



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



7 diciembre 2025

Oración inicial: Jesús, al igual que Juan, yo también estoy llamado a «preparar el camino del Señor, enderezar sus sendas». Concédeme el don de la fortaleza para perseverar en ti y producir fruto que perdure.

Encuentro con Cristo:

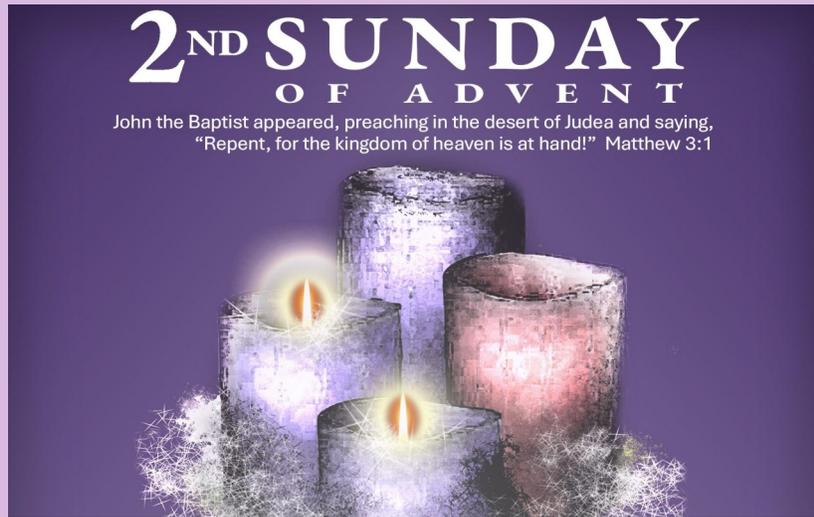
1. **¿Una sola voz?:** ¿A veces te sientes como una sola voz que clama en el desierto en tu familia, en tu círculo social, en el trabajo? Puede ser difícil dar testimonio en un mundo donde vivir como cristiano es contracultural. Pero nos fortalecen las almas fieles que nos han precedido y que también han enfrentado los desafíos y las tentaciones de este mundo. Somos un eslabón irremplazable en la historia de la salvación y tenemos una misión. Que fortalezcamos nuestra determinación de ser portavoces del Señor a través de las historias y la intercesión de los santos que nos han precedido.

2. **Producir buen fruto con Cristo:** Un árbol se conoce por su fruto. Pero el fruto no se produce solo. Depende del trabajo duro y el cuidado diligente del jardinero que cuida la tierra, proporciona luz y agua, y arranca las malas hierbas con cuidado para proteger el árbol y sus raíces. Jesús cuida el jardín de nuestra alma.

3. **Bautizado con el Espíritu Santo y Fuego:** El Espíritu Santo guió a Jesús al desierto, lo que nos muestra que no debemos temer adónde nos lleva la vida, porque Jesús va delante de nosotros. Nunca estamos solos. El fuego del Señor arde en nuestros corazones y purifica nuestra alma, haciéndonos más fuertes ante cada desafío y prueba.

Conversando con Cristo: Jesús, me sobrecoge lo mucho que me amas. Mi corazón arde de amor por ti, pero mi determinación es débil; aun así, decides obrar en mí y a través de mí para que tu plan de salvación se haga realidad. Me siento humilde y agradecido de que hayas enviado a tu Espíritu Santo, que va delante de mí, y confío en que me abrirás los ojos a los obstáculos que me impiden hacer tu voluntad para que pueda arrepentirme y preparar el camino.

Resolución: Señor, hoy por tu gracia tomaré veinte minutos para hacer un serio examen de conciencia en preparación para mi próxima confesión, donde me arrepentiré y recibiré la gracia de levantarme y seguir adelante para tu gloria.



December 7, 2025

Opening Prayer: Jesus, like John, I too am called to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Grant me the gift of fortitude so that I may persevere for you and produce fruit that will last.

Encountering Christ:

1. A Voice of One?: Do you sometimes feel like a voice of one crying out in the desert in your family, in your social circle, at work? It can be difficult to witness in a world where living as a Christian is counter-cultural. But we draw strength from the faithful souls that have gone before us who have also faced the challenges and temptations of this world. We are an irreplaceable link in salvation history, and we have a mission. May we fortify our resolve to be the Lord’s mouthpiece through the stories and intercession of the saints who have led the way before us.

2. Produce Good Fruit With Christ: A tree will be known by its fruit. But fruit doesn’t produce itself. It is dependent on the hard work and diligent care of the gardener who tends the soil, provides light and water, and pulls weeds with care in order to protect the tree and its roots. Jesus tends the garden of our soul.

3. Baptized With the Holy Spirit and Fire: The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert, which shows us that we need not fear where life leads because Jesus goes before us. We are never alone. The Lord’s fire burns in our hearts and purifies our soul, making us stronger with every challenge and trial.

Conversing with Christ: Jesus, I am overwhelmed by how much you love me. My heart burns with love for you, but my resolve is weak; yet you choose to work in and through me to bring your plan of salvation to fruition. I am humbled and grateful that you have sent your Holy Spirit who goes before me, and I trust that you will open my eyes to the obstacles that keep me from carrying out your will so that I may repent and prepare the way.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will take twenty minutes to make an earnest examination of conscience in preparation for my next confession, where I will repent and receive the grace to get back up and carry on for your glory.

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!

second SUNDAY OF ADVENT

■ LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ... Come Lord Jesus, be our light! Help our lives bear good fruit.

■ READ THE GOSPEL for the Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle A) Matthew 3:1-12

“Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

■ REFLECT WITH A STORY

It sounds like John was having a bad day. The Pharisees and Sadducees arrive on the scene and John nearly loses it. He calls them a brood of vipers, compares them to stones and then tells them that if they don't change their sinful ways, they'll be cut down like dead trees. He says, “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

It's a harsh image and one that might be difficult for us to relate to. Why would we destroy trees that don't bear good fruit? But farmers around the world today who depend on their fruit trees for their income know that one, bad tree can hurt their entire crop.

Take Fidencio, for example. He is a coffee farmer who lives in Narino. Fidencio and his family's well-being depends on his ability to continue to produce good fruit. To do that, he has to pay close attention to the coffee trees that do not bear good fruit, and make sure they do not affect the rest of the crop. This is a very real concern for farmers like Fidencio, because many coffee trees where he lives are infected with a deadly fungus called leaf rust that can spread to other trees. Sometimes the farmers have to cut down infected trees to save the rest of the crop.

Just as Fidencio must rid his coffee farm of disease that will damage his trees, we must prune our lives of the things that damage our relationship with God, ourselves and others. By doing so, we can bear the good fruit John the Baptist talks about.



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PRAY

Creator God, you are the master gardener. Help me to bear good fruit in my life—for myself, for my family and for my community. Amen

REFLECT

What do I need to stop doing or get rid of in my life in order to bear good fruit?

ACT

This week, prune your life of one or more material items you no longer need and donate them to charity. Oftentimes the clutter of everyday objects prevents us from focusing on what leads us to Christ.

GIVE

Support farmers like Fidencio by purchasing coffee that bears good fruit! Warm your heart this holiday season with coffee from CRS partners. Visit crsfairtrade.org.

Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

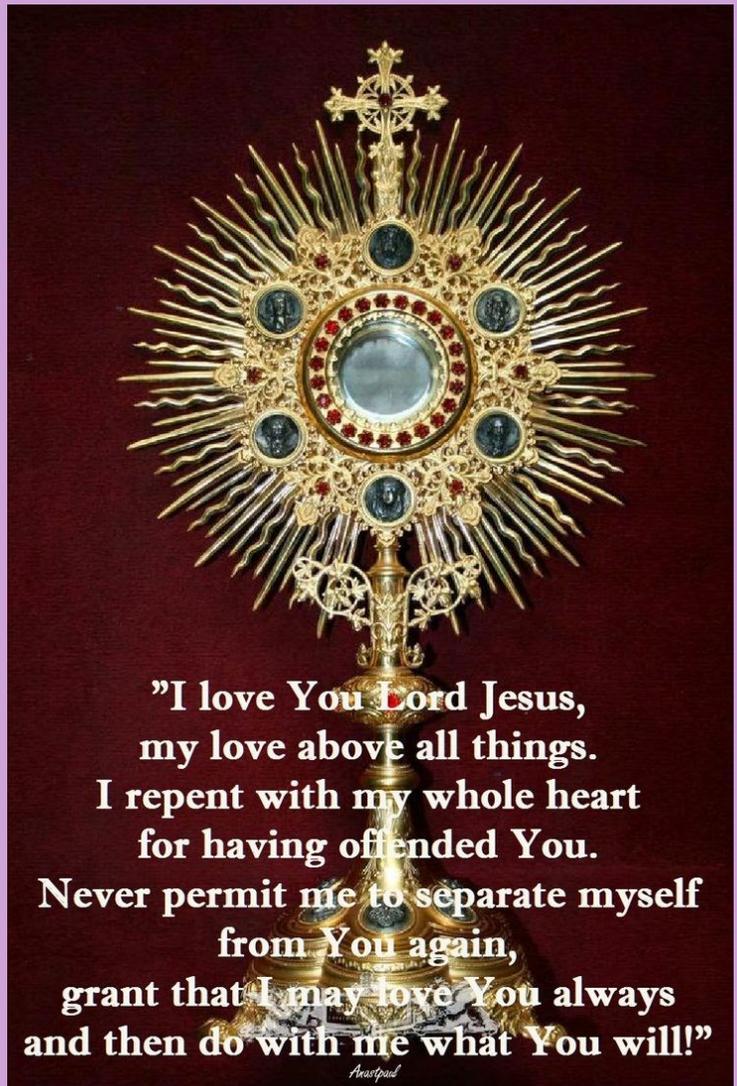
Lunes 8: 6:30 Misa-Inmaculada
Concepcion de la Bienaventurada Virgen Maria

Martes 9: 6:30 Legion de Maria
7 pm Circulo de Oración

Miércoles 10: 4:30 Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa

Jueves 11: 5 :00 pm Hora Santa
Rosario/Confesiones
***6:30 pm Rosario (Iglesia)**
7:00 Misa Guadalupana

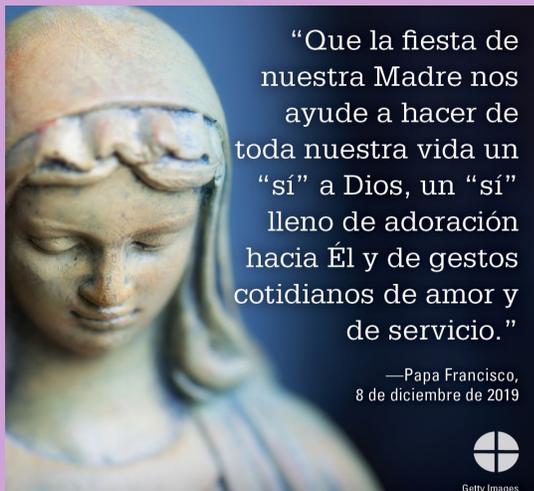
Viernes 12: 6:30 pm Rosario (Iglesia)
7:00 Misa Guadalupana



**Readings
To-Go!**

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!



11 diciembre 2025

Rosario, adoración y confesiones

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

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday (12/7/25)

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

Lunes 12/8/25

6:30 *Inmaculada Conception *

Wednesday (12/10/25)

*** Bienaventurada Virgen Maria deLoreto***

- 5:00 p + Stephen Prestipino

Thursday 12/11/25

- 7:00 p Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe mass

Friday (12/12/25)

Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe mass

- 7:00 p +Domingo Flores

Sunday (12/14/25)

- 9:00a + Julian Alexander Galarza
- 11:00a + Susan Medina Borja
- 1:00p Feligreses
- 3:00p + Jose Miguel Prado



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 9, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,311.00
*Amount UNDER	\$1,189.00
Juan XXIII Clausura mass	\$1,482.00
Military Service	\$1,393.00

