

The Catholic Community of

# Saint Paul

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**OPEN Monday 10:00am - 11:00am and  
by appointment, calling the number above!**

## New Office Hours (Nuevo Horario de Oficina)

Monday - Thursday (lunes - jueves)  
10:00 am. - 11:45a.m.; 1:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.

**Closed on Holidays**

**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN**  
CALL THE RECTORY DURING  
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

**MARRIAGE**  
CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST  
ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

**SWEET 15 & 16**  
BLESSINGS CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST  
ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK**  
PLEASE, CALL THE OFFICE!

## MISAS / MASSES

### Horario / Schedule

### Domingos / Sundays

9:00 a.m. English (Church) / Inglés (Iglesia)  
11:00 a.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)  
1:00 p.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)  
3:00 p.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)

### Miércoles y Viernes / Wednesday & Friday:

5:00 p.m. Spanish (Chapel) / Español (Capilla)

### Misa por los Enfermos / Mass for the Sick

Último martes (Last Tuesday) 5:00 p.m.  
(Capilla/Chapel)

## HORA SANTA/HOLY HOUR

CADA JUEVES/ EVERY THURSDAY 5:00 p.m.  
(Capilla/Chapel)

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

### Wednesday/Miércoles & Friday/Viernes

4:30pm: Chapel/Capilla

Or by appointment: call the office  
O por cita; llame a la oficina

## BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS

LLAME A LA RECTORÍA DURANTE  
HORAS DE OFICINA

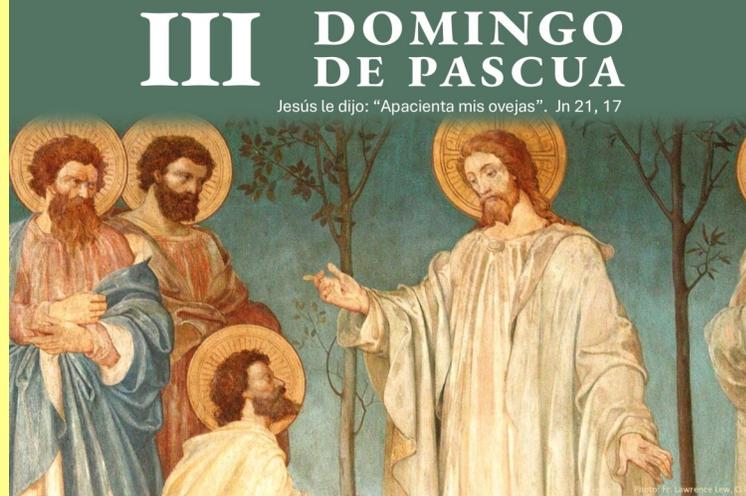
## MATRIMONIOS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS  
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

## QUINCEAÑERAS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS  
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

**MINISTERIO AL CUIDADO DE LOS ENFERMOS**  
FAVOR DE LLAMAR A LA OFICINA



## 4 mayo 2025

**Oración Inicial:** Señor, te pido que durante este tiempo de oración me ayudes a reconocerte mejor en las bendiciones de mi vida, en quienes pones en mi camino y en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Dame también la gracia de agradecer tu presencia y ayúdame a proclamar a los demás: «Es el Señor».

### Encuentro con Cristo:

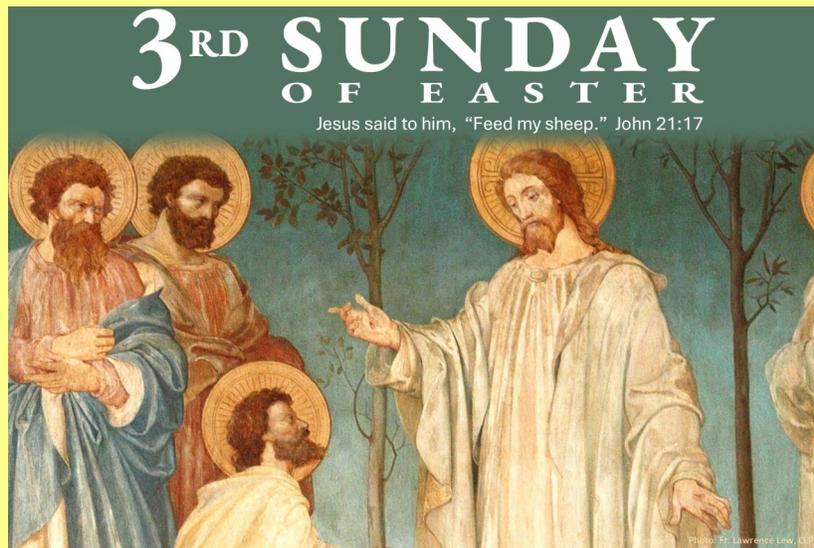
**Cambio de Suerte:** Siete discípulos de Jesús pasaron una noche pescando y no encontraron nada; ningún pez cayó en sus redes. Todas sus emociones en torno al fracaso y la futilidad habrían estado a la deriva en esas primeras horas de la mañana. No tenemos motivos para creer que su fracaso fuera algo más que mala suerte, pero probablemente se estaban castigando por desperdiciar una noche entera sin nada que mostrar a cambio. Cada uno de nosotros conoce la sensación del fracaso y cada uno la enfrenta a su manera, quizás culpando a otros, quizás fingiendo falsa humildad, quizás simplemente apretando los dientes y perseverando. La suerte de estos pescadores pronto cambiaría. Su Señor glorificado, velado como un extraño y llamándolos "hijos", les sugirió que lo intentaran una vez más, insinuando que la perseverancia, fruto de una obediencia confiada, sería el camino óptimo. ¿Quién justifica esta obediencia confiada? Recibimos la respuesta en la primera lectura de hoy, de Hechos 5, cuando los Apóstoles proclamaron: "Debemos obedecer a Dios antes que a los hombres".

**El Peso:** Pedro, quien había negado a Jesús tres veces durante su Pasión, aún sentía un gran pesar por sus acciones en aquella fatídica víspera del Viernes Santo. Sus pecados lo agobiaban. La enorme pesca en la red esa mañana le habría recordado ese peso en su conciencia. Quizás pensó algo como: "Así como no puedo sacar esta red solo, no puedo soportar el peso de esta culpa solo". Afortunadamente, contaba con la ayuda de sus amigos para sacar la enorme pesca a tierra. Sin embargo, su mejor amigo, quien había dado su vida por él (y por cada uno de nosotros), lo ayudaría a soportar el peso que pesaba en su conciencia. De hecho, ya había cargado con el peso de los pecados de la humanidad al morir en la cruz. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (605) nos recuerda: «La Iglesia, siguiendo a los Apóstoles, enseña que Cristo murió por todos los hombres sin excepción: "No hay, nunca ha habido y nunca habrá un solo ser humano por quien Cristo no haya sufrido"».

**Reconocimiento:** Durante un tiempo, los cansados pescadores no se dieron cuenta de que era su Señor en la orilla. Estaba presente bajo la apariencia de un hombre cualquiera, avivando las llamas de un fuego de brasas. Finalmente, el "discípulo a quien Jesús amaba" reconoció a este hombre como el Señor resucitado, quizás por su mirada amorosa o sus palabras esperanzadoras. En un acto de fe, Pedro hizo lo mismo. La conmovedora escena de hace dos milenios debería suscitar una respuesta en nosotros hoy, el Domingo del Señor. Hacia el final de la Misa, nos moveremos por el pasillo y nos inclinaremos ante un sacerdote, diácono o ministro extraordinario que sostiene algo —o mejor dicho, a alguien— bajo la apariencia de pan. ¿Sentimos el amor que emana de la hostia consagrada, reconociendo el misterio de que no es pan, sino nuestro Señor glorificado? ¿Realizamos un acto de fe consciente, sincero y agradecido, diciendo «Amén» al escuchar «El Cuerpo de Cristo»? Al ser enviados después de la Misa, ¿cómo transmitimos este amor divino al mundo?

**Conversando con Cristo:** Jesús, te agradezco hoy por recordarme que esperas que venga a ti con dolor por mis pecados, no para reprenderme, sino para ofrecerme tu divina misericordia. No quieres que me sienta abrumado; al contrario, deseas que me llene de alegría y que comparta tu Buena Nueva. Concédeme la gracia de ayudarte a «apacentar tus ovejas».

**Resolución:** Señor, hoy por tu gracia haré un buen examen de conciencia, reflexionando particularmente sobre qué área de la enseñanza de la Iglesia me resulta difícil obedecer y pediré tu ayuda para hacerlo mejor en esa área.



## May 4, 2025

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, I ask you during this time of prayer to help me better recognize you in the blessings of my life, in those whom you place in my path, and in the Holy Eucharist. Give me the grace also to be grateful for your presence, and help me proclaim to others: “It is the Lord.”

### Encountering Christ:

1. **Changing Fortunes:** Seven disciples of Jesus spent a night fishing and came up empty; not one fish found its way into their nets. All of their emotions surrounding failure and futility would have been swirling in those early morning hours. We have no reason to believe that their failure was anything more than bad luck, but they were likely beating themselves up for wasting an entire night with nothing to show for their efforts. Each of us knows the feeling of failure, and each of us deals with it in our own way, perhaps placing blame, perhaps putting on an air of false humility, perhaps just gritting our teeth and persevering. These fishermen’s fortunes would soon change. Their glorified Lord, veiled as a stranger and addressing these men as “children,” suggested that they try one more time, hinting that perseverance, out of trusting obedience, would be the optimal path. Who alone warrants this trusting obedience? We receive our answer in today’s first reading from Acts 5, when the Apostles proclaimed, “We must obey God rather than man.”
2. **The Weight:** Peter, who had denied Jesus three times during his Passion, still had a heavy heart from his actions on that fateful eve of Good Friday. His sins weighed him down. The huge catch in their net that morning would have reminded him of that weight on his conscience. He may have thought something like, “Just as I can’t haul in this catchall alone, I cannot bear the weight of this guilt all alone.” Thankfully, he had his friends to help him pull the massive catch ashore. His very best friend, though, the one who had laid down his life for him (and for each of us), would help him bear the weight that was on his conscience. In fact, he had already taken on the weight of mankind’s sins by dying on the cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (605) reminds us, “The Church, following the Apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: ‘There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer.’”
3. **Recognition:** For some time, the weary fishermen didn’t realize that it was their Lord on the shore. He was present under the appearance of “any man,” coaxing some flames up out of a charcoal fire. Eventually, the “disciple whom Jesus loved” recognized this man as the risen Lord, perhaps due to his loving gaze or hopeful words. In an act of faith, Peter followed suit. The poignant scene from two millennia ago should evoke a response from us today, the Lord’s Day. We will shuffle up an aisle towards the end of Mass and bow towards a priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister holding something—nay, someone—under the appearance of bread. Do we feel the love emanating from the consecrated host, acknowledging the mystery that this is not bread but our glorified Lord? Do we make a conscious, sincere, and grateful act of faith, saying “Amen” when we hear “The Body of Christ”? When we are sent out after Mass, how do we convey this divine love out in the world?

**Conversing with Christ:** Jesus, I thank you today for reminding me that you are waiting for me to come to you in sorrow for my sins, not to berate me but to offer your divine mercy. You do not wish for me to be weighed down; instead, you desire me to be filled with joy and spread your Good News to others. Grant me the grace to help you “feed your sheep.”

**Resolution:** Lord, today by your grace I will perform a good examination of conscience, particularly reflecting on which area of Church teaching is proving difficult for me to obey, and ask your help to do better in this area.

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – *Together in Hope*

All Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal participants who pledged to the campaign will receive a monthly payment reminder mailed directly from the diocesan Development Office. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your pledge reminder. Do not make payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

St. Paul's goal **\$21,000**

We are grateful to the many Delaware Catholics who have sent thousands of emails to legislators through the Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network (DCAN) in opposition to assisted-suicide in our state. As you may know, the Delaware House of Representatives and Senate have both passed – by narrow margins - HB 140 that legalizes assisted-suicide in Delaware, and it now awaits the governor's signature. Governor Meyer is on the record saying that he supports the bill.

Here are a few next-step suggestions:

**Call, write or email your Delaware State Representative and Senator.** If they opposed HB 140, thank them. If they supported it, kindly express your disappointment in their decision not to stand with the sick, elderly and those suffering from mental illness. Click [here](#), then click on the Roll Call PDF to see how your legislators voted.

**Call, write or email Governor Meyer** and ask him to please reconsider his position on HB 140.

- **Pray for those in Delaware** who are ill, elderly or who otherwise feel unwanted, unloved or a burden to their families or community. Pray that our loving God will help them see their worth and alleviate their physical and mental suffering.
- **Reach out** to those family members, friends and neighbors who may be aged, isolated, sick or disabled. Tell them by words and actions that they are not alone, are not a burden and that God loves them. Thank you for all that you do to promote a culture of life in Delaware.

God bless you during this Holy Easter Season and always,

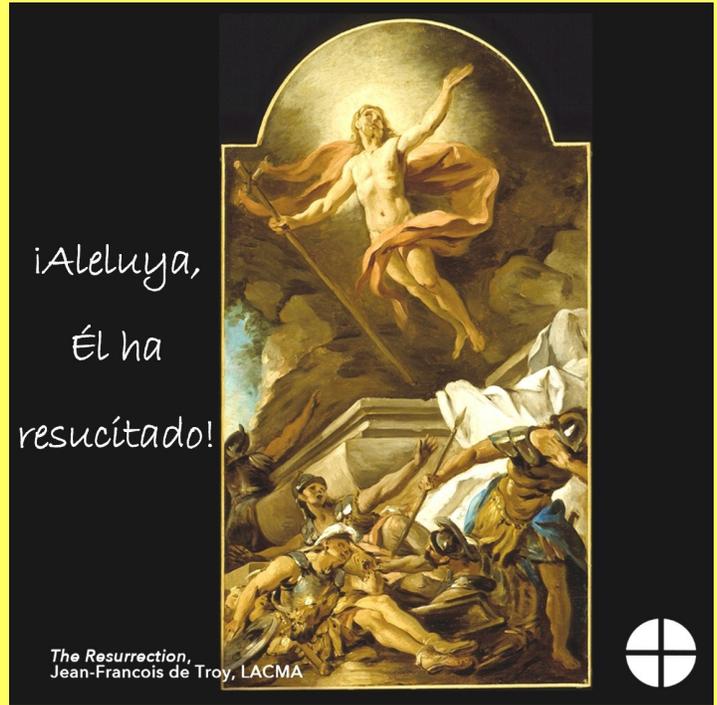
Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network

# Parish News

## Información Parroquial

### Actividades de ésta semana

- Lunes 5:** 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,  
7pm Lideres de Renovación
- Martes 6:** 6:30 pm Legion de Maria  
7 pm Circulo de Oración
- Miércoles 7:** 4:30 pm Confesiones  
5:00 pm Misa
- Jueves 8:** **5:00 pm Hora Santa**  
**Rosario/Confesiones**
- Viernes 9:** 4:30 pm Confesiones  
5:00 pm Misa



### 8 mayo 2025

**Rosario, adoración y confesiones**

**Intención del Santo Padre: mayo:** Por las condiciones de trabajo: Oremos para que a través del trabajo se realice cada persona, se sostengan las familias con dignidad y se humanice la sociedad.

**Readings To-Go!**  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
May 4, 2025

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!



50/50 tickets will be sold after all Masses on April 20th (Easter Sunday). Tickets are 4 for \$5.00. The winner will be drawn at the GALA event on June 21, 2025. You don't have to be present to win! You may also purchase tickets from Ana Schmitt, Yolanda Malmgren or Bibana Vazquez.



# May: The Month of Mary

“As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

“Mary embraces God’s will and freely chooses to cooperate with God’s grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God’s plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, ‘while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has

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pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed’ (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 66). The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.”<sup>1</sup>

“Popular piety dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary.”<sup>2</sup> “Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary deserves special attention because it is such an important part of worship in the United States. The United States of America is under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception.”<sup>3</sup> “The various forms of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary reflect the many different cultures, religious convictions, and popular sensibilities that make up the Church in the United States. Catholic people of all cultures have a deep

love for the Mother of God. They employ many different expressions of that love to show the one faith that characterizes their particular prayer life and spirituality.”<sup>4</sup>

## Notes

1 Excerpt from “Why Does Mary Have a Special Role in Helping Us?” *Popular Devotional Practices: Basic Questions and Answers* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], 2003), no. 7.

2 Excerpt from *Essential Guide to Saints and Seasons* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2013), 127.

3 Excerpt from *National Directory for Catechesis* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2005), 154.

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## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### Sunday (5/4/25)

9:00a + Suzann Keenan  
 11:00a + Edmar Perez  
 1:00p + Mr. & Mrs. John James  
 3:00p Feligreses

### Wednesday (5/7/25)

5:00 p + Anne Tate

### Friday (5/9/25)

5:00 p + Anna Elizabeth Belbot

### Sunday (5/11/25)

9:00a + Maria & Eladio Figueroa  
 11:00a + Raquel Ayala-Pastrana  
 1:00p Feligreses  
 3:00p



### PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION COUNT

Please become a registered parishioner. Being a registered parishioner will help St. Paul's and help you in many ways. For example, many people ask for parish letters for immigration, sacraments sponsorship, or taxes. In order for us to write such a letter you need to be a registered parishioner for at least three months. This information is private and it is share with others only if you request it. There is a short parishioner registration form below. Please fill one out and deposit it in the collection basket.

### TU DONACIÓN CUENTA

Por favor, sea un feligrés registrado. Al ser un feligrés registrado, ayuda a la Iglesia y se ayuda usted mismo. Si necesita alguna carta para inmigración, documentos legales, para ser padrinos de sacramentos, o para pro-pósitos de impuestos, debe estar registrado al menos por tres meses para poder recibir dicha carta. Esta información es privada y la compartimos solo si usted nos da la autorización. Encontrará un formulario pe-queño al final de esta nota. Llene el formulario y sea parte de la familia de la Iglesia San Pablo. Puede depositarla en la canasta de la colecta.

## Weekly Collections

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### April 6, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,888.00
<b>*Amount UNDER</b>	<b>\$612.00</b>
Catholic Relief Svc in Latin America	\$982.75
Altar Bread	\$125.00

**Register in Our Parish!!!**  
**¡Regístrate en Nuestra Parroquia!**

### Saint Paul Parishioner's Registration Short Form Formulario pequeño para ser miembro de San Pablo

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Nombre y Apellido)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Dirección)

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Número de teléfono)

**The Secretary will call for more information.**  
**(La Secretaria los llamará por más información.)**

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