying can be difficult; however, it is in those challenging moments when our prayers resound with a particularly brilliant tone. Perseverance in prayer is important, especially when we don't feel like it. For, "Every joy and suffering, every event and need can become the matter for thanksgiving which, sharing in that of Christ, should fill one's whole life: "Give thanks in all circumstances" (#2648).



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Do you have a date you would like to memorialize with beautiful floral arrangements? To sponsor a weekend of flowers, please place your order with the Parish Office at (904) 387-2554.

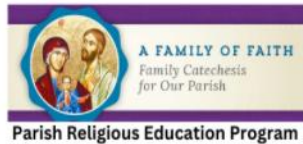


YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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.



✠ FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY ✠



Our next parent/student session will be **Sunday, January 26, 2025** in the Rectory Dining Room.

The Parish Religious Ed Program (PREP) primarily helps fill the Catholic religious education gap encountered by families whose children attend public, charter, or private, non-Catholic schools. A Family of Faith is our primary Catechesis program at St. Paul's. "Parent Meetings" will be held to discuss each month's specific plan and provide parents with the necessary knowledge to teach their children. During this time, the children will also go into the classroom to ensure they understand the lessons and discuss how home practices affect their spiritual lives. For more information call Onie Lee at 904-387-2554 ext. 102. or email onie.lee@spsjax.org



CONFIRMATION NEWS

CLASS: JANUARY 12 @ 5:00PM

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PAPERWORK IS DUE DECEMBER 22, 2024

CONTACT ONIE FOR MORE INFORMATION

SUMMER CAMP.

- **What is Covecrest Summer Camp all about?**
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. A 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!

Two possible dates:
June 16-21, 2025 or June 23-28, 2025 rafting.

Contact Onie to get a spot!

SIGN UP NOW

ST. PAUL'S

Youth Group GATHERING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
RECTORY DINING ROOM



All High School Student's are invited!
Bring your friends!
[@spyouthjax](https://www.instagram.com/spyouthjax)

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - RIVERSIDE



**SAVE THE DATE:
JAN 25TH, 2025**



**Join us for a night of
boot-stomping fun and fellowship in the
Parish Hall at the**

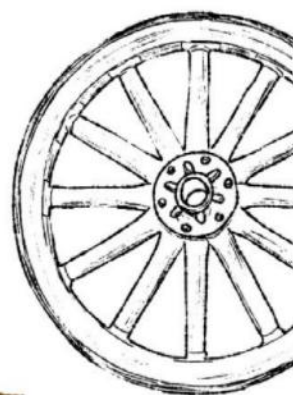
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✠ ST. PAUL'S GUILD/CCW CORNER ✠



TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND LET GO

Mindfulness for Stress Relief:
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Tuesday, January 14 | 6:30 p.m.
Parish Auditorium

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St. Paul's Guild/ CCW
All women are welcome
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refreshments and fellow-
ship at our meeting on
Tuesday, January 7th at
6:00 pm in the hall.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

St. Paul's Guild/ CCW General Meet-
ing Dates:

Tuesday, January 7th at 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 2nd at 12:00
noon

Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 pm

* All meetings will be held in the
parish hall and refreshments will
be served.*

The St. Rita Group is a new ministry at St. Paul's for mothers. The group will focus on deepening our faith and fostering community with a side of fun. It is open to any mother who has a child, newborn to 18. The meetings will be once a month in the Rectory from 7-8:30 pm. There will not be childcare provided. Please contact Anne Spencer for questions at anne.m.claridge@gmail.com or 904-860-3029.

Please join us on the following evenings:

January 21st, February 18th, March 18th, and April 8th.





CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DECORATIONS



In Memory/Honor Of

Norma Fetzer
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Anna Nguyen Thi-Ky
W.D. Purdy II
All deceased members of the Drzick family
Consuelo & Ray Mundo Alvarado



A heartfelt thank you to the Parent Auxiliary Board for generously donating the beautiful Christmas trees that decorated our church this holiday season! We truly appreciate your kindness and support. We are also grateful to everyone who came out to help decorate the church. A special thanks to Alison O'Donoghue for coordinating and leading our decorating committee – we couldn't have done it without all of you!

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN NEEDED

St. Paul's Church & School are in need of a maintenance technician to provide maintenance for the buildings and grounds including semi-skilled carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting and other minor repair work. Additionally, conducting preventative maintenance inspection. Applicants please visit the Diocesan website to apply, www.dosafl.com/human-resources/careers/

We would like to bring to your attention a concerning matter. It has come to our notice that someone is impersonating Fr. Leonard through email and text messages. Please be advised not to respond to or accept any requests from these communications, as Fr. Leonard will never solicit money or gift cards via email or text message.

If you receive any suspicious emails or text messages, we urge you to disregard them and report the incident accordingly.

Thank you for your help in this manner.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Parenting is a great entry into the paschal mystery! Good parents spend their children's growing up years emptying themselves of their own desires for the sake of the well-being of their children, endlessly and willingly sacrificing for them. Then, when the children are adults, parents must be willing to "let go" so that the children can be about their own business. By letting go, parents can help their children know their true identity is that they really belong to God. Thus can they find their real place in the world. Family about relationships. A holy family is one in which their relationships include God at the center. (Living Liturgy, p. 30)

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.



What to do if the gates are closed after Mass?

If the gates are closed when you exit, there's no need to worry. A sensor is located in front of the Parish Office doors. Simply pull up to the yellow line and wait a few seconds for the sensor to activate and open the gate.

Perpetual Adoration

Merry Christmas! He has come....



**Into our world, into our hearts,
into our families!**

He is here!

St. Paul's is blessed with an Adoration Chapel in the church where people are praying in the Real Presence of Our Lord. If you too would like to pray a Holy Hour, if you would like to bring your family to pray a Holy Hour, please email laurad47@bellsouth.net or call/text Laura at 321-626-1842

O Come Let Us Adore Him...





Make your gift count this year.

The end of the year is a time many are inspired to make charitable gifts. Please use these helpful tips to make sure your gift counts in this tax year. If you need assistance, call the Catholic Foundation at 904-208-6928 or send an email to catholicfoundation@dos afl.com.

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