

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who do
not see might see, and those who
do see might become blind.

John 9:39

MAR 15TH — FOURTH 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.

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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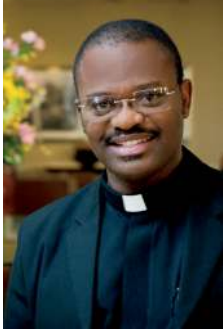
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✠ MAR 15TH — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ✠



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear St. Paul's family, friends, and visitors,
Why did the blind man bring a ladder to church?

Because he heard the readings were about seeing the light!

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, which means "Rejoice." We are now halfway through our Lenten journey, and the Church gives us this moment of encouragement. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, but it is also a season filled with hope. Today's readings remind us that God sees far deeper than we do and that Christ is the light who opens our eyes.

In the First Reading (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a), the prophet Samuel is sent to anoint a new king. When Samuel sees Jesse's sons, he naturally assumes that the strongest and most impressive must be the one chosen by God. Yet the Lord reminds him, "Not as man sees does God see." God looks at the heart. In a surprising turn, the youngest son, David, is chosen and anointed. This moment reminds us that God often works in unexpected ways and calls those who may seem unlikely in the eyes of the world.

The Gospel from John (John 9:1-41) gives us the powerful story of Jesus healing the man born blind. While others focus on blame and judgment, Jesus brings healing and light. The miracle is not only about physical sight; it is about spiritual vision. The man who was once blind gradually comes to see who Jesus truly is, while others who believe they see clearly remain spiritually blind.

This passage invites each of us to ask a simple but profound question during Lent:

What areas of my life need Christ's light?

Perhaps it is a relationship that needs healing, a habit that needs changing, or a deeper call to trust God more fully.

Lent is the perfect time to allow Jesus to open our eyes again. Through prayer, the sacraments, and acts of charity, the Lord gently restores our spiritual sight so we can walk more faithfully as His disciples.

As a parish community, we have a wonderful opportunity to deepen this journey together through our Lenten Parish Mission. I warmly invite everyone to join us:

Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 PM

Our mission will be a time of reflection, renewal, and spiritual encouragement as we continue our path toward Easter. On Wednesday evening, March 18, the mission will conclude with our Lenten Penance Service, a beautiful opportunity to encounter God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Just as the man in the Gospel received the gift of sight, the Lord desires to give each of us the grace to see more clearly, love more deeply, and walk more faithfully in His light.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask the Lord to open our hearts and our eyes so that we may truly recognize His presence in our lives.

May this season lead us closer to Christ, the Light of the World.

With gratitude for each of you,

Fr. Leonard Chuwa, PhD.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Mar 14th, 2026 4:00 p.m.: Fr. Leonard Chuwa <i>Requested by: Mary Jo Krumweide</i>
Sunday	Mar 15th, 2026 9:00 a.m.: Deacon Mike Elison <i>Requested by: Gia & Kevin Donnalley</i> 11:00 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Paul's <i>Requested by: Janette Tolentino</i> 7:00 p.m.: † Arthur Armand Narvaez <i>Requested by: Rina Magpantay</i>
Monday	Mar 16th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: Diane Heiser <i>Requested by: May Oliver</i>
Tuesday	Mar 17th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: † Fr. Tom Sullivan <i>Requested by: Gia & Kevin Donnalley</i>
Wednesday	Mar 18th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: May Oliver
Thursday	Mar 19th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: † Tom Moritz <i>Requested by: May Oliver</i>
Friday	Mar 20th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: Laura Bolda <i>Requested by: Georgia Gill & Bret Wilkinson</i>
Saturday	Mar 21st, 2026 4:00 p.m.: † Shāntell Laguna <i>Requested by: Victoria Laguna Baker</i>
Sunday	Mar 22nd, 2026 9:00 a.m.: † Caroline Corrigan <i>Requested by: Kelly Wood & family</i> 11:00 a.m.: Nayibe Osorio <i>Requested by: Osorio Family</i> 7:00 p.m.: † Elizabeth Stauter Staley <i>Requested by: Ann Staley</i>

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday	of the Fourth Week of Lent Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	of the Fourth Week of Lent <i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i> Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	of the Fourth Week of Lent <i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i> Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday	of the Fourth Week of Lent Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	of the Fourth Week of Lent Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MINISTRY SCHEDULE


Saturday	Mar 21st, 2026 4:00p.m. EMHC: Rachel DeClemente, Cris Gaddoni, Roz Brackett Lectors: Diane Mollica Deacon:
Sunday	Mar 22nd, 2026 9:00 a.m. EMHC: Jeanette Bruce, Gabby Rogers, Stephen Turner Lectors: Andrea Boos, Gwen Sutton Deacon:
Sunday	Mar 22nd, 2026 11:00 a.m. EMHC: Denise Waugh, Dave Waugh, Cathy Roberts Lectors: John Roberts, Terry McGee Deacon:
Sunday	Mar 22nd, 2026 7:00 p.m. EMHC: Joan Wingfield, Christine Bushman Lectors: Emily Golden Deacon:

✠ ST. PAUL SCHOOL ✠

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If you have a loved one you'd like added to our sick and healing list, please call our Parish Office to be added, names will be included for consecutive weeks and will be removed unless otherwise notified.

Deceased

†Julianna Dizon; †Donald Jordan Thompson; †Marta Lancho; †James A. Pasticci; †Milagros T. Risos; †Evelyn Pankok; †Margaret Ryals; †Tyler Snead; †William Lyons; †Jean Lawrence; †Megan Schultz; †Paul C. Staley, Sr.; †Easton Elijah Gage Bruce; †Nicholas DeBiase; †Frances Baccash; †Brianne Eileen Sloan; †Margo Torres; †Nancy Lucas; †Faustino Lopez, †Caroline Narramore, †Tom Moritz

Military Service

William Joseph Staley, Jr., USAF; 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; Steven McAdams, USN; Matt McGee, USN; Caleb Sellers, Caleb Vargo, USN, Albie Bailliee, USN;

Expectant and New Mothers

Holly Bailey, Paige Pattishall, Katia Gravenstein, Siobahn Wyatt, Gabrielle Vastardis, Morgan Bellas, Melissa Churus, Nicole LaReau

Recently Baptized

Weston Golonka, Jake Golonka, Blakely Golonka, Olivia Veneman, Kassidey Schroeder, Gemma Maranto, Chloe Maranto, Herschel (Tommy) Vinyard, Theodore Griffith, Deng Deng, Henry King, Charolotte King, Cassius Crowell, Jack Fetner, Loreli Bunker, Isabel Byrne, Javarus Willingham Jr., Gabrielle Willingham, Eliana Nalos, Alexander Nalos, Aria Nalos, Owen Nalos, Neela Osorio, Achilles Osorio, Andrew Mullaney

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 | MARCH 7TH/8TH

	OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
	\$10,940.00	\$1,950.00	\$12,890.00
Online*	\$4,032.83	\$855.83	\$4,888.66
	\$14,972.83	\$2,805.83	\$17,778.66

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*We are happy to report Online Giving each week!
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9am Sunday Children's Mass Needs You!

Looking for Youth to serve as:
Youth Lectors, Youth Ushers, Choir Members,
as well as families to bring up the gifts.

Contact - 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.



✠ FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY ✠



Support Our Teens – Youth “Love Wall” Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has already supported our Youth Love Wall fundraiser! Your generosity is helping make it possible for our teens to attend life-changing summer retreats like Covecrest, Steubenville, and Urban Plunge.

If you missed it last weekend, you can still participate. The **Love Wall is available in the back of the church**. Simply take an envelope numbered **1–100**, place your donation inside, and **return it in the collection basket at Mass**.

You can also **donate online by scanning the QR code** on the display.

These retreats give our teens the chance to unplug from the noise of everyday life and encounter Christ through prayer, Adoration, and the Sacraments.



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

Next class is March 29, 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

ST. PAUL'S Youth Group UNO NIGHT!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
5:00 PM

SOUTHERN GROUNDS IN AVONDALE
(MEETINGS IN RECTORY CLOSED FOR FUMIGATION)



All High School Student's are invited!

Bring your friends!

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St. Oscar Romero, a modern martyr, gave a homily in 1978 inviting the faithful to join in Eucharistic adoration. Archbishop Romero understood the dogma, the spirituality, and the beauty found there: ***“we are able to make an act of faith before the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and offer our prayers for the great needs of our families, our nation, and the Church.”***

In his priesthood he focused on bringing souls to Christ from many and all places. He visited prisons, hospitals, the poor and the wealthy. A Holy Hour was observed by him frequently in the hospital chapel where he was ultimately murdered for his Saviour. The Archbishop would say to patients there “You are the Suffering Christ and your bed is the Cross.” Do you bring all your sufferings to Christ?

We extend his invitation to you.

Available hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – includes overnight hours



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

It is the man born blind—but who can now see—that is “sent” to bear the good news. As beggar and sinner the man is not worthy of the miracle. But Jesus came precisely to save sinners! In our baptism and confirmation we are anointed. Like the man born blind in the gospel, we are transformed from not seeing (sinner) to seeing, from darkness to children of light. We are light. And also like the man born blind, we are sent to help others see and come to believe. (Living Liturgy, p.76)



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.

All Moms with children 18 years and younger are welcome to attend!

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The St Paul's Catholic Church Music Ministry invites you to Via Dolorosa, a Taizé Contemplative Stations of the Cross, based on Saint John Paul the Great's Scriptural Way of the Cross: Friday, March 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM inside St. Paul's Catholic Church. Come sing, pray, and accompany Jesus on the 'Sorrowful Way' to the crucifixion. Jesus, remember us, when You come into Your kingdom.



St. Paul's Construction Update

We are truly blessed at St. Paul's to be moving forward with several important improvement projects on our campus!

Beginning Monday, March 9, roofing work will start on the **school building**, and brick restoration on the exterior of the church will also begin. While some campus access points may be temporarily affected during this work, **no scheduled activities – including Mass – will be impacted.**

In addition, after discovering termite activity in the church office building and meeting rooms, we are proactively tenting and fumigating the building **March 12–15** to protect and preserve our facilities.

Please note regarding the office building:

- The church office and meeting rooms will be closed March 12 & 13.
- Staff will still be available by phone during normal business hours.
- No one may enter the office building March 12–15 for safety reasons.



These are exciting times for St. Paul's as we continue to care for and strengthen our parish home for generations to come. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and continued support during this time!

EVENTS DURING LENT

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

LECTIO DIVINA & DINNER

6:15 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL

Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

A devotion following Christ's journey to crucifixion and death.

FISH FRY FRIDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE PARISH HALL

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

TUESDAY MARCH 17TH AT 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH AT 6:00 P.M. ENDING WITH

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ST. PAUL'S

Lenten

PARISH MISSION

Tuesday, March 17th 6:00pm & Wednesday, March 18th, 6:00p.m.

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we invite you to slow down, step away from the noise of daily life, and encounter Christ in a deeper and more meaningful way.

This Lenten Parish Mission offers a sacred opportunity to:

- ***Renew your relationship with Jesus***
- ***Reflect on God's mercy and faithful love***
- ***Prepare your heart for repentance, healing, and spiritual renewal***

Through prayer, reflection, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we are called to conversion as we journey together toward Easter.



Fr. Clay Ludwig

**Come. Listen. Reflect.
Be Renewed. All are welcome.**

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