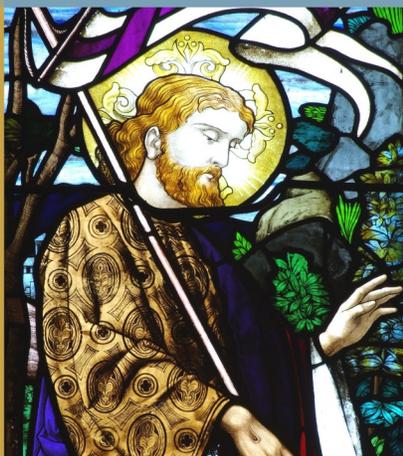


5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him."  
John 13:31

The Catholic Community of

# Saint Paul

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Telephone: 443-606-3136

**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**  
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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

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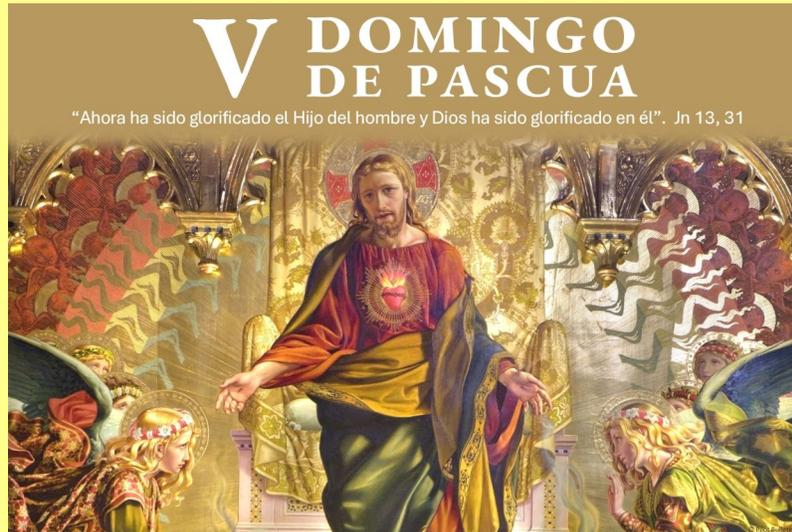
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**MINISTERIO AL CUIDADO DE LOS ENFERMOS**  
FAVOR DE LLAMAR A LA OFICINA



**18 mayo 2025**

**Oración inicial:** Señor, vengo ante ti reconociendo mi pequeñez y ofreciéndome a ti tal como soy. Tú me creaste, me redimiste y me llamaste a ti. Deseas que viva como tu imagen de amor en el mundo. Con fe y esperanza, creo que me das la gracia necesaria para hacerlo. Sé que solo abriéndome a tu amor puedo amar de verdad. Gracias porque siempre estás conmigo, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, morando en mí y dándome vida y amor.

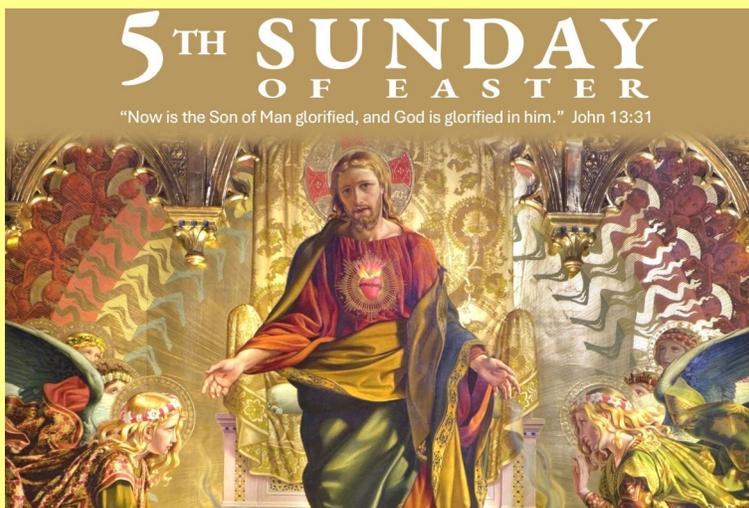
Encuentro con Cristo:

**Prediciendo traiciones y amando de todos modos:** Este pasaje del Evangelio, el comienzo del "Discurso de despedida" de Jesús, se encuentra entre la predicción de la traición de Judas y la de Pedro. En él, Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos cómo debían vivir: amarse unos a otros. Sabiendo que sería traicionado por aquellos a quienes amaba, continuó hablando del amor como la característica que define a sus seguidores. No limitó su mandato de amar. Al reflexionar sobre el contexto de su predicción de las traiciones venideras, podemos ver que su llamado es a amar pase lo que pase. Como enseña San Pablo en 1 Corintios 13:7: «[El amor] todo lo sufre, todo lo cree, todo lo espera, todo lo soporta». Al considerar este tipo de amor, podemos recordar momentos en los que hemos escuchado (o quizás pensado) que una persona en particular «no merecía» el amor de otra. En el ejemplo de Jesús, vemos que el amor no se basa en el comportamiento de la otra persona, sino en nuestra relación con el Señor. Que nunca nos justifiquemos ni racionalicemos cuando no amamos como Jesús.

**Como yo os he amado:** En esos preciosos momentos, mientras Jesús preparaba a sus discípulos para su Pasión, no les dio tareas que hacer, leyes morales que seguir ni actos de piedad que realizar. Claro que esto no quita la importancia de nuestras acciones, pero sus palabras nos muestran lo que más desea de nosotros: «Como yo los he amado, que también ustedes se amen los unos a los otros». Si bien cada uno de estos elementos tiene un lugar (¡y un lugar muy importante!) en nuestras vidas al seguir a nuestro Señor, nuestras acciones, comportamientos y prácticas fluirán naturalmente de nosotros cuando permitamos que Cristo nos ame y nos forme. Por otro lado, centrarse en lo externo sin esforzarse por amar a Dios y al prójimo es vano. Como dijo San Agustín: «Cualquiera puede persignarse con la señal de la cruz de Cristo; cualquiera puede responder 'Amén'; cualquiera puede cantar Aleluya; cualquiera puede ser bautizado, entrar en las iglesias, construir los muros de las basílicas. Pero lo único que distingue a los hijos de Dios es la caridad. Quienes practican la caridad nacen de Dios; quienes no la practican, no nacen de Dios. Es, sin duda, una señal importante, una diferencia esencial. No importa lo que tengas, si no tienes esto, todo lo demás no sirve de nada; y si te falta todo y no tienes nada más que caridad, entonces has cumplido la ley». ¿Qué clase de discípulos somos? ¿Nos consideramos fieles seguidores por lo que hacemos —ya sea en el apostolado, la oración o la vida moral— o somos fieles por cuánto amamos a Dios y al prójimo?

**¿Cómo se manifiesta el amor?** Por supuesto, el amor se manifiesta en la conducta. Jesús nos dice: «Nadie tiene amor más grande que dar la vida por sus amigos» (Jn 15,13), y modeló este amor abnegado en la cruz. Al considerar su ejemplo de amor, podemos sentirnos abrumados y derrotados, como si nuestra capacidad de amar como Jesús dependiera de nuestra fuerza y voluntad. Sin embargo, en realidad, depende de que nos dejemos amar por Dios, de que Él habite en nosotros y actúe a través de nosotros. El Catecismo nos dice: «Es imposible cumplir el mandamiento del Señor imitando el modelo divino desde fuera; es necesaria una participación vital, desde lo más profundo del corazón, en la santidad, la misericordia y el amor de nuestro Dios» (CIC 2842). Esta participación proviene de la vida de la Trinidad en nosotros, y la inhabitación de la Santísima Trinidad nos capacita para entregarnos en amor como lo hizo Jesús. Conversando con Cristo: Jesús, te amo, pero quiero amarte más profundamente. Quiero entregarme a ti, abrir mi corazón para experimentar tu amor más plenamente. Quiero ser un instrumento visible de tu amor en el mundo, de tu misericordia y santidad. Te necesito. Es tu amor el que me permite amar. Gracias, Señor, por tu amor profundo y eterno.

**Resolución:** Señor, hoy, por tu gracia, me tomaré un tiempo para reflexionar sobre si hay aspectos de mí (mi pasado, mi personalidad, mis hábitos, etc.) que siento que no merecen ser amados, y luego te los presentaré en oración, pidiendo conocer tu amor, tal como soy.



## May 18, 2025

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, I come before you knowing my own littleness and offering myself to you, just as I am. You created me and redeemed me and call me to yourself. You desire that I live as your image of love in the world. In faith and hope, I believe that you give me the grace I need to do so. I know that it is only through opening myself to your love that I can truly love. Thank you that you are always with me, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit dwelling within me and giving me life and love.

### Encountering Christ:

1. **Foretelling Betrayals and Loving Anyway:** This Gospel passage, the beginning of Jesus' "Farewell Discourse," is sandwiched between his foretelling Judas' betrayal and Peter's betrayal. In it, Jesus taught the disciples how they were to live: They were to love one another. Knowing that he would be betrayed by those whom he loved, he continued to speak about love as the defining characteristic of his followers. He didn't qualify his directive to love. Reflecting that it was given in the context of his foretelling of the betrayals to come, we can see that his is a call to love no matter what. As St. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 13:7, "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." When we consider this kind of love, we can think of times we have heard (or perhaps thought) that a particular person "didn't deserve" another's love. In Jesus' example, we see that love isn't based on the other person's behavior but on our relationship with the Lord. May we never rationalize or justify ourselves when we fail to love as Jesus does.

2. **As I Have Loved You:** In these precious moments, as Jesus prepared his disciples for his Passion, he didn't give them tasks to do, moral laws to follow, or acts of piety to perform. Of course, this doesn't preclude the importance of our actions, but his words show us what he most desires of us: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." While each of these elements has a place (and a very important place!) in our lives as we follow Our Lord, our actions, behaviors, and practices will naturally flow out of us when we allow Christ to love us and form us. On the other hand, focusing on the externals without striving to love God and neighbor is hollow. As St. Augustine said: "Anyone can bless himself with the sign of the cross of Christ; anyone can answer 'Amen'; anyone can sing Alleluia; anyone can be baptized, enter churches, build the walls of basilicas. But the only thing that distinguishes the children of God is charity. Those who practice charity are born of God; those who do not practice charity are not born of God. It is indeed an important sign, an essential difference. No matter what you have, if you do not have this one thing, everything else is of no avail; and if you lack everything, and have nothing else but charity, then you have kept the law." What kind of disciples are we? Do we consider ourselves faithful followers because of what we do—whether in apostolate, prayer, or the moral life—or are we faithful because of how much we love God and neighbor?

3. **What Does Love Look Like?** Of course, love is manifest in behavior. Jesus tells us, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13), and he modeled this self-giving love on the cross. As we consider his example of love, we can feel overwhelmed and defeated, as if our ability to love like Jesus depends upon our strength and our will. However, in a very real way, it depends upon us letting ourselves be loved by God, allowing him to dwell within us and act through us. The *Catechism* tells us that "It is impossible to keep the Lord's commandment by imitating the divine model from outside; there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, in the holiness and mercy and love of our God" (CCC 2842). This participation comes from the life of the Trinity within us, and the indwelling of the Holy Trinity capacitates us to pour ourselves out in love as Jesus did.

**Conversing with Christ:** Jesus, I love you, but I want to love you more deeply. I want to give myself to you, to open my heart so that I can experience your love more fully. I want to be a visible instrument of your love in the world, of your mercy and holiness. I need you. It is your love that makes it possible for me to love. Thank you, Lord, for your deep abiding love.

**Resolution:** Lord, today by your grace I will take time to consider whether there are any parts of myself (my past, personality, its, etc.) that I feel are unlovable, and I will then bring these to you in prayer, asking to know your love, just as I am.

## 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,

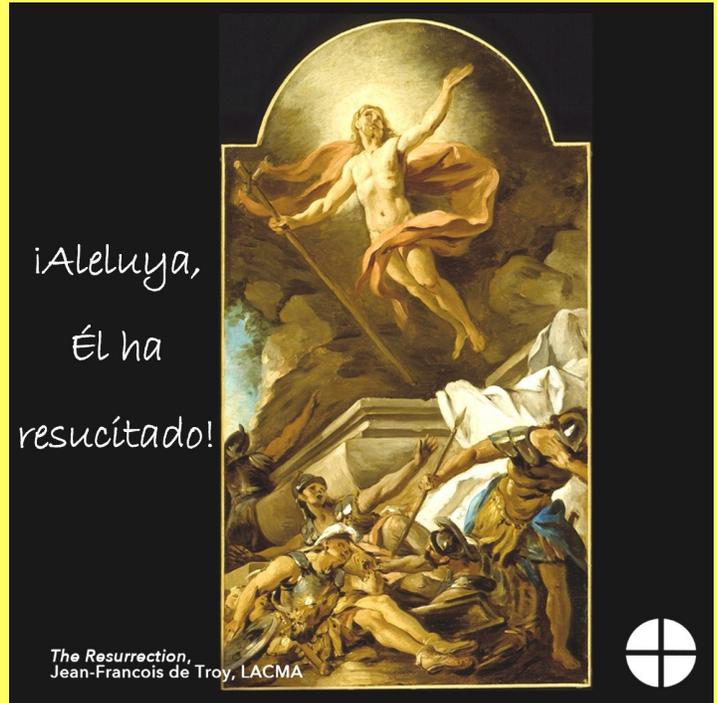
Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network

# Parish News

## Información Parroquial

### Actividades de ésta semana

- Lunes 19:** 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,  
7pm Lideres de Renovación
- Martes 20:** 6:30 pm Legion de Maria  
7 pm Circulo de Oración
- Miércoles 21:** 4:30 pm Confesiones  
5:00 pm Misa
- Jueves 22:** **5:00 pm Hora Santa**  
**Rosario/Confesiones**
- Viernes 23:** 4:30 pm Confesiones  
5:00 pm Misa



**22 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.

**SCAN ME**

**Readings To-Go!**

*5th Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025*

*Scan QR code to see this week's readings!*

Congratulations to our CCD students who received

Jesus for the first time today in the

Holy Eucharist.



Bi-lingual Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the new roof.  
 Sunday, June 1, 2025, Bi-lingual Mass 1:00pm, Open House 2:00 – 5:00pm.  
 Refreshments provided  
 All Parishioners and Donors are invited.  
 Please come celebrate with us!  
 Roof Celebration Mass and Open House  
 RSVP: 302-655-6596 or [bibianaovazquez@gmail.com](mailto:bibianaovazquez@gmail.com)

Misa bilingüe de celebración y acción de gracias por el nuevo techo.  
 Domingo 1 de junio de 2025, Misa bilingüe a la 1:00 p.m.,  
 Jornada de puertas abiertas de 2:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m.  
 Se ofrecerán refrigerios.  
 Todos los feligreses y donantes están invitados.  
 ¡Vengan a celebrar con nosotros!  
 Confirmar asistencia: 302-655-6596 o [bibianaovazquez@gmail.com](mailto:bibianaovazquez@gmail.com)

# His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

# Su Santidad Papa León XIV

Robert Francis Prevost

May 8, 2025



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# CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

You are invited to join us for the **Catholic Business Network Breakfast**, June 4, 2025 at St. Joseph's on the Brandywine, 10 Old Church Road, Wilmington, DE 19807. Doors open 7:30 AM, program begins 8:00 AM. **Keynote Speaker: Bishop Koenig "The Vocation of the Business Leader"** Featuring Hot breakfast buffet - coffee, tea, and juice. To reserve your seat, see the QR code below: For more information, contact [Fkorthas@cdow.org](mailto:Fkorthas@cdow.org)



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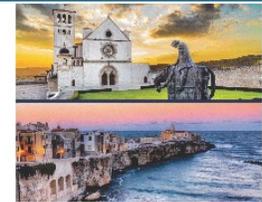


Italy is undoubtedly one of the top pilgrimage destinations in the world, especially for Catholics seeking to deepen their faith journey. That's why we're excited to offer the Shrines and Eucharistic Miracles of Italy Pilgrimage, an extraordinary opportunity to explore some of Europe's most magnificent churches and basilicas, during the Jubilee year, 2025. On this pilgrimage, you will attend the Papal Audience and visit some of Italy's most awe-inspiring sites of Eucharistic Miracles, such as Lanciano, Orvieto, Home and Assisi. Don't miss this chance to embark on a life-changing pilgrimage to Italy!

**NEW TRAVEL DATES!**  
November 3 - November 13

## Shrines & Eucharistic Miracles of Italy

DURING THE  
YEAR OF JUBILEE!



**\$5,500 Package Includes:**

- 11 days / 9 nights
- Round Trip Airfare
- 4-Star Hotels (rated by country standard)
- Double Occupancy
- Ground Transportation
- Gratuities (main guides, drivers and porters)
- Daily Mass
- Catholic Tour Guides
- All Admission Fees
- All Breakfasts/Most Dinners

Questions?  
Contact Kayla Barning at  
[Kayla@trinitytourtravels.com](mailto:Kayla@trinitytourtravels.com)  
Scan code to learn more and register.



## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### Sunday (5/18/25)

- 9:00a Feligreses
- 11:00a + Jeronimo Perez
- 1:00p + Juana Pavia Reyes
- 3:00p + Ines Hernandez

### Wednesday (5/21/25)

- 5:00 p + Eliseo Castillo
- + Evangelina Cabrera

### Friday (5/23/25)

- 5:00 p + Carol A. Sinikrope

### Sunday (5/25/25)

- 9:00a + Maria Cintron Martinez
- 11:00a + Teresa Burgos
- 1:00p + Juana Pavia Reyes
- 3:00p Feligreses



### 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 20, 2025 Offerings

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| Amount Needed 1st Collection | \$3,500.00      |
| Actual Collection            | \$3,600.00      |
| <b>*Amount OVER</b>          | <b>\$100.00</b> |
| Maintenance Income           | \$1,310.00      |
| Good Friday                  | \$797.00        |
| Holy Thursday                | \$754.00        |
| Easter Vigil                 | \$584.00        |

**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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