

4th Sunday of Easter

APR 26TH — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR MISSION: Transformed by the Eucharist, we become the dwelling place of God. Together, we present the love and light of Christ by sharing the joy of the Gospel with our neighbor.

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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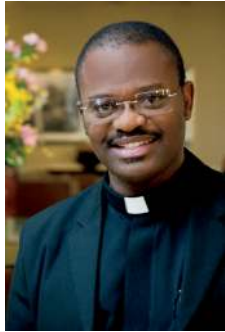
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear St. Paul's family, friends, and visitors,

Let's begin with a little light humor:

A shepherd was once asked how he keeps track of all his sheep. He smiled and said, "Oh, it's easy... I just call them by name." The person laughed and said, "You can't possibly name all your sheep!" The shepherd replied, "Of course I can... and they

know my voice better than anyone else's."

That simple joke actually gets right to the heart of today's Gospel.

This Fourth Sunday of Easter, often known as Good Shepherd Sunday, gives us one of the most comforting and personal images of who Jesus is. In the Gospel from John, Jesus describes Himself as the gate for the sheep and reminds us that His sheep hear His voice. This is not just poetic language. It is a deeply personal truth about our relationship with Him.

A good shepherd in the time of Jesus did not drive the sheep from behind like a herd. Instead, he walked ahead of them, calling them, and they followed because they recognized and trusted his voice. That means the relationship between shepherd and sheep was built on familiarity, trust, and presence. Jesus is telling us that this is how He leads us. He does not force, pressure, or overwhelm us. He calls us gently, personally, and patiently. He knows us—our struggles, our fears, our joys, and our hopes. And even more beautifully, He desires for us to know Him just as intimately.

Yet, if we are honest, recognizing His voice is not always easy. We live in a world filled with constant noise. There are voices of pressure, expectations, distractions, and opinions pulling us in different directions. Sometimes those voices are so loud that we struggle to hear the quiet, steady voice of Christ. But His voice is different. It does not bring confusion or anxiety. It brings peace, clarity, and purpose. It calls us toward what is good, true, and life-giving.

In our first reading from Acts, we see what happens when people truly hear and recognize the voice of the Lord. They are "cut to the heart" and respond by asking, "What are we to do?" That response is not one of fear, but of openness. It is the beginning of conversion, the beginning of following. And that same question is placed before us today: What are we to do?

Perhaps for some, it means returning to prayer with a renewed commitment. For others, it may mean going to confession and experiencing God's mercy in a deeper way. For some, it could be responding to a call to serve, to forgive, or to trust God more fully in a difficult situation.

Jesus also reminds us that He is the gate. This means that through Him we find safety, direction, and life. He says clearly that He came so that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. Not just existence, but true, meaningful, grace-filled life.

The image of the gate also reminds us that there are choices to be made. Not every voice leads us to where we are meant to go. Not every path leads to life. The Good Shepherd not only leads us forward, but also protects us from what could harm us.

This week, I invite you to be intentional about listening. Take a few quiet moments each day, even if it is just a few minutes, to step away from the noise. Speak to the Lord, but also allow time to simply be still. Ask Him, "Lord, help me to recognize Your voice."

And then pay attention. Notice where you experience peace, clarity, and a sense of being drawn closer to Him. That is often where the Shepherd is leading.

Remember, you are not just one among many. You are known. You are loved. You are called by name. And the Good Shepherd is always guiding you, even when the path ahead feels uncertain.

May we have the grace this week to listen more closely, to trust more deeply, and to follow more faithfully wherever He leads.

Blessings,

Fr. Leonard Chuwa

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Apr 25th, 2026 4:00 p.m.: † Mary Soule <i>Requested by: Gia & Kevin Donnalley</i>
Sunday	Apr 26th, 2026 9:00 a.m.: Papa Family <i>Requested by: Papa Family</i> 11:00 a.m.: Patty Wimmer <i>Requested by: Mom, Jim, Matthew</i> 7:00 p.m.: Bill & Susan Staley <i>Requested by: Ann Staley</i>
Monday	Apr 27th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: Angel Irizarry <i>Requested by: Irizarry Family</i>
Tuesday	Apr 28th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: † Harry D. Parker, Jr. <i>Requested by: Patty Howell</i>
Wednesday	Apr 29th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: Jack Moran
Thursday	Apr 30th, 2026 8:00 a.m.: John & Mary
Friday	May 1st, 2026 8:00 a.m.: Charlie & Maddie Freeman
Saturday	May 2nd, 2026 4:00 p.m.: † Bess Greco <i>Requested by: Mary Jo Krumviede</i>
Sunday	May 3rd, 2026 9:00 a.m.: Michael Corrigan <i>Requested by: Peter & Laurie Corrigan</i> 11:00 a.m.: † Julianna Dizer <i>Requested by: Dizer Family</i> 7:00 p.m.: Pastor Biascoechea

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday	of the Fourth Week of Easter Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	of the Fourth Week of Easter <i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i> Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Acts 12:24–13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	of the Fourth Week of Easter <i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i> Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	of the Fourth Week of Easter <i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i> Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11b; Jn 14:1-6 or, for Memorial: Gn 1:26–2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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 6:00 p.m. last Wednesday of each month

✠ ST. PAUL SCHOOL ✠

Month of the Military Child

Today, our students came together across all grade levels to celebrate our military families with a fun-filled Purple Up Games Day! From stacking purple cups, to keeping purple balloons in the air, to a friendly rounds of purple Scattegories, the joy and teamwork were everywhere you looked. We are proud to honor and support our military children your strength, resilience, and sacrifice inspire us every day.



ST. PAUL'S IS NOW REGISTERING FOR THE 2026 SCHOOL YEAR!



Madeline and Jack invite you to join the family!
Call 904-387-2841 to schedule your tour today.

PRAYER LIST

Ill and Healing

Abel Elijah Burnsed, John Lippincott, Bruce Masters, Jennifer Surles, Suzanne Lauwereins, Cathy Moore, Patricia Dizon, Rick Beeson, Cathy Stevenson, Michael Corrigan, Estrella Maloney, Ylia Corrales De Medina

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; †Brianna 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; Maxwell Busch, 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 | APRIL 18TH/19TH

	OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
	\$63,417.00	\$905.00	\$64,322
Online*	\$2,635.26	\$372.26	\$3,007.52
	\$66,052.26	\$1,277.26	\$67,329.52

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

*We are happy to report Online Giving each week!
To give online, please visit www.stpaulsjax.org/giving



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 ✠



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

📅 **Next class is April 26, 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.

For info call Onie 904-387-2554



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with high school youth ministry!



onie.lee@spsjax.org

Contact Onie if you can help!

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First Communion

Next Sunday, May 3 at 9:00 am Mass

We are joyfully preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion next weekend. This is a beautiful and sacred moment as they receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the very first time.

We ask our parish family to please keep these children and their families in your prayers this week, that their hearts may be filled with reverence, joy, and a deep love for the Eucharist.

Serving Our Sick SOS

St. Paul's Serving Our Sick SOS program update.

This outreach, to the our parish, intends to identify individuals who sick or recovering, either short term or long term, and in need of services. The program will offer Prayer Partners, Homebound Eucharistic ministers and offer community health education.

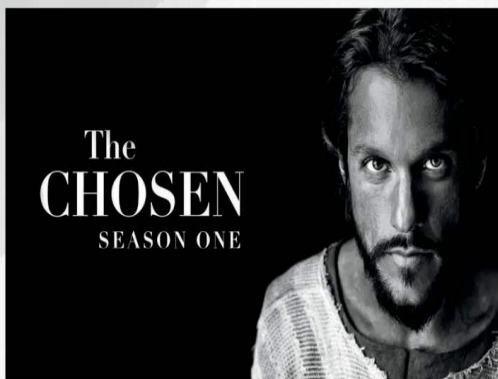
The first step - register individuals who are sick, either short term or long term, with Serving our Sick (SOS). Intake forms are in the parish office or in the church vestibule.

The second step - identify what services are needed.

- Prayer Partner
- Homebound Eucharistic Minister
- Community health education

The third step - place completed SOS forms in the collection basket or send to the parish office. Please consider joining our parish SOS team and help care for our fellow parishioners. Thank you!!

SALT & LIGHT ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULTS



We will meet weekly in the Rectory Dining Room for an episode of The Chosen and Discussion/Social

MONDAY'S
@7:30PM

All are welcome between 21-39!

Facility Committee

Are you a parishioner looking for a way to give back to St. Paul's? If you have experience or expertise in building maintenance, construction, facilities, or a related field, we would love for you to consider serving on the Facilities Committee. This committee plays an important role in caring for and planning for our parish campus. If you're interested in learning more, please contact

Matthew Johnson at johnsonma2@yahoo.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is “A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.” Please consider supporting our ministry with a check made payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the weekly collection basket. We promise to judiciously distribute your gift to house, feed, clothe and generally aid the poor! To those already supporting our work, thank you so much for your generosity.



If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact John Roberts at stvdelpaulriverside@gmail.com
Is there someone you know who needs temporary assistance? We are primarily focused on neighbors in the 32204 and 32205 zip codes. Please have your neighbor in need 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.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you very much for your generous support of St Paul's Baby Shower that was held last weekend. Our parish and school have a spiritual adoption program where we pray for the safe delivery of a preborn child in danger of abortion. These gifts will go to pregnancy centers assisting women to chose LIFE for their babies. Our Respect Life Team will distribute gifts to neighborhood centers. Baby items can still be dropped off at the parish office.



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. All are welcome!

Next Guild meeting is Tuesday, May 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall





MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Mother's Day is Coming May 10th!

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Godmother, Wife, Sister, Aunt, or Special Friend
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Please turn in names and donations no later than Monday, May 4th.

All proceeds will directly support the endeavors of St. Paul's Youth

STEWARDSHIP—26 APR 2026

Shepherds say sheep know their voice and will follow their commands. Christ, the Good Shepherd, links today's Scripture passages from St. Peter's First Letter, Psalm 23, and St. John's Gospel. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter advises the house of Israel, which has gone astray, to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ — two direct commands from our Lord. We, too, as Christian stewards, understand that Christ also calls us to these actions as we strive for discipleship. Responding positively leads to conversion of mind and heart — to a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus. Are we open to this invitation from our Good Shepherd? Commit to daily prayer and a few minutes of Scripture reading, so Christ, too, can come alive in our hearts and inspire us to spread His Good News of salvation to those we meet.

At Adoration you come face to face with the living Christ, the wounded Christ, the benevolent Christ.

Thomas said he needed to see the wounds to believe. Jesus invited him to "Come Closer."

Come to the chapel; come Closer. Hours available Tuesday through Friday; includes overnight hours. To schedule your holy hour, please email laurad47@bellsouth.net or call/text Laura at 321-626-1842



Construction Update at St. Paul's

We are excited to share continued progress on several important campus improvement projects!

The school roof has now been completed and work has begun on the church office roof. Once the office is finished, the project will move to the church roof. In addition, brick restoration ("pointing") on the **church exterior** began this past week and is now underway.

As part of our ongoing maintenance efforts, it has been determined that the Auditorium will need to be tented for termite treatment. This is scheduled for **April 30 – May 4**.

We are grateful for the steady progress being made and the care being taken to maintain and improve our campus. Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and support as this work continues. We are excited about the improvements and all that is ahead for our parish!





You're invited!
Unmarried Catholic
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Event

Sat., May 9, 2026

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

St. Monica Catholic Church

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Monsignor Vincent Haut presents:

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***The Participation of Women in the Life and
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