



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

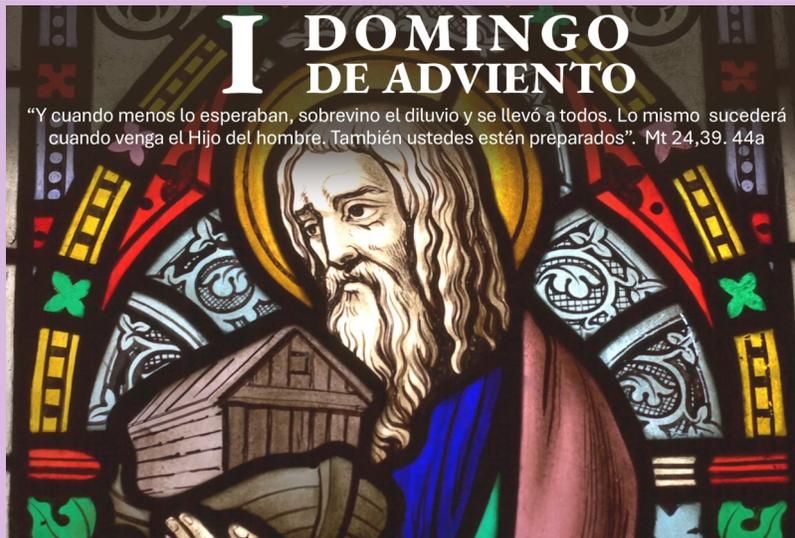
MATRIMONIOS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

QUINCEAÑERAS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS
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MINISTERIO AL CUIDADO DE LOS ENFERMOS
FAVOR DE LLAMAR A LA OFICINA



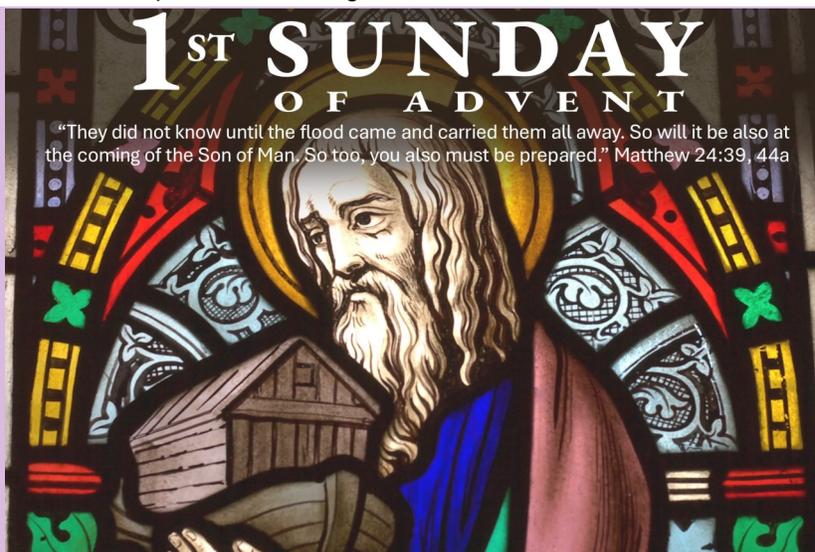
30 noviembre 2025

.Para los católicos, el nuevo Año Litúrgico comienza con el Primer Domingo de Adviento, dando inicio al tiempo litúrgico. En este nuevo Año Litúrgico, la Iglesia no solo desea señalar el comienzo de un período, sino también el inicio de un compromiso renovado con la fe por parte de todos los que siguen a Cristo, el Señor. Este tiempo de oración y camino de penitencia, tan poderoso, rico e intenso, busca darnos un nuevo impulso para acoger verdaderamente el mensaje de Aquel que se encarnó por nosotros. De hecho, toda la Liturgia del Adviento nos impulsará a un despertar en nuestra vida cristiana y nos pondrá en una disposición vigilante, para esperar a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo que viene:

«¡Despierten! ¡Recuerden que Dios viene! ¡No ayer, no mañana, sino hoy, ahora!» El único Dios verdadero, «el Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob», no es un Dios que está en el cielo, indiferente a nosotros y a nuestra historia, sino que es el Dios que viene. El Adviento es, por tanto, un tiempo de espera vigilante que nos prepara para acoger el misterio del Verbo Encarnado, quien dará la Luz al seno de la Virgen María. Pero, esencialmente, este tiempo nos prepara no solo para acoger este gran acontecimiento, sino para encarnarlo en nuestras vidas. Podríamos decir que la verdadera luz entra en el mundo a través del seno inmaculado de María, pero no se queda allí. Al contrario, esta luz fluye hacia nuestras vidas oscuras, lúgubres y pecadoras para iluminarlas, para que podamos convertirnos en la luz que ilumina el mundo. Por eso, vivamos este tiempo de espera no solo para celebrar un recuerdo histórico, sino para repetirlo en nuestras vidas y al servicio de los demás. Esperar la venida del Señor significa aguardar y velar para que la Palabra de Amor penetre en nuestro interior y nos guíe cada día de nuestra vida.

Como nos recordó San Juan Enrique Newman en una homilía para el Adviento: «El Adviento es tiempo de espera, tiempo de alegría, porque la venida de Cristo no solo es un don de gracia y salvación, sino también un tiempo de compromiso, pues nos motiva a vivir el presente con responsabilidad y vigilancia. Esta “vigilancia” implica la necesidad, la urgencia de una espera activa y viva. Para que todo esto suceda, necesitamos despertar, como nos advierte el apóstol de los gentiles en la lectura de hoy a Romanos: “Además, ya sabéis qué hora es, que es hora de que despertéis del sueño. Porque nuestra salvación está ahora más cerca que cuando creímos”» (Rm 13,11).

Debemos emprender nuestro camino para ascender al monte del Señor, iluminados por sus palabras de paz y permitirle que nos indique el sendero a seguir (cf. Is 2,1-5). Además, debemos transformar nuestra conducta, abandonando las obras de las tinieblas y revistiéndonos de la «armadura de la luz», buscando así únicamente la obra de Dios y renunciando a los deseos de la carne (cf. Rm 13,12-14). Jesús, a través de la parábola, nos muestra el estilo de vida cristiano, que no debe caracterizarse por la distracción ni la indiferencia, sino por la vigilancia y la capacidad de reconocer hasta la más mínima señal de la venida del Señor, pues desconocemos el momento en que llegará (cf. Mt 24,39-44).



November 30, 2025

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the **First Sunday of Advent**, opening the Advent season. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a ‘vigilant’ disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

‘Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.’¹

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the ‘Light’ to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: “Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This ‘vigilance’ means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living ‘wait.’ To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today’s reading to the Romans: ‘Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed’ ” (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the ‘armor of light’ and so seek only to do God’s work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord’s coming because we don’t know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44).

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Charities Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

Our Catholic Charities food pantries urgently need donations to restock shelves and serve families in need throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Please consider donating non-perishable food items, especially canned meals (soups, beef stew, spaghetti), canned vegetables, tuna, and chicken, peanut butter & jelly, juice box, cereal, crackers, boxed meals, granola bars, dried fruit, pancake mix, and shelf stable milk.



Year-End Giving: 2025 Tax Incentives Make This the Year to Give to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal:

Recent federal tax updates now allow *all taxpayers*—even those who take the standard deduction—to claim a deduction for charitable contributions. That means your gifts to the **Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**, and the charities of your choice, may qualify for additional tax benefits this year.

It's also worth noting that new limits on charitable deductions are expected to take effect in **2026**, so **2025 is the ideal year to increase your giving** and make your generosity go further.

As always, we recommend consulting your financial or tax advisor for details on how these opportunities may benefit you.

Your generosity helps bring hope, healing, and faith to thousands across our Diocese - thank you for making it possible!

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR.

It's a time of great anticipation as we await the arrival of Christ on Christmas morning. In fact, the word Advent comes from the Latin word *ad-venire* that means coming or arriving.

Just as in Lent, the liturgical color of Advent is purple. Both of the seasons prepare for great feast days in the Church year. The purple color also connotes the penitential dimension of the season as Advent is a time of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. The altar is also meant to be decorated in a more restrained manner during this season.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Right in the middle of Advent, several Marian feasts are also celebrated. They are the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Happy New Year

"At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale, but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life. . . I want to come to Bethlehem, Lord, because there you await me. I want to realize that you, lying in a manger, are *the bread of my life*. I need the tender fragrance of your love so that I, in turn, can be bread broken for the world." (Pope Francis, Homily, Dec. 24, 2019)



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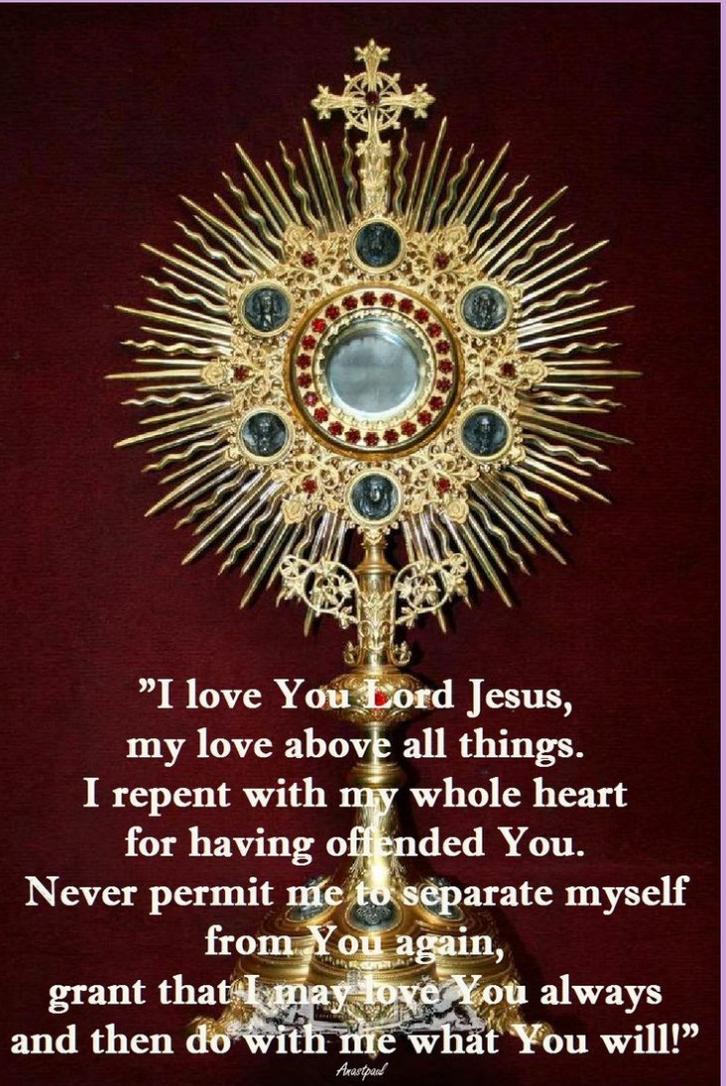


Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

- Lunes 1:** 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,
7pm Lideres de Renovación
- Martes 2:** 6:30 Legion de Maria
7 pm Circulo de Oración
- Miércoles 3:** 4:30 Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa
- Jueves 4:** 5 :00 pm Hora Santa
Rosario/Confesiones
- Viernes 5:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa



**"I love You Lord Jesus,
my love above all things.
I repent with my whole heart
for having offended You.
Never permit me to separate myself
from You again,
grant that I may love You always
and then do with me what You will!"**

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4 diciembre 2025

NO HABRA HORA SANTA

Intención del Santo Padre: Diciembre

**Por los cristianos en contextos de
conflicto**

Oremos para que los cristianos que viven en contextos de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en Medio Oriente, sean semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza



**Readings
To-Go!**

*1st Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025*

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

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday (11/30/25)

- 9:00a + Maria Socorro Camacho
- 11:00a + Luis A Santos
- 1:00p + Santa Velez
- 3:00p Feligreses

Wednesday (12/3/25)

* San Francisco Javier*

- 5:00 p + The Honorable James Sarsfield

Friday (12/5/25)

- 5:00 p + Michael Kaleina

Sunday (12/7/25)

- 9:00a + Maria & Eladio Figueroa
- 11:00a + Domingo Flores
- 1:00p Feligreses
- 3:00p + Steven Ortiz & Lucas Rafael Figueroa



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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November 2, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,380.00
*Amount UNDER	\$1,120.00
All Souls Day	\$1,191.00
All Saints day	\$297.00
Maintenance Income	\$5.00



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