

1st Sunday of Advent

NOV 30TH — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

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Stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.
Matthew 24:42



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Rev. Leonard Chuwa

PASTOR'S CORNER

A young boy asked me, "Father, if Advent means we're waiting for Jesus, do we need to text Him to let Him know we're ready?"

I told him, "No need to text – just prepare your heart. Jesus reads messages written on the soul!"

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul's,

Today, we begin a new liturgical year and the beautiful season of Advent. Our readings (*Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44*) invite us to wake up spiritually, to walk in the light, and to live each day ready to welcome Christ.

Advent is often misunderstood as simply the countdown to Christmas – but it is much more. It is a season of holy waiting, active preparation, and hopeful expectation. Christ has come, Christ will come again, and Christ comes to us right now, in the quiet places of our hearts.

The Heart of the Readings

1. "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord." – Isaiah 2
Isaiah paints a vision of peace – swords turned into plowshares, nations walking together in God's light. In a world of conflict and anxiety, Advent reminds us: God's light is stronger than any darkness.

2. "It is the hour to wake from sleep." – Romans 13
St. Paul calls us to awaken spiritually. Advent nudges us: Are we spiritually awake? Are we allowing Christ to guide our decisions? Is there someone who needs our forgiveness or support?

3. "You must be prepared." – Matthew 24
Jesus compares His coming to a surprise – like a thief in the night. Not to scare us, but to encourage us: Live every day as though Christ could arrive at your door. Not with fear– but with expectant joy!

How Can We Prepare at St. Paul's This Advent?

Prayer—Spend quiet time with God each day – even 5 minutes.

Service— Reach out to someone lonely or struggling.

Sacraments— Attend Mass often, receive Reconciliation, join us for Adoration. Let us not simply decorate our homes for Christmas –Let's decorate our hearts with faith, hope, and love. Advent reminds us that God does not rush. He enters quietly... in a manger, in the Eucharist, in the silence of prayer. As we begin this new liturgical year, may we open the doors of our hearts so that Christ may dwell in us – not only at Christmas – but every day.

May this season be filled with hope, renewal, and grace.

Blessed Advent to all of you!
Fr. Leonard Chuwa, Ph.D.

RECURRING EVENTS

Sunday	Rosary Before 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass <i>Led by Chuck and Joan Wingfield</i>
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
Monthly	Respect Life Monthly Team Meeting Last Wednesday of each month 6pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Nov 29th, 2025 4:00 p.m.: † George & Frances Baccash <i>Requested by: The O'Brien Family</i>
Sunday	Nov 30th, 2025 9:00 a.m.: † David Ingram <i>Requested by: David & Claudia Ingram</i> 11:00 a.m.: † Margaret Ryals <i>Requested by: Anderson Family</i> 7:00 p.m.: Bill & Patsy O'Brien
Monday	Dec 1st, 2025 8:00 a.m.: † Michael Lauwereins <i>Requested by: The Ladies Guild</i>
Tuesday	Dec 2nd, 2025 8:00 a.m.: † Julianna Dizor <i>Requested by: Dizor Family</i>
Wednesday	Dec 3rd, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Ashley Whittaker <i>Requested by: Rudie Perry</i>
Thursday	Dec 4th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Ralph Buckner <i>Requested by: Susan Masucci</i>
Friday	Dec 5th, 2025 8:00 a.m.: Paul Staley, Jr. <i>Requested by: Ann Staley</i>
Saturday	Dec 6th, 2025 4:00 p.m.: † Louis Jesus Soule <i>Requested by: The O'Brien Family</i>
Sunday	Dec 7th, 2025 9:00 a.m.: † Virginia Lynn Colosi-Geisler <i>Requested by: Kevin & Gia Donnalley</i> 11:00 a.m.: † Joseph Thomas McGuire III <i>Requested by: Bryce Busch</i> 7:00 p.m.: Patty Howell <i>Requested by: Rick Beeson</i>

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday	of the First Week in Advent Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	of the First Week in Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	of the First Week in Advent <i>Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i> Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	of the First Week in Advent Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	of the First Week in Advent <i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i> Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec 6th, 2025 4:00p.m. Lectors: Sharon Gasparo, Mary Jo Krumveide EMHC: Rose Walsh, Gordon Kiesling Deacon: Deacon
Sunday	Dec 7th, 2025 9:00 a.m. Lectors: Kelly Brown, Youth Reader EMHC: Rodney Brown, Jeannette Bruce Deacon: Deacon
Sunday	Dec 7th, 2025 11:00 a.m. Lectors: Barb Daly, Terry McGee EMHC: Caroline Narramore, John Roberts Deacon: Deacon
Sunday	Dec 7th, 2025 7:00 p.m. Lectors: Paul Sulzbacher EMHC: Denise Waugh, Dave Waugh Deacon: Deacon

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OFFERTORY | NOVEMBER 15TH/16TH

	OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
	\$5,860.00	\$1,054.00	\$6,914.00
Online *	\$2,310.12	\$625.12	\$2,935.24
	\$8,170.12	\$1,679.12	\$9,849.12

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We need you at 9:00 Mass!

Join us in the choir loft, as lector or 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 if you would be willing to serve.
jeff.staffaroni@spsjax.org

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.



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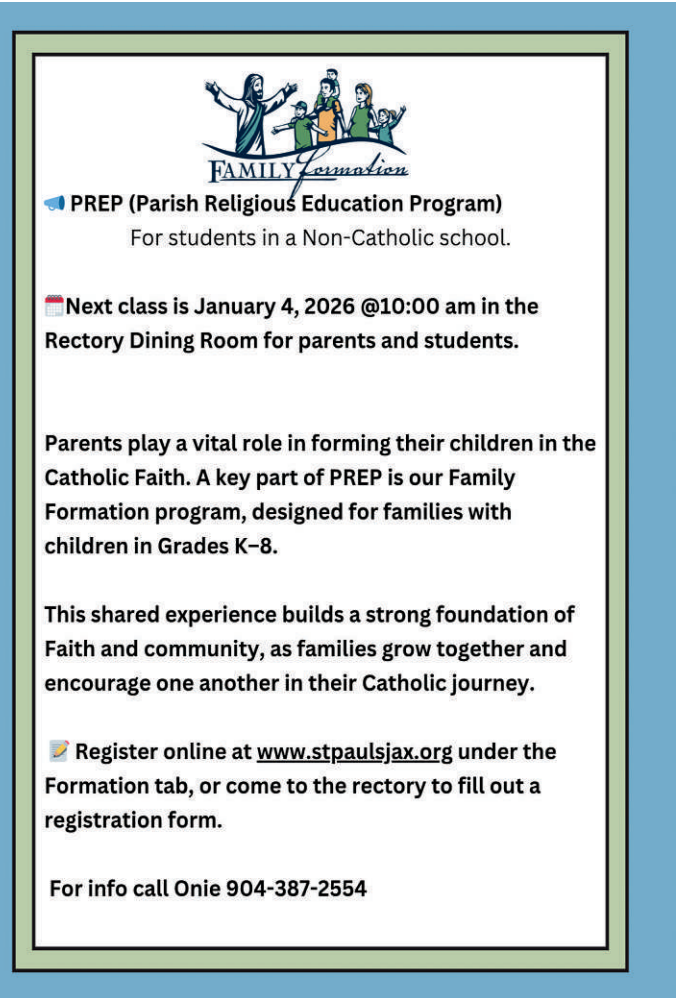
Summer camp at Covecrest is an incredible opportunity to bring teens into an unforgettable experience of life. Their week at Covecrest includes inspiring talks, powerful encounters with God through the Sacraments, and fantastic activities such as high ropes, white water rafting, and messy games!

Where and when is Covecrest ?
Tiger, Georgia on June 8-13, 2026

How much does it cost?
\$600.00 plus transportation and white water rafting

We will discuss fundraising at the parent/student meeting on December 8 in the rectory dining room at 6:00pm

How do I sign up?
To secure your spot bring a \$100.00 deposit to Onie. Space is limited.



FAMILY Formation

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)
For students in a Non-Catholic school.

Next class is January 4, 2026 @10:00 am in the Rectory Dining Room for parents and students.

Parents play a vital role in forming their children in the Catholic Faith. A key part of PREP is our Family Formation program, designed for families with children in Grades K-8.

This shared experience builds a strong foundation of Faith and community, as families grow together and encourage one another in their Catholic journey.

Register online at www.stpaulsjax.org under the Formation tab, or come to the rectory to fill out a registration form.

For info call Onie 904-387-2554



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Join us for a faith filled discussion perfect for Advent on:

"The Incarnation: God's Love Manifested in Humanity," exploring the theological significance of Jesus Christ's coming into the world as God made flesh, emphasizing God's love, humility, and the hope shared during this season.

Guest Speaker:
Father Lawrence Peck
Pastor, Mary Queen of Heaven

Monday, Dec. 1

7:00 P.M.

Mellow Mushroom
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SALT & LIGHT

ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULTS

What is happening!

Theology on Tap
Monday, December 1st 7:00pm @ Mellow Mushroom

Holy Hour
Thursday, December 4th 7:00 pm in the church

The Chosen
Monday, December 8th @ 7:30pm in the Convent Meeting Room

All are welcome between 21-39!

For more information call Onie at 904-387-2554

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Always at the beginning of Advent the Church invites us to think ahead. The gospel contains a clear warning and a judgment, admonishing us to “stay awake.” Instead of leading us to hopelessness and paralyzing fear, the gospel surprises us with an opportunity to be prepared. Instead of floundering, we have our whole lifetime and the guidance of the priceless gift of the Good News of Jesus Christ to accompany us on our journey into the future. This is what God offers us so we will not be left. (Living Liturgy, p. 2)



St. Paul's Guild/ CCW

St. Paul's Guild/CCW is an organization of Catholic women whose goals are to promote spiritual growth, service opportunities and fellowship among its members through various programs and events. We work with our Pastor and other ministries to support the needs of our Parish. The Guild meets monthly from September to May. We are delighted to have new members. Please contact LaVerne Love Saar (lslovesaar@gmail.com) or Jackie Morea (jackiemorea@gmail.com) for more information.

Meeting dates for 25-26. All are welcome!

Tuesday, December 2nd, St. Paul's Guild Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Hall [Cookie Exchange]

Sunday, January 11th, after 11:00 mass, St. Paul's Guild Meeting in the Hall

Sunday, February 15th, after 11:00 mass, St. Paul's Guild Meeting in the Hall

Tuesday, March 3rd, St. Paul's Guild Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Hall

Tuesday, April 7th, St. Paul's Guild Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Hall

Tuesday, May 5th, St. Paul's Guild Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Hall

CALL TO SERVE OUR LORD

St Paul's has initiated an exciting new ministry! We are training adult altar servers for our **4PM and 7PM Mass**.

We are seeking enough servers to allow this to be a monthly devotion for the servers who participate.

Altar servers are much more than helpers of the parish Priest; you are servers of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest. Please search your heart and join us if you will!

For questions or to join our ministry, please call or text Georgia Gill at 904-654-8140

DON'T MISS OUT FUN AND ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU! JOIN NOW!



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TUESDAYS AT 6:00PM

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MONDAYS 7:15 PM

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St. Paul's Guild Giving Tree Donations

We will be joining St. Paul's School and Respect Life in placing angels on the parish giving tree. The Guild has decided to continue to provide nonperishable food items for local food pantries through December. We have been made aware that many of these pantries were depleted over the last two months. A box will be provided in the vestibule for this collection beginning on Saturday, November 29th. Our angels will be blue and have needed food items written on them. Thank you in advance for your support.

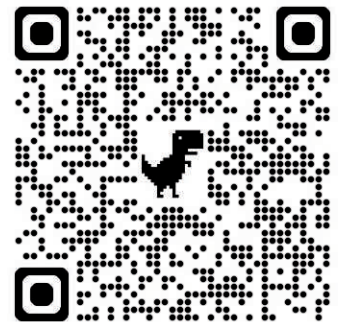
Are You Registered at St. Paul's Catholic Church?

We're having a parish registration drive! If you regularly attend St. Paul's, we invite you to officially register as a parishioner.

Registration is important – it shows your membership in the parish and connects you more deeply to our faith community. Registered parishioners receive our weekly e-newsletter and parish updates, and it's also required if you wish to be a godparent or sponsor, or if your children will be receiving sacraments such as Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation.

It only takes a few minutes to register! You can do so online, by completing a form in the church, or by scanning the QR code below.

Be part of our parish family – register today and stay connected to all that's happening at St. Paul's!





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December 2, 2025

Join St. Paul Catholic Church Riverside for **#iGiveCatholic 2025!**

Did you know that #iGiveCatholic is the first-ever day of Catholic giving in our nation? It's a special day for us to thank God for His continued blessings by giving back to our community!

Advanced Giving runs from Monday, November 17th to Monday, December 1st! You can support with an offline gift of check or cash OR give online by following the QR code below.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



St. Paul's Guild/CCW Bereavement Ministry

The members of St. Paul's Guild/ CCW strive to live in the image of Jesus Christ, who wept with those who mourned.

We believe that in our parish community, no one should grieve alone. To that end we pray for each family that loses a loved one and offer help with the celebration of your loved one's life through a reception following the Funeral Mass. The first step in receiving this blessing is to contact the parish office. Rudie Perry is the person who will help you schedule a Funeral Mass and she will contact our Guild to begin the preparations for the reception.

We invite any parishioner to help in this ministry. Cooks, bakers, servers & donations are always needed and welcome

Please reach out to:
Jackiemorea@gmail.com or
lslovesaar@gmail.com
to sign up for future receptions.

St Paul's Parish is displaying an Angel Tree in the vestibule of the church beginning Nov. 29 through December 17. There are different color angels on the tree that have gift requests on them. The different color angels indicate the different Charities and families we are supporting. Please return your present in a gift bag by Dec.17th with The Angel Gift Tag attached so we can get your gifts to Santa. Thank you always for your generous support of this special effort. Ministries involved are St Vincent de Paul, St Paul's School, St Paul's Ladies Guild, and St Paul's Respect Life Team.





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