



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



## 28 diciembre 2025

**Oración introductoria:** Jesús, eras un niño pequeño en los brazos de tu Madre. Eras un bebé que necesitaba la protección de José. Sentiste su bondad y amor. Hoy quiero celebrar este amor de tu familia. Quiero entrar en este amor y llevarlo también a mi propia familia. Creo y confío en que me ayudarás en esto.

**Petición:** Señor, ayúdame a descubrir las maravillas del amor de la Sagrada Familia.

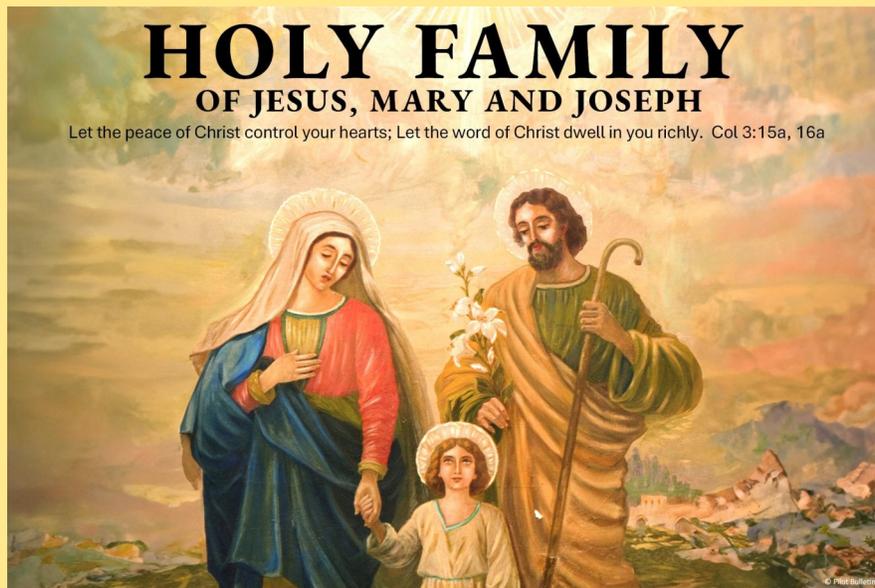
**El Esposo está contigo:** Nuestro Dios es un Dios de amor. Una familia participa de este amor porque Dios es la fuente del amor que los une. El amor que es tan espontáneo y tan sacrificial en una familia muestra la presencia del amor de Cristo. Jesús hace brotar este amor. Es homenaje a su Padre y homenaje a su amor por nosotros. ¿Soy consciente de la presencia amorosa de Cristo en mi familia? ¿Me esfuerzo por colaborar con su amor?

**Familia y Pacto:** Una familia es fruto de un pacto, y Dios es parte de este pacto. Dios siempre ha querido hacer al hombre parte de su familia, comenzando por Adán y Eva. La Sagrada Familia demuestra la alianza definitiva del amor de Dios por cada uno de nosotros. Lo viven con asombro y, como Abraham, ponen toda su fe en Dios, uniéndose totalmente a su voluntad y a su amor. Desempeñan su papel en la ejecución del plan de Dios, y Dios cumplirá su promesa, convirtiéndolos en colaboradores providenciales en su plan de salvación. Podemos estar seguros del amor fiel de Dios en la familia. Podemos estar seguros de que está trabajando con fidelidad su plan de salvación. ¿Busco la unidad de mi familia viviendo la caridad sobrenatural?

**Herencia espiritual:** La Sagrada Familia es fuente de bendición. Mi familia también es una fuente de bendición, aunque es probable que sucedan momentos de tristeza. Cuando vivo con fe mi papel en la familia, ayudo a traer estas bendiciones al mundo. A menudo es el ejemplo de las familias cristianas el que atrae a otros a la fe. Muchas veces los apóstoles más poderosos, ya sean laicos o consagrados, son fruto de la fe fuerte que se vive en la familia. Una familia no debe encerrarse en sí misma; como la Sagrada Familia, tiene una misión. Debe promover el mensaje de Dios en el mundo a través del ejemplo y la acción. ¿Doy ejemplo a los miembros de mi familia? ¿Me esfuerzo por ser apóstol tanto dentro como fuera del hogar?

**Conversación con Cristo:** Señor, gracias por santificar la vida familiar con tu presencia. Quiero descubrirte más en mi familia y en quienes me rodean. Ayúdame a acompañar a mis seres queridos en sus momentos tanto de alegría como de tristeza. Tú estás con nosotros, Señor. Ayúdanos a ser tus apóstoles.

**Resolución:** Me tomaré un momento para escuchar atentamente y hablar con un miembro de mi familia que quizás no haya recibido mucha atención de mi parte recientemente.



## December 28, 2025

**Introductory Prayer:** Jesus, you were a small child in your Mother's arms. You were a baby who needed the protection of Joseph. You felt their goodness and love. Today I want to celebrate this love of your family. I want to enter into this love and bring it also to my own family. I believe and trust that you will help me in this.

**Petition:** Lord, help me discover the wonders of the love of the Holy Family.

1. **The Bridegroom Is with You:** Our God is a God of love. A family participates in this love because God is the source of the love that draws them together. The love that is so spontaneous, as well as so sacrificial, in a family shows the presence of Christ's love. Jesus makes this love spring forth. It is homage to his Father and homage to his love for us. Am I aware of Christ's loving presence in my family? Do I strive to collaborate with his love?
2. **Family and Covenant:** A family is fruit of a covenant, and God is part of this covenant. God has always wanted to make man part of his family, beginning with Adam and Eve. The Holy Family demonstrates the definitive covenant of God's love for each of us. They live it with wonder and, like Abraham, they put their faith totally in God, bonding themselves totally to his will and to his love. They play their parts in the working of God's plan, and God will keep his promise to them, making them providential collaborators in his plan of salvation. We can be sure of God's faithful love in the family. We can be sure that he is working his plan of salvation with faithfulness. Do I strive for unity in my family by living supernatural charity?
3. **Spiritual Inheritance:** The Holy Family is a source of blessing. My family is also a source of blessing, even though moments of sorrow are bound to happen. When I live with faith my role in the family, I help to bring these blessings on the world. Often it is the example of Christian families that attracts others to the faith. Often the most powerful apostles, whether lay or consecrated persons, are fruit of the strong faith that is lived in the family. A family should not be closed in on itself; like the Holy Family, it has a mission. It must promote God's message in the world through example and action. Do I give example to the members of my family? Do I strive to be an apostle both inside and outside the home?

**Conversation with Christ:** Lord, thank you for sanctifying family life by your presence. I want to discover you more in my family and those around me. Help me to accompany my loved ones in their moments of both joy and sorrow. You are with us, Lord. Help us to be your apostles.

**Resolution:** I will take a moment to listen attentively to and speak with a member of my family who may not have received much attention from me recently.

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 February 6-8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit [www.MarriageHelpDeVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDeVal.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.



### 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 Humble Majesty of Us

**T**he celebration of Christmas and the coming New Year are perfect times to reconnect with loved ones and reconsider our priorities. Amidst the festive spirit and celebrations, we build some powerful and beautiful memories during the holidays—such as the beautiful moments spent with a younger child relative, or a conversation with an elderly family member talking of times long past. We turn away from ordinary, everyday routines—the daily grind—and experience special moments that enrich and refresh us.

At Christmas we recall how God, who is so powerful and kingly, decided to make himself present among us by coming as a vulnerable baby, born in poverty. This humble arrival, so gentle and hopeful, only makes it easier for us to see the very tender aspect of God—for who can fear a baby? He enters the world precisely as a baby to draw us closer to him. God, in a sense, “stoops” to humanity by becoming one of us, and in the process, he elevates all of humanity.

If God draws us to himself with love, and not through guilt or compulsion, how important it is that we, too, should witness to our faith in the same manner. How important this is in building up a culture of life! As many of us approach the New Year with resolutions, this seems an appropriate time to consider our pro-life witness in the light of charity.



Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are depicted in a wooden creche at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, N.Y., in this Nov. 24 photo. (CNS photo/Mike Crupi, Catholic Courier)

One aspect of contributing to a culture of life is to cultivate a pro-life attitude. In addition to important efforts like ministry outside of abortion facilities, writing Congress to express our views on legislation, and prayer activities on behalf of life, it is so very important to cultivate an internal perspective which animates all these other efforts. What do I mean by cultivating a “pro-life attitude”? I am referring to a disposition which actively and consciously seeks to reaffirm the dignity of every person we encounter.

It means making an effort to see people as God sees them. To help someone realize the good he has when he can’t see it himself. To take time to acknowledge another person’s presence and worth in a competitive, utilitarian, and electronically-saturated society. To engage an opponent peacefully and with courtesy. By affirming the same nobility in others that Christ affirms in us, through his humble and majestic presence in this world, we can help to change the culture.

What better time than Christmas and the New Year to renew our pro-life convictions and to look forward to our efforts with renewed hope! As the Christ-child wins hearts and touches souls with the greatest simplicity, let us resolve to give a pro-life witness which conveys reverence and respect for others. The sacredness of human life should be recognized from the moment of conception to natural death, and in every human face, beginning with the faces we encounter every day.

*This article was written by Kimberly Baker, a former staff assistant for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information on the bishops’ pro-life activities, please visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife).*



## Parish News

### Información Parroquial

#### Actividades de ésta semana

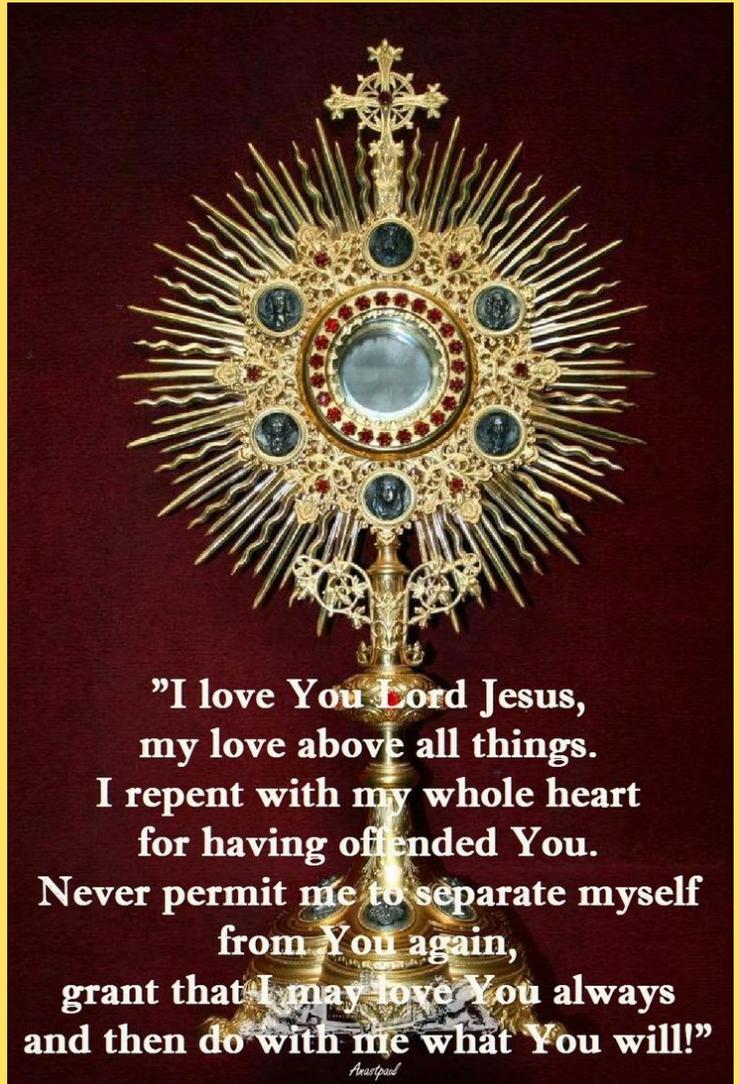
Lunes 29:

Martes 30: 5:00p Misa por los enfermos

Miércoles 31: 4:30 confesiones  
5 pm Misa

Jueves 1: Solemnidad de Maria  
10:00 am Misa

Viernes 2: 4:30 Confesiones  
5:00 pm Misa



**Readings  
To-Go!**

*Holy Family Sunday  
December 28, 2025*

Scan QR code to see  
this week's readings!



**1 enero 2026**

#### **No Habra Hora Santa**

*Por la oración con la Palabra de Dios*

Oremos para que la oración con la Palabra de Dios sea alimento en nuestras vidas y fuente de esperanza en nuestras comunidades, ayudándonos a construir una Iglesia más fraterna y misionera.

## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### Sunday (12/28/25)

- 9:00a +Antolin Gutierrez/ +Yomaris Ortiz
- 11:00a + Edwin Figueroa
- 1:00p + Secundina Silva
- 3:00p Feligreses

### Tuesday (12/30/25)

- 5:00 p + Anatolio de la Cruz

### Wednesday (12/31/25)

- 5:00 p + The Honorable James Sansfield

### Thursday (01/01/2026)

- 10:00 a + John C and Margaret T Jones

### Friday (01/02/26)

- 5:00 p + John C and Margaret T. Jones

### Sunday (1/4/26)

- 9:00a Feligreses
- 11:00a + Miguel Osses
- 1:00p + Madeline Caceres
- 3:00p



**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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### November 30, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,473.00
<b>*Amount UNDER</b>	<b>\$1,027.00</b>
Thanksgiving Day	\$545.00
Votive Lights	\$418.00
Religious Retirement fund	\$175.00



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