

The Epiphany of the Lord



JANUARY 5TH, 2025 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Reverend Leonard T. Chuwa, Pastor



Come,
let us
adore
Him.

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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THE EPIPHANY



PASTOR'S CORNER

What was the first animal in space?

A: The cow that jumped over the moon

The Epiphany of the Lord

A Gift for the Wise Men

Written by: Tom Schmidt

Rev. Leonard Chuwa A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Maybe they were wise enough to know that Mary could have bought a lot of diapers with the gold.

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? Or the parable of the woman who brought two small coins to donate at the temple (Mark 12:42)? They both remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn king? I can give my time by coming to church for the Feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. How often do I sit in the pews, answer the prayers by heart, and suddenly realize that I can't remember what the first reading was, or what the homily was about? Just making the effort to listen to the words of Scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. In the early Church the feast included the baptism of Christ (with the voice of the Father and the Spirit as a dove) and the miracle at Cana, as well as the visit of the magi. So what we celebrate is not so much our gifts or those of the wise men, as it is a gift from God, manifested in Jesus. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The wise men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

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!

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MASS INTENTIONS

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.: † Augurio Mago <i>Requested by: Janette Tolentino</i> 7:00 p.m.: † All Souls in Purgatory
Monday	January 6th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: † Augustus Elison, Jr.
Tuesday	January 7th,, 2025 8:00 a.m.: William James Feely <i>Requested by: Bill O'Brien</i>
Wednesday	January 8th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: † Ronald Lawrence
Thursday	January 9th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Mark & Christa Haddad <i>Requested by: The O'Brien Family</i>
Friday	January 10th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Mark & Christa Haddad <i>Requested by: The O'brien Family</i>
Saturday	January 11th, 2025 4:00 p.m.: † Evelyn Pankok <i>Requested by: Ladies Guild/CCW</i>
Sunday	January 12th, 2025 9:00 a.m.: † Rev. Thomas Sullivan <i>Requested by: Katherine Bark</i> 11:00 a.m.: † Milagros Mago <i>Requested by: Janette Tolentino</i> 7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Parishioners

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	of Christmas Week; Saint André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	of Christmas Week; Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	of Christmas Week 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	of Christmas Week 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	of Christmas Week 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	of Christmas Week 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29-1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	Jan. 11th, 2025 4:00 p.m. Lector: Jeff Staffaroni, JoAnn Wagner EMHC: Gia Donalley, John Lippincott, Bill O'Brien
Sunday	Jan. 12th, 2025 9:00 a.m. Lector: Kelly Brown EMHC: Rodney Brown, Stephen Turner, Rose Walsh
Sunday	Jan. 12th, 2025 11:00 a.m. Lectors: Mary Pat Rogers, Terry McGee EMHC: John Roberts, David Waugh, Denise Waugh
Sunday	Jan. 12th 2025 7:00 p.m. Lectors: Mylene Watson EMHC: Georgia Gill, Greg Hurtt, Paul Sulzbacher

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from conception to natural death.*



Respect Life Collection

January 18-19, 2025

Your generosity supports pregnancy resource centers, college outreach, parish-based respect life activities and advocacy initiatives that support the work of the Diocese of St. Augustine Office of Human Life & Dignity.



✠ ST. PAUL SCHOOL ✠

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

Pictures from the last day before Christmas Break and 2024 Christmas Program.



School Calendar of Events

- 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
\$4,468.00	\$1,735.00	\$6,203.00
Online* \$2,507.50	\$ 431.25	\$2,938.75

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 Donoher Maranto, Angela McClure, Nicole McClure, Paige Pattishall, Katia Gravenstein, Siobahn Wyatt

Recently Baptized

Emmett Collins, Emmaleigh Rudolph, Shaela Smith, Daniel Kelley

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.



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

January 5th- Epiphany

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the infant Jesus. "How far will I go, and what will I offer to do in homage to this newborn King and Savior?"

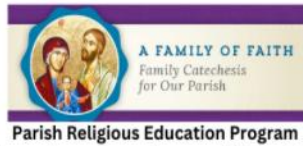


FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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.



✠ 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**

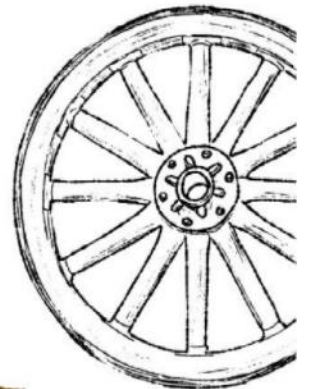
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✠ ST. PAUL'S GUILD/CCW CORNER ✠



TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND LET GO

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

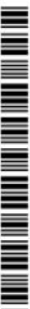
* All meetings will be held in the
parish hall and refreshments will
be served.*

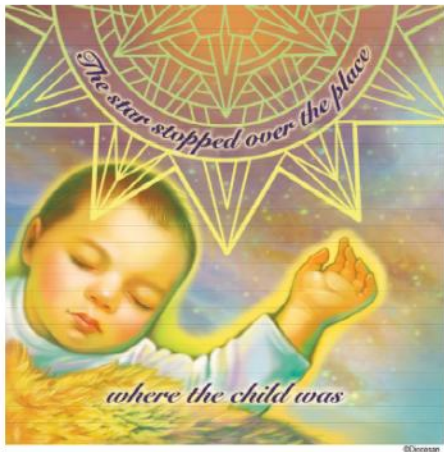
The St. Rita Group is a new ministry at St. Paul's for mothers. The group will focus on deepening our faith and fostering community with a side of fun. It is open to any mother who has a child, newborn to 18. The meetings will be once a month in the Rectory from

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.





MAINTENANCE TECHNINCIAN 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

The three Magi from the east must have been men of means; they traveled a long distance to find the “newborn King of the Jews” and to offer him precious gifts, trusting in only the star’s guidance. They must also have recognized the prior generosity of God, for their initial response in finding the Child was to “do him homage.” The symbolic meaning of their treasures is: giving the gold was a response of sharing their possessions; giving the frankincense was a response of reverence and gratitude for God’s gifts to them; giving the myrrh was a response of sharing of obedience in following God’s revelation in the star. (Living Liturgy, p.32)

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

A New Year – A New You!

There are 96 15-minute segments in each day...

Resolve to spend one segment in conversation with the One who created you.

There are 168 hours in a week...

Resolve to spend one hour in the Real Presence of Our Lord.

There are 8760 hours in a year...

Resolve to spend 52 in adoration with Our Lord.

There are 692,496 hours in an average life span...

Resolve to spend the hours you have left with a new focus.

Whatever other resolutions you make...

This will be truly life-giving!



A Blessed New Year to All!

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





A heartfelt thank you to the Parent Auxiliary Board for your generous donation of the beautiful Christmas trees that adorned our church this holiday season! Your kindness and support mean so much to us. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the flowers and decorations, making our church look absolutely stunning. A special thank you to all who volunteered their time to help decorate, and an extra special thanks to Alison O'Donoghue for her dedication in coordinating and leading our decorating committee. We truly couldn't have done it without all of you!



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 reportbish-opabuse.org.

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