

20TH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

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

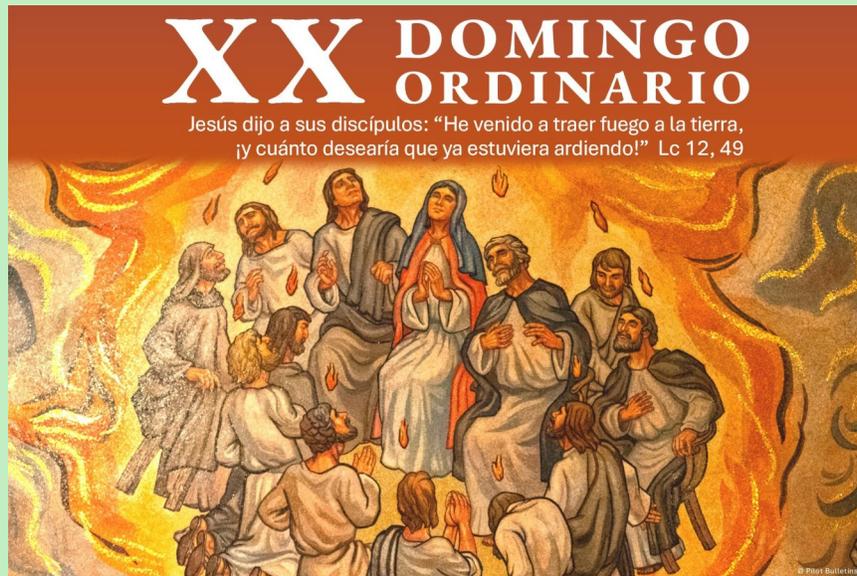
BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS

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



17 agosto 2025

Oración Inicial: Señor Jesús, concédeme conocerte para amarte más y seguirte fielmente.

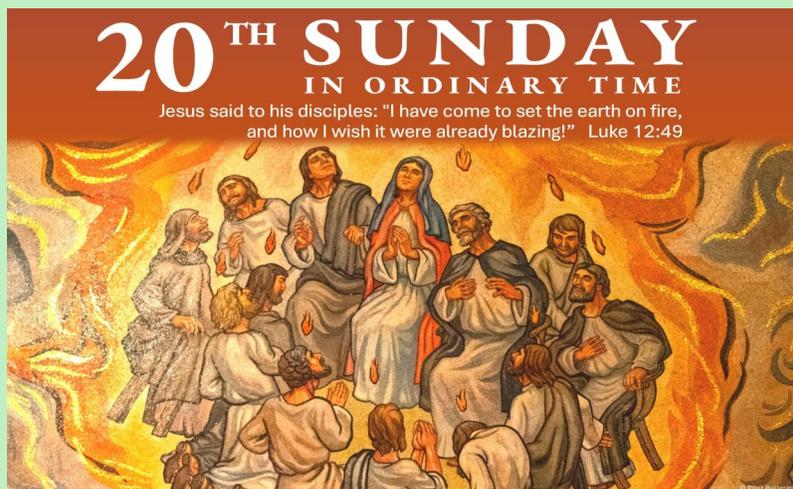
Encuentro con Cristo:

1. “He venido a traer fuego a la tierra”: ¡Con qué pasión y tono expresó Jesús su deseo! En esta breve expresión, reveló su claridad sobre la misión y su impulso interior por cumplirlo. Podemos percibir su amor por la voluntad del Padre. Sabía lo que había venido a hacer, y la única tensión que existía era la de no haberla cumplido completamente. A veces también sentimos tensión espiritual. ¿Es la nuestra una tensión que nace de nuestro deseo de cumplir el propósito para el que fuimos creados? ¿Es una tensión que lucha contra nuestro ego y resiste la tentación del mundo material? Podemos pedirle al Señor que permita que la voluntad del Padre arda en nuestros corazones.

2. “¿Creen que he venido a establecer la paz en la tierra?”: ¡Qué declaración tan confusa de nuestro Señor! Después de todo, Él es el Príncipe de la Paz. No hay contradicción en Jesús. Él no solo es el Príncipe de la Paz, sino también el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida. Con su sola presencia nos llama a elegir a quién seguiremos. Nuestra brújula interior puede apuntar directamente hacia él mientras a nuestro alrededor seguimos luchando contra distracciones que nos llevan en una dirección diferente. Jesús sabe lo que está en juego: la vida eterna. Nos pide que tengamos claro a quién seguiremos, cueste lo que cueste.

3. Paz Verdadera: Autenticidad: Pidamos al Espíritu Santo luz para ver si la orientación interior de nuestro corazón y la base de nuestras intenciones, decisiones y acciones están en consonancia con lo que arde en el corazón de Jesús: el cumplimiento de la voluntad del Padre para su glorificación. Busquemos claridad para discernir los conflictos internos que puedan revelar resistencia al amor para el cual está hecho nuestro corazón. Pidamos fortaleza, conscientes de que la única tensión que vale la pena sufrir es la que se libra para estar en unión con el Señor. Conversando con Cristo: Señor Jesús, enciende mi corazón como el tuyo, con un amor por la voluntad del Padre que esté dispuesto a dar mi vida por amor.

Resolución: Señor, hoy estaré atento a cualquier tensión interior que experimente y pediré luz para ver si vale la pena vivirla. Me propongo resistir y rechazar el intento del enemigo de arrastrarme hacia tendencias egocéntricas.



August 17, 2025

Opening Prayer: Lord Jesus, grant that I may know you, so as to love you more and follow you faithfully.

Encountering Christ:

1. **“I Have Come to Set Fire to the Earth”:** With what passion and tone Jesus spoke his desire! In this brief expression he revealed his clarity about the mission and his interior impulse to fulfill that desire. We can sense the love he has for the Father’s will. He knew what he had come to do, and the only tension that existed was in not having fulfilled it completely. We feel spiritual tension also at times. Is ours a tension born from our desire to fulfill the purpose for which we are created? Is it a tension that fights our ego and resists the lure of the material world? We can ask the Lord to allow the Father’s will to burn in our hearts.
2. **“Do You Think That I Have Come to Establish Peace on the Earth?”:** This is such a confusing statement by Our Lord! He is the Prince of Peace, after all. There is no contradiction in Jesus. He is not only the Prince of Peace, but he is the Way, Truth, and Life. By his very presence he calls us to choose who we will follow. Our internal compass can be pointing straight to him while all around us we continue to battle distractions that pull us in a different direction. Jesus knows what is at stake—eternal life. He asks us to be clear about who we will follow, no matter what the cost.
3. **True Peace—Authenticity:** Let us ask the Holy Spirit for light to see if the interior orientation of our heart and the basis of our intentions, decisions, and actions are in accord with what is burning in Jesus’ heart—the fulfillment of the Father’s will for his glorification. Let us seek clarity to discern interior conflicts that may reveal resistance towards the love that our heart is made for. Let us ask for fortitude, aware that the only tension worth suffering is the one fought to be in union with the Lord.

Conversing with Christ: Lord Jesus, set my heart ablaze like your own, with a love for the Father’s will that is willing to lay down my life out of love.

Resolution: Lord, today I will be attentive to any interior tensions I experience and ask for light to see if it is a tension worth living. I will resolve to resist and deject the enemy’s attempt to turn me to egocentric tendencies.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago – 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. In 2015, the diocese instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. This year, the collection will be held on August 16 & 17. For more information and to make a secure online donation, visit www.downtowncatholic.com. We thank you for your generosity.

How to Assist Victims of the Texas Flood...

[Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Antonio](#) is accepting financial donations to provide emergency supplies and other assistance to those affected by the devastating floods in that region this past week. You also can donate through [Catholic Charities USA](#) (100% of your donations will go to Texas flood assistance).

San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., [visited the affected area](#), offering comfort to victims and families. [Pope Leo XIV prayed for the victims of the flood](#) on Sunday.



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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

- Lunes 18:** 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,
7pm Líderes de Renovación
- Martes 19:** 6:30 Legión de María
7 pm Círculo de Oración
- Miércoles 20:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa
- Jueves 21:** 5:00 pm Hora Santa
Rosario/Confesiones
- Viernes 22:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa



21 agosto 2025

Rosario, adoración y confesiones

Intención del Santo Padre: Agosto

Por la convivencia común

Oremos para que las sociedades en que la convivencia parece más difícil no sucumban a la tentación del enfrentamiento por motivos étnicos, políticos, religiosos o ideológicos

SCAN ME

Readings To-Go!

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025*

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!



Parada Hispana

9/14/25

Venta de comida

CCD

Religious Education



We are currently accepting registrations for CCD for children from 1st grade through High School. Please visit the office Monday through Thursday during regular office hours. Adults who need any of the sacraments of initiation should call the office to meet with the Pastor.

Estamos aceptando inscripciones para el CCD para niños desde 1.er grado hasta preparatoria. Por favor, visite la oficina de lunes a jueves en horario regular. Los adultos que necesiten alguno de los sacramentos de iniciación deben llamar a la oficina para reunirse con el párroco.

On behalf of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, I am reaching out to kindly request your support in promoting our 30th Annual Golf Outing, taking place on Monday, September 29, 2025 at Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester, PA.

This important fundraising event benefits our elder sisters, many of whom have dedicated their lives to education, healthcare, and social service ministries in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and beyond. As the need for elder care grows, your support in spreading the word about our outing helps us continue to provide for their comfort and care in their later years.

We would be so grateful if you could include a brief announcement or our event ad in your parish bulletin or e-newsletter over the coming weeks. I've attached a print-ready ad you're welcome to use.

If you have any questions or need the ad in a different format, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for helping us share this special event with your community!

With gratitude,

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Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday (8/17/25)

- 9:00a Parishioners
- 11:00a + Victor Rodriguez
- 1:00p + Amancio Pavia Gil
- 3:00p + La Familia de Morales-Diaz Leal

Wednesday (8/20/25)

- 5:00 p + Dave Eason

Friday (8/22/25)

- 5:00 p

Sunday (8/24/25)

- 9:00a Parishioners
- 11:00a +Hilda Burgos Rivera
- 1:00p + Juana Guzman Reyes
- 3:00p + La Familia de Morales-Diaz-Leal



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 registra-cion.**

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

Weekly Collections



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July 20, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,069.00
*Amount UNDER	\$1,431.00
Aid to Catholic church in Africa	\$995.00
Maintenance	\$86.00
Air Conditioning	\$20.00



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