



The Catholic Community of

# Saint Paul

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Telephone: 443-606-3136

**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**

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**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN**  
CALL THE RECTORY DURING  
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

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**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

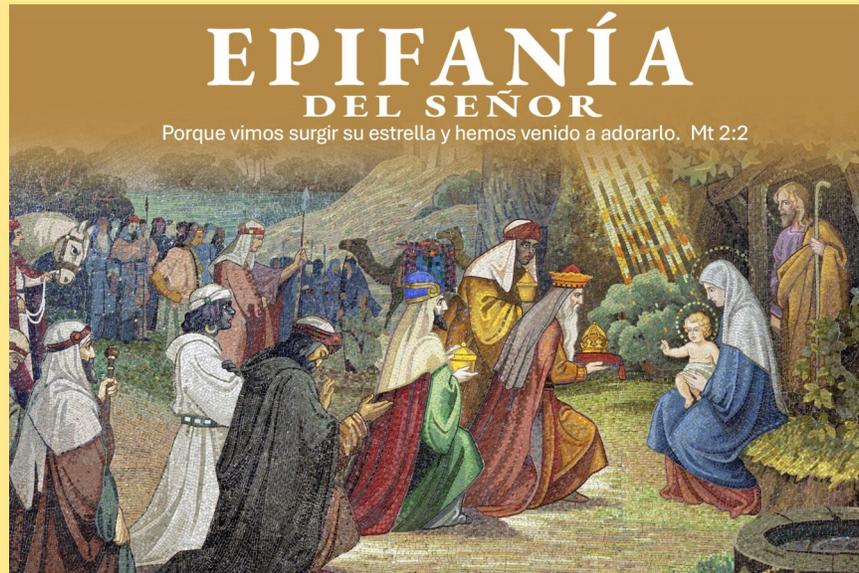
## MATRIMONIOS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS  
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

## QUINCEAÑERAS

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UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

**MINISTERIO AL CUIDADO DE LOS ENFERMOS**  
FAVOR DE LLAMAR A LA OFICINA



**4 enero 2026**

**Oración introductoria:** Señor, gracias por el regalo perfecto de ti mismo: venir como un humilde niño nacido de María. Pensar en ti como un bebé indefenso acostado en un pesebre llena mi corazón de confianza. Sé que nunca podrás ser capaz de engañarme, ya que te has despojado de toda grandeza para que yo pueda mirarte. Mereces toda mi esperanza y todo mi amor, que humildemente te ofrezco ahora.

**Petición:** Señor, te pido un corazón verdaderamente receptivo a tu mensaje.

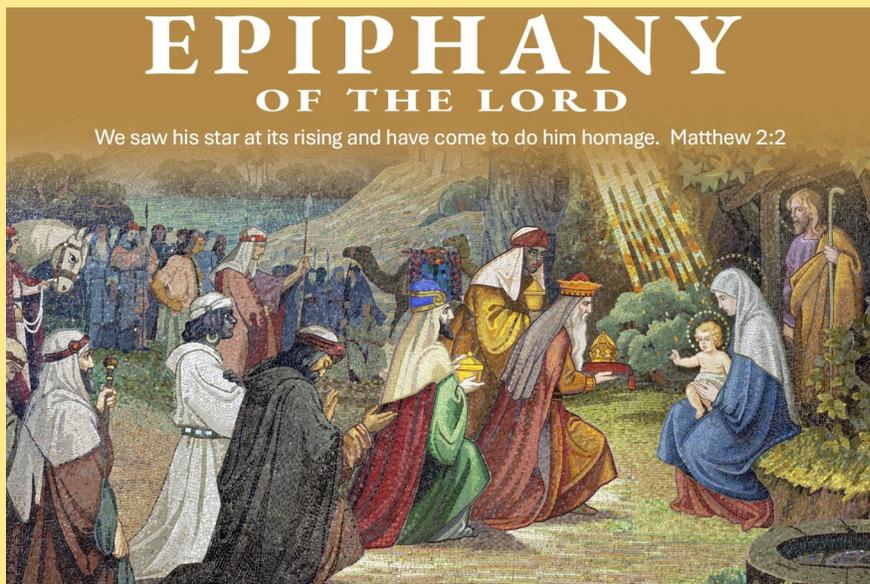
**Vimos su estrella:** Quienes son sinceros de corazón encuentran a Dios en su vida. En el caso de los Reyes Magos, su sinceridad se muestra en lo que están dispuestos a sacrificar para lograr su objetivo. El viaje requirió abandonar las comodidades de su tierra natal, las necesidades de sus familiares y la búsqueda de riqueza. La intención era pura, no mezclada con deseos egocéntricos, porque era nada menos que el deseo de encontrar la presencia viva de Dios. Su apertura de corazón permitió que Dios hablara a través de muchas cosas en su mundo: desde la astrología hasta Herodes, desde la estrella hasta el niño en la cuna. ¿Qué se necesita para encontrar a Dios hoy? Debo dejar todo menos a él y dejar que su mano me lleve a ese encuentro definitivo con su presencia divina.

**Se le advierte que no regrese a Herodes:** No se ofrece ninguna estrella a Herodes ni a los mundanos, solo oscuridad. A los mundanos puede que les guste la idea de Dios, e incluso sientan curiosidad por él, pero ignoran su llamado. Rara vez abandonan su palacio, sacrifican su tiempo o se ponen al servicio de lo divino. Los orgullosos amantes de la comodidad abandonan sus palacios y luego, extrañamente, afirman que Dios no se encuentra en ninguna parte del mundo. Temen la pérdida de un mundo confortable. Oro para que mi corazón esté abierto a todo lo que el Evangelio vivo requiere en mi vida. Que Cristo no encuentre obstáculo en mí; más bien, que encuentre en mí la voluntad de salir de mi palacio para que yo pueda encontrarlo y seguirlo.

**Entonces abrieron sus tesoros:** Para poder dar amor, debo haber sido impactado por el amor. ¿Cómo puedo cumplir con las exigencias que otros me imponen? ¿Cómo puedo mantenerme fiel a mi vocación y misión cuando recibo poca afirmación y apoyo? Cada mañana necesito buscar al Dios que da incondicionalmente para que su entrega pueda impactarme. Ya sea en la Misa, en la oración o en las obras de la divina providencia, cada día me espera una epifanía necesaria. Me da poder para abrir mi cofre y hacer surgir el don de mí mismo. Si no experimento este amor, mi vida permanece cerrada, no encuentro fuerza interior para entregarme totalmente. Juan nos dice: "En esto está el amor: no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó y envió a su Hijo como expiación por nuestros pecados. Amados, si Dios así nos amó, también nosotros debemos amarnos unos a otros... Amamos porque él nos amó primero" (1 Jn 4,10-11, 19).

**Conversación con Cristo:** Cristo, tu amor por mí me obliga a entregarme y no retener nada. He tocado un momento de la historia humana que sobrepasa mi comprensión y conquista mi corazón para ti. Que me entregue como tú te entregas a mí: en la Misa, en la oración y en las almas me llamas a servir.

**Resolución:** Trabajaré para mejorar mi caridad con los miembros de mi familia hoy, amándolos como lo hace Cristo.



## January 4. 2026

**Introductory Prayer:** Lord, thank you for your perfect gift of yourself: coming as a humble child born of Mary. The thought of you as a helpless little babe lying in a manger fills my heart with confidence. I know that you could never be capable of deceiving me, since you have divested yourself of all greatness so that I can gaze upon you. You deserve all my hope and all my love, which I humbly offer you now.

**Petition:** Lord, I ask you for a heart truly receptive to your message.

1. **We Saw His Star:** Those who are sincere of heart find God in their life. In the case of the Magi, their sincerity is shown by what they are willing to sacrifice to attain their goal. The journey required abandoning the comforts of their homeland, the needs of their family members, and the pursuit of wealth. The intention was pure, not muddled with self-centered wants, for it was nothing less than the desire to encounter God's living presence. Their openness of heart permitted God to speak through many things in their world—from astrology to Herod, from the star to the child in the crib. What will it take for me to find God today? I must put aside all but him and let his hand lead me to that definitive encounter with his divine presence.

2. **Warned Not to Return to Herod:** No star is offered to Herod or to the worldly, only darkness. The worldly may like the idea of God, and even be curious about him, but they disregard his call. They rarely leave their palace, sacrifice their time, or place themselves at the service of the divine. The prideful lovers of comfort leave their palaces and then oddly claim God is nowhere to be found in the world. They fear the loss of a comfortable world. I pray that my heart be open to all that the living Gospel requires in my life. May Christ find no obstacle in me; rather, may he find in me the will to leave my palace so that I might find and follow him.

**Then They Opened Their Treasures:** In order to give love, I must have been impacted by love. How can I hold to the demands that others place upon me? How can I keep true to my vocation and mission when little affirmation and support come my way? Every morning I need to seek out the God who gives unconditionally so that his giving may impact me. Be it at Mass, in prayer, or in the workings of divine providence, every day a necessary epiphany awaits me. It empowers me to open my coffer and bring forth the gift of self. If I do not experience this love, my life remains closed—no interior strength is found to give myself totally. John tells us: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another... We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn 4:10-11, 19).

**Conversation with Christ:** Christ, your love for me compels me to give myself and hold nothing back. I have touched a moment in human history that overwhelms my comprehension and conquers my heart for you. May I give myself as you give yourself to me: at Mass, in prayer, and in souls you call me to serve.

**Resolution:** I will work to improve my charity with the members of my family today, loving them as Christ does.

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

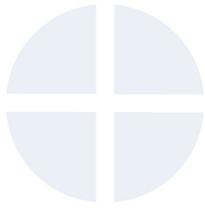
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties 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.

Fund Performance Analysis - 2025 Faith CharityCatholic Appeal - PLEDGED - Sorted by Goal - High/Low  
12-16-25

	Total Given	Goal	Over(Under)	%Goal
45 St. Paul (Wilmington)	\$21,538.44	\$21,000	\$538.44	102.56%

**Thank you to all who participated in the Catholic appeal and helped surpass our goal!**

**¡Gracias a todos los que participaron en la campaña católica y ayudaron a superar nuestra meta!**



**This past Christmas season** was an experience of hosting or visiting for us. Stacey's parents joined us just before Christmas, then my parents traveled to see us after Christmas. There were even a few days of overlap when we had a house full of grandparents.

**Then, my parents were** stuck with us for another day or two after their planned departure—a giant winter storm delayed their travel. In the middle of all of that, Stacey and I made a trip to New York to visit a friend for a few days; her parents stayed back with the kids. So, it was a season of traveling in one form or another, and it all went as well as it possibly could have gone. December and January were full of stories, laughing, good food, and playfulness.

**When we came upon** the feast of the Epiphany (January 5 this year), I was ripe for reflection upon journeys. The three wise men traveled long distances to visit the Holy Family, and they brought gifts to honor the Christ child. They invested themselves in this person, Jesus—they picked up and mobilized their lives to encounter him. The traveling and hosting that we experienced during Christmas was much like this—people picked up their lives and journeyed long distances to encounter one another, and to honor each other with gifts.

**The story of the three wise men** indicates that they were overjoyed to reach their destination and to find Jesus and his mother and father. After such a long journey, after such searching, their encounter did not disappoint. They had read and studied about this child, but it made a difference to be able to see and touch him, to speak with his parents and to understand what his life was like. They left feeling like their journey was worth the effort—their encounter changed the way they understood everything about Jesus.

## Journeys of Love



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**Stacey and I got** the kids out for an hour of sledding after all our house guests were gone—just the five of us—and we realized that it was the first time our family had been just our family for weeks. We were grateful to settle back into a normal routine again soon. But the time together with people who are most important to us had been well worth it. Sharing life together, even for a few days, changes the way we understand those relationships. Like the three wise men, we've also been overjoyed at the encounters that the season had brought us.

**We stay in touch** with people who are important to us using all of the modern means of communication, but even live video chats can't replace spending time with each other in person.

**Nothing replaces shaking hands**, standing or sitting next to each other, or a warm hug from a loved one—we give and receive love with our bodies. The three wise men were among the first to encounter and appreciate this characteristic in God as well—out of love, God has joined our bodily condition.

**What a gift it is** for the love among family and friends to be an experience of embodied love, and for this experience of love to be a participation in God.



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This blog post was written by Josh and Stacey Noem, as part of their blog, *Happily Even After* on USCCB's For Your Marriage website

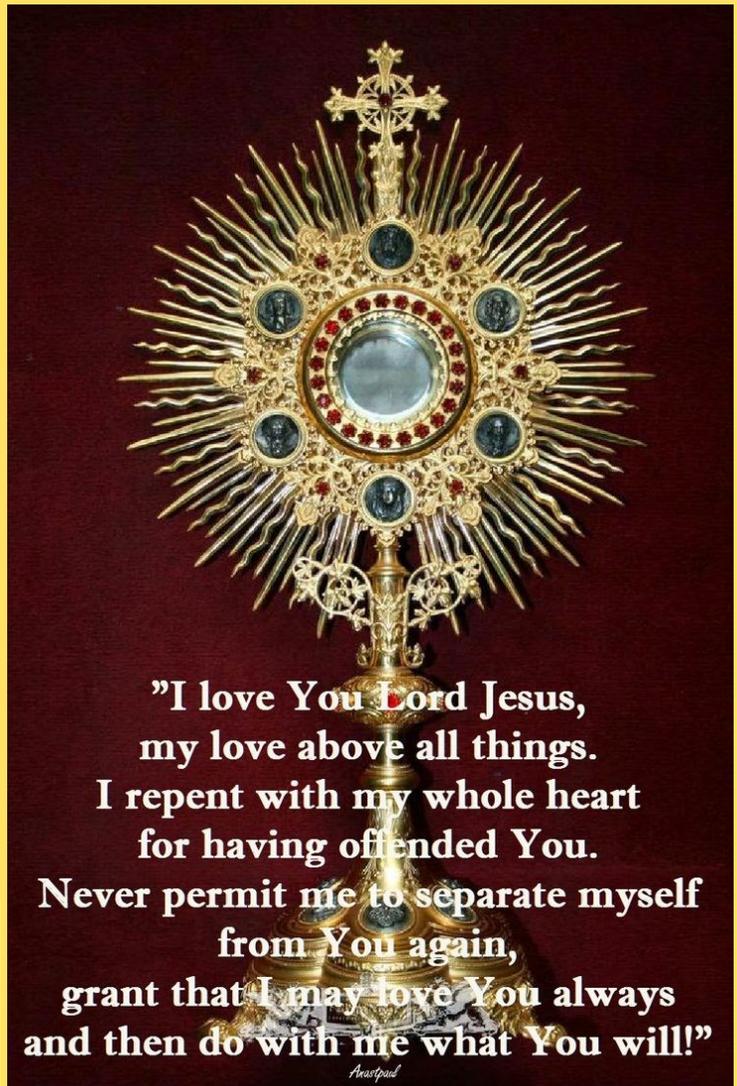
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# Parish News

## Información Parroquial

### Actividades de ésta semana

- Lunes 5:** 6:30p-Directiva Juan XXIII,  
7pm Lideres de Renovación
- Martes 6:** 6:30p Legion de Maria  
7:00p Circulo de Oración
- Miércoles 7:** 4:30 confesiones  
5 pm Misa
- Jueves 8:** 5:00p Hora Santa  
con Rosario y confesiones
- Viernes 9:** 4:30 Confesiones  
5:00 pm Misa



**Readings  
To-Go!**

*Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2026*

Scan QR code to see  
this week's readings!

**8 enero 2026**

### **Hora Santa con rosario y confesiones**

*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.

"We saw the star in the East, and  
we came to worship Him."

*Matthew 2:2*



## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### Sunday (01/04/26)

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

### Wednesday (01/07/26)

5:00 p + John C . And Margaret T. Janes

### Friday (01/09/26)

5:00 p + John C and Margaret T. Janes

### Sunday (1/11/26)

9:00a  
 11:00a + Jose Santiago/Wilson Diaz  
 1:00p + Jackeline Rodriguez/  
 + Lucas Rafael Figueroa  
 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 registra-cion.**

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

## Weekly Collections



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### December 7, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,441.00
<b>*Amount UNDER</b>	<b>\$1,059.00</b>
Maintenance Income	\$798.00
Christmas Offering	\$192.00
Religious Retirement fund	\$40.00



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