

BAPTISM of the LORD

JANUARY 12TH, 2025- THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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PASTOR'S CORNER

How does a penguin build a house?

A: Igloos it together.

The Baptism of the Lord

Fear Not

Written by: Tom Schmidt

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? We also hear it on the first Sunday of Advent every few years. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time.

The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is expiated" (Isaiah 40:2). The mountains and hills will be leveled, symbolic of making an easy way to the Lord. In other words, the Lord is approachable. With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah 40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free from sin and able to reject evil desires. We are free to give ourselves in love as he did. And he does this, not because we did anything to deserve it, but from his own love and mercy for us. Think about that. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into our hearts and minds. Read them again at home, and remind yourself that you have been forgiven, that you can live as a person "eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). Ask the Spirit to help you see what things are keeping you from being like Jesus and to give you the strength to say no to them. And look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22).

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 |
| 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 office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday	January 13th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Mark & Christa Haddad <i>Requested by: Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i>
Tuesday	January 14th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: †Violet Stauter <i>Requested by: Ann Staley</i>
Wednesday	January 15th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Mark & Christa Haddad <i>Requested by: Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i>
Thursday	January 16th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Cindy Kuzel
Friday	January 17th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Mark & Christa Haddad <i>Requested by: Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i>
Saturday	January 18th, 2025 4:00 p.m.: †Fr. Sal Di Fazio <i>Requested by: JoAnn Bellas</i>
Sunday	January 19th, 2025 9:00 a.m.: †LCDR Augustus Thomas Elison, Jr. <i>Requested by: Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i> 11:00 a.m.: †Salwa B. Bateh <i>Requested by: Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i> 7:00 p.m.: †Elizabeth "Betty" Gill <i>Requested by: Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i>

Save the Date!

Bishop Pohlmeier will celebrate Mass on **Sunday, February 9th at 9:00 AM** for the **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul** and to close out our **Centennial Year**. We warmly invite everyone to join Bishop Pohlmeier for this beautiful Mass.

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	of the First Week of Ordinary Time; Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Heb 1:1-6, Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	of the First Week of Ordinary Time Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	of the First Week of Ordinary Time Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	of the First Week of Ordinary Time Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Saint Anthony, Abbot Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	of the First Week of Ordinary Time Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	Jan. 18th, 2025 4:00 p.m. Lector: Dianne Mollica, Mary Jo Krumviede EMHC: Roz Brackett, Rachel DeClemente, John Lippincott
Sunday	Jan. 19th, 2025 9:00 a.m. Lector: Ruthie Simmons EMHC: Jeanette Bruce, Carol Frierson, Kevin Murphy
Sunday	Jan. 19th, 2025 11:00 a.m. Lectors: Emily Golden, John Roberts EMHC: Laura Dodson, Catherine Roberts, David Waugh
Sunday	Jan. 19th 2025 7:00 p.m. Lectors: Greg Hurtt EMHC: Rudie Perry, Paul Sulzbacher, Bret Wilkinson

✠ ST. PAUL SCHOOL ✠



Register For Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

Voluntary Prekindergarten is Florida's free prekindergarten program for 4-year-olds residing in Florida. VPK gives children a jump start by preparing them for school and enhancing their pre-reading, pre-math, language, and social skills. Children who complete a quality VPK program arrive at kindergarten better prepared than those who do not attend a prekindergarten program.



A new St. Paul's tradition has been established! At Monday assembly, 8th graders were given a personalized class of 2025 sweatshirt to celebrate their last year with us!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools week kicks off
Sunday, January 26th at 9am

Mass and ends

Saturday, February 1st.

We look forward to spending a
week celebrating our faith,
tradition, and service.

OFFERTORY | CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$10,501.00	\$15,440.00	\$25,941.00
Online* \$—	\$—	\$—

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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, Elaine Starling

Deceased

†Glenn Andrews, †Julianna Dizer, †Donald Jordan Thompson, †Marta Lancho, †James A. Pastucci, †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, Maximilian Tourte, Maverick Hinkle, Paxten Hinkle, Quinton Hinkle, Bronson John Joslin,

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.



OFFERTORY | DEC. 28TH/29TH

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$4,899.00	\$1,197.00	\$6,096.00
Online* \$2,417.50	\$ 235.00	\$2,652.50

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OFFERTORY | JANUARY 4TH/5TH

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\$6,664.00	\$1,435.00	\$8,099.00
Online* \$2,247.50	\$ 861.25	\$3,108.75

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January 12th- Baptism of the Lord

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We, baptized in Christ, must follow his example and use our time and resources to serve God and our neighbor.

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

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!
#spsyouthjax

Theology on Tap

Featuring

Dennis L. Johnson Jr.
Chancellor
Diocese of St. Augustine

A Big Church with Big Questions...

January 13, 2025
7-9 P.M.

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JOHN 13:34

Michael Merchand
Speaker

Carol Wiget
Speaker

Oscar Rivera
Speaker

Marlys Adjevi
Speaker

MUSIC BY STELLA
MASS CELEBRATED BY
BISHOP POHLMEIER

Contact Onie in the Parish Office for more details and to sign up

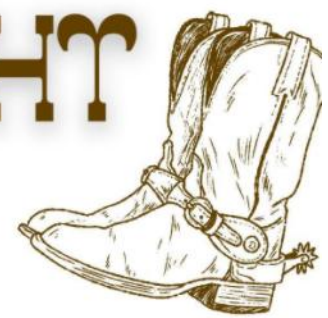
ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - RIVERSIDE

JAN 25TH, 2025: 5:30PM



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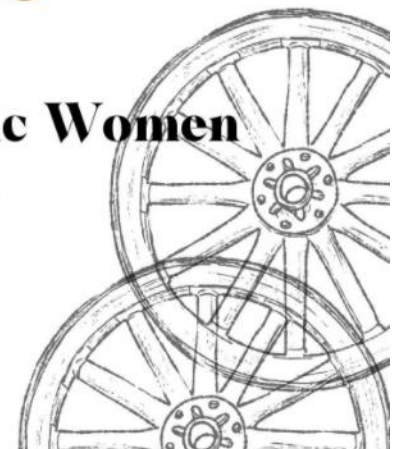
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\$10 Children 5-12**



✠ ST. PAUL'S GUILD/CCW CORNER ✠



TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND LET GO

Mindfulness for Stress Relief:
Simple Techniques
for a Calmer Life

Tuesday, January 14 | 6:30 p.m.
Parish Auditorium

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YEAR AT A GLANCE

St. Paul's Guild/ CCW General
Meeting Dates:

- 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

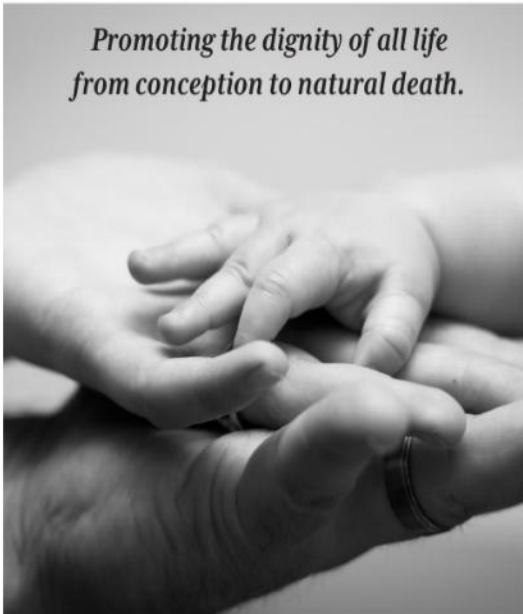
7-8:30 pm. There will not be childcare provided. Please contact Anne Spencer for questions at anne.m.claridge@gmail.com or 904-860-3029.

Please join us on the following evenings:

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



*Promoting the dignity of all life
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.



Respect Life News

January 18-19, 2025 there will be a Respect Life collection. The Bishops of the Diocese of St. Augustine have always been very supportive and generous for the protection of the unborn by supporting all pregnancy resource centers throughout our diocese. On this weekend parishes throughout our diocese hold a second collection for this effort. This collection also includes college training and outreach, healing after abortion ministries, and our own parish respect life activities. Please assist our Bishop in extending support to the most vulnerable in our culture. St Paul's Respect Life team would like to welcome new life to our parish by quarterly recognizing babies born or adopted into our parish families. The new initiative is called a "Rose for Life".

On Jan. 18-19 roses will be placed on the Blessed Mothers altar for these little ones. Red rose for live birth, pink rose for adopted, white rose born to eternal life. In the future a name will be attached to each rose. Please let the office know when we can place a rose for your child on Our Blessed Mother's altar.

The parish is invited to especially pray for our new little ones and their families.

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/

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As Jesus was baptized by John, so must we be baptized—not just in the waters of repentance but by the Holy Spirit and fire which calls us, too, to give ourselves to God. Thus receiving the Spirit in our own baptism manifests our identity as ones who are saved, renewed, justified, and heirs of eternal life, that is, those who also share in God’s life. Being baptized by fire means that we share in Jesus’ mission. We come to an appreciation of all this when we, like Jesus, contemplate this mystery of baptism in prayer. As we appreciate more and more who we are and what we are to do, we gradually come to realize we ourselves are God’s presence for another. (Living Liturgy, p. 36)

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

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, look up your baptismal date and celebrate your immersion into the Body of Christ.



“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Luke 3:22
You too can be in the presence of the Beloved Son. Please email laurad47@bellsouth.net or call/text Laura at 321-626-1842 to reserve your personal holy hour with Our Lord.



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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

WEDDING PREPARATIONS

If you are a newly engaged couple searching for a beautiful church and a welcoming congregation, look no further than St. Paul's! It can seem daunting to prepare for a Catholic wedding, so call Rudie at the Parish Office and schedule a consultation at your convenience. We will walk you through the timeline and keep track of your progress to make sure everything is completed for the big day. Please make sure to give yourselves adequate time to prepare for your wedding, no later than eight months in advance is advised.

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.

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

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