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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



# XVI DOMINGO ORDINARIO

“Dentro de un año volveré sin falta a visitarte por estas fechas; para entonces, Sara, tu mujer, habrá tenido un hijo”. Gen 18, 10

## 20 julio 2025

**Oración inicial:** Jesús, en este momento de oración, quiero sentarme a tus pies, como María. Quiero escucharte hablarme. Sabes que a menudo estoy ansioso y preocupado por muchas cosas, y dejo que esas preocupaciones me distraigan de ti, y a veces, incluso me impiden dedicar tiempo a la oración. Señor, dame la gracia de desearte por encima de todo. Ayúdame a confiar en que si dedico tiempo a ti en oración, los efectos se desbordarán en cada aspecto de mi vida. Señor, creo que eres la fuente de todo lo bueno. Espero en tu provisión para todas mis necesidades. Te confío las cosas que me pesan. Ayúdame a saber que dedicar este tiempo a la oración es un acto de amor por ti y que me transformará, si lo permito.

Encuentro con Cristo:

**Una cosa:** Marta recibió a Jesús y luego se ocupó de los detalles de la hospitalidad. Podemos imaginar cuánto deseaba mostrar su respeto y afecto por Jesús a través de esa hospitalidad. Sin embargo, el deseo de brindarle lo mejor a Jesús se convirtió en una prioridad tal que desvió su atención de Jesús mismo. ¡A nosotros también nos puede pasar! Podemos involucrarnos tanto en nuestro trabajo apostólico que escatimamos nuestro tiempo de oración, o incluso lo perdemos por completo. Jesús busca nuestro corazón. Lo que hacemos debe surgir de nuestro amor por él y de lo que escuchamos que nos pide. Estamos llamados a honrar a Jesús a través de nuestro trabajo, pero para ello, debemos mantenerlo en el centro de todo. Podemos preguntarnos: "¿En qué me ocupo hasta el punto de distraerme de ti, Señor? ¿Qué permito que me impida escucharte en la oración?"

**A sus pies:** Para María, lo más importante era sentarse a los pies de Jesús para conocerlo mejor y formarse como discípula suya. Su atención estaba en lo que él decía. Nosotros también debemos tomarnos un tiempo para sentarnos a los pies de Jesús para compartir lo que aprendemos y experimentamos. A Santo Tomás de Aquino se le atribuye el lema dominicano: *Contemplata aliis tradere*: «Contemplar y compartir los frutos de nuestra contemplación». No podemos conformarnos solo con esforzarnos por nuestra propia santificación; estamos llamados a trabajar por la santificación de los demás. Podemos considerar una forma de caridad formarnos en la contemplación de Nuestro Señor, para que podamos ayudar a otros a encontrarlo y conocerlo. En 1 Pedro 3:15 leemos: «Estad siempre dispuestos a dar razón de vuestra esperanza a todo el que os la pida». ¿Cuán bien preparados estamos para hablar a otros de Cristo y su Iglesia, tanto desde nuestra experiencia personal como desde el conocimiento de las Escrituras y la tradición?

**Ambas cosas:** Como cristianos, estamos llamados a ser activos (evangelizadores) y contemplativos. Por lo tanto, es esencial que nuestras vidas se basen en las Escrituras, las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y la oración. También es esencial que tomemos en serio el llamado que recibimos en el Bautismo de «ir y hacer discípulos» (Mt 28:19). Ayudamos a otros no solo a encontrar a Cristo y a conocer su amor, sino también a reconocer su propia vocación de conectar con los demás con el mensaje del Evangelio como discípulos misioneros. Como escribió el Papa Francisco en *Evangelii Gaudium*: «En virtud de su bautismo, todos los miembros del Pueblo de Dios se han convertido en discípulos misioneros (cf. Mt 28,19)... La nueva evangelización exige la implicación personal de cada bautizado. Todo cristiano está llamado, aquí y ahora, a participar activamente en la evangelización» (n. 120). Podemos preguntarnos: «¿Hay obstáculos en mi vida para vivir este aspecto de la fe?».

**Conversando con Cristo:** Señor, mirando a Marta y María, me siento llamado a profundizar mi vida de oración y a comprometerme activamente en la evangelización. Tú conoces mi corazón. Sabes que quiero amarte a ti y a quienes me rodean: mi familia, mis amigos, mis compañeros de trabajo, pero a veces me resulta difícil seguir las inspiraciones de tu Espíritu Santo. Es difícil dejar de lado aquello que priorizo sobre amarte y servirte. Señor, ayúdame a crecer en generosidad y caridad para que pueda vivir a tu imagen en el mundo y atraer a otros hacia ti.

**Resolución:** Señor, hoy, por tu gracia, identificaré un aspecto de la enseñanza de la Iglesia o de las Escrituras que me gustaría conocer más y buscaré un recurso para profundizar mi conocimiento y comprensión en ese aspecto.



**July 20, 2025**

**Opening Prayer:** Jesus, in this time of prayer, I want to sit at your feet, like Mary. I want to listen to you speaking to me. You know that I am so often anxious and worried about many things, and I let those concerns distract me from you, and sometimes, they even keep me from making time for prayer. Lord, give me the grace to desire you above all else. Help me trust that if I make time for you in prayer, the effects will overflow into every aspect of my life. Lord, I believe that you are the source of everything good. I hope in your provision for all my needs. I trust you with those things that are heavy on my heart. Help me know that making this time of prayer is an act of love for you and that it will transform me, if I let it.

**Encountering Christ:**

1. **One Thing:** Martha welcomed Jesus and then busied herself with the details of hospitality. We can imagine how much she desired to show her respect and affection for Jesus through that hospitality. Wanting to provide the best for Jesus became such a focus, however, that it took her attention off of Jesus himself. This same thing can happen to us! We may become so involved in our apostolic work that we skimp on our prayer time, or miss it all together. Jesus wants our hearts. What we do should flow from our love for him and what we hear him ask of us. We are called to honor Jesus through our work, but to do so, we must keep Jesus at the center of everything. We can ask ourselves, “What do I busy myself with to the extent that it takes my attention off of you, Lord? What do I allow to get in the way of listening to you in prayer?”

2. **At His Feet:** The most important thing to Mary was to sit at Jesus’ feet so that she could come to know him better and be formed as a disciple by him. Her attention was on what he said. We also have to take time to sit at Jesus’ feet so that we can share what we learn and experience. St. Thomas Aquinas is credited with the Dominican motto: *Contemplata aliis tradere*—“To contemplate and to share the fruits of our contemplation.” We cannot be satisfied only with efforts for our own sanctification; we are called to work for the sanctification of others. We can consider it a form of charity to form ourselves as we contemplate Our Lord, so that we can help others encounter the Lord and come to know him. In 1 Peter 3:15, we read, “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope...” How well prepared are we to speak to others about Christ and his Church, both from our personal experience of him and by knowledge of Scripture and tradition?

3. **Both:** As Christians, we are called to be both active (evangelizing) and contemplative. Therefore, it is essential that our lives are grounded in Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and prayer. It is also essential that we take seriously the call we received in Baptism to “go and make disciples” (Mt 28:19). We help others not only encounter Christ and come to know his love; we also help them recognize their own call to touch others with the Gospel message as missionary disciples. As Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19)... The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization” (n. 120). We can ask ourselves, “Are there obstacles in my life to living this aspect of faith?”

**Conversing with Christ:** Lord, looking at Martha and Mary, I am challenged both to deepen my prayer life and to reach out in active efforts to evangelize. You know my heart. You know I want to love you and those in my life, my family, my friends, my co-workers, but sometimes it is hard to follow through on the inspirations of your Holy Spirit. It is hard to set aside those things that I prioritize over loving and serving you. Lord, help me grow in generosity and charity so that I may live as your image in the world and draw others to you.

**Resolution:** Lord, today by your grace I will identify one area of Church teaching or Scripture that I would like to know more about and search out a resource to deepen my knowledge and understanding in that 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**      Amount pledged to date: **\$19,074.69**



### **RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

*Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 1 - 3 and October 3 - 5 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.*

# Parish News

## Información Parroquial

### Actividades de ésta semana

**Lunes 21:** 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,  
7pm Lideres de Renovación

**Martes 22:** 6:30 pm Legion de Maria  
7 pm Circulo de Oración

**Miércoles 23:** 4:30 pm Confesiones  
5:00 pm Misa

**Jueves 24:** 5:00 pm Hora Santa  
Rosario/Confesiones

**Viernes 25:** 4:30 pm Confesiones  
5:00 pm Misa



### 24 julio 2025

**Rosario, adoración y confesiones**

**Intención del Santo Padre: julio**

**Por la formación para el discernimiento.**

Oremos para que aprendamos cada vez más a discernir, saber elegir caminos de vida y rechazar todo lo que nos aleje de Cristo y del Evangelio.

**SCAN ME**

*Readings To-Go!*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 20, 2025

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

### Saint Mary Magdalene

1ST CENTURY  
FEAST DAY: JULY 22

**M**ary, from Magdala in Galilee, was a disciple of Jesus who used her resources, or wealth, to help support him and his followers. The Gospel of Luke identifies Mary as the woman from whom Jesus cast out seven demons. The Gospels record that she was present at his crucifixion and burial. In all four Gospels, Mary was the first witness to the Resurrection and carried that news to the others. Because of this, St. Augustine called her “apostola apostolorum,” the apostle to the apostles. On June 3, 2016, Pope Francis raised her liturgical observance from a memorial to a feast—the same rank as the observances accorded to the apostles.



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GOOD LIFE  
By Cynthia Kaan



## *I JUST GRADUATED!*

### **What Was I Thinking When I Chose That Major?**

**You did it! You graduated and you now have a college degree in your hand. But – what happens if you realize this degree will not lead to a career you desire? Where to go from here?**

### **Pause for perspective.**

A college degree, regardless of the specifics, is still a degree. It has value. Your time spent pursuing and achieving that degree is not wasted. God uses all for his glory and your experience has purpose. Pray during this pause to have your eyes opened to what God taught you during that time.

### **Explore your history.**

Think back on how you spent your time in col-

lege – jobs you had, organizations you were involved in, classes you really enjoyed. What skills did you learn? What were you passionate about? What did you dislike? These questions will give you some clarity about what to look for in a career.

### **Ask for guidance.**

Connect with your college career center to create a skills-based resume to showcase transferable skills. It will also have access to questionnaires to help you discover where your passion and talent intersect and in what types of careers. Colleges want their alumni to be successful, and they will be happy to assist you on your journey.

As you actively pursue your vocation, meditate on Jeremiah 29:11. Let the prayer of Saint Joan of Arc lead you, “Let God be served first.” Amen.

## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### Sunday (7/20/25)

- 9:00a + Edmund Martin Burke
- 11:00a + Christian Malmgren
- 1:00p Feligreses
- 3:00p + Robert Laborde

### Wednesday (7/23/25)

5:00 p +

### Friday (7/25/25)

5:00 p +

### Sunday (7/27/25)

- 9:00a + Benny DeJesus
- 11:00a + Stephen Prestipino
- 1:00p + Leonides Collazo Vargas
- 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. **Please call the parish office (302) 655-6596 to complete the registration process**

### 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. **Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial (302) 655-6596 para completar el proceso de registracion.**

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

## Weekly Collections



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### June 22, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$3,121.00
<b>*Amount UNDER</b>	<b>\$379.00</b>
Postage Help	\$24.00



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