

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29



January 18, 2026

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

II DOMINGO ORDINARIO

En aquel tiempo, vio Juan el Bautista a Jesús, que venía hacia él, y exclamó:
 “Éste es el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo”. Jn 1, 29



18 enero 2026

Este domingo interrumpimos nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Mateo (el Evangelio principal de nuestro ciclo litúrgico actual, Ciclo A) para leer el Evangelio de Juan. El domingo pasado, en la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, escuchamos el relato de Mateo sobre el bautismo de Jesús. Hoy, escuchamos el testimonio de Juan el Bautista sobre Jesús, tal como se narra en el Evangelio de Juan. Este Evangelio se diferencia de los demás porque Juan no describe el bautismo de Jesús por Juan el Bautista. En cambio, Juan el Bautista anuncia que sabe que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios.

En la lectura de hoy, Juan el Bautista ve a Jesús acercarse y exclama, dando testimonio de quién es Jesús. En su testimonio, dice que vio al Espíritu descender sobre Jesús. Por esta señal, Juan el Bautista supo que Jesús era el que vendría después de él.

Juan el Bautista utiliza dos títulos para Jesús que nos resultan familiares: lo llama el «Cordero de Dios» y el «Hijo de Dios». Al usar estos títulos, Juan el Bautista identifica el propósito fundamental de Jesús: redimir a la humanidad pecadora.

El testimonio de Juan el Bautista sobre Jesús distingue claramente su bautismo del Bautismo que Jesús inaugurará. Juan bautiza con agua; Jesús bautizará con el Espíritu Santo. Juan también sitúa su práctica del bautismo en el contexto del ministerio de Jesús. El propósito del bautismo de Juan era dar a conocer a Jesús a Israel.

El sentido de la misión de Juan el Bautista se identifica claramente en esta lectura: bautizó para preparar y dar a conocer el ministerio de Aquel que vendría después. El testimonio de Juan es un excelente ejemplo de lo que significa ser discípulo. Por nuestro Bautismo, estamos llamados a dar a conocer a Jesús a todo el mundo con nuestras palabras y con el testimonio de nuestras vidas.

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.MarriageHelpDeIVal.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!



Fact of Faith

What Is Ordinary Time?

The end of the Christmas season was marked by the Baptism of the Lord, and we have now moved into the season of Ordinary Time. Despite its name, there is nothing inherently “ordinary” about this season of the year. The term *ordinary* is just used because the weeks are numbered in an ordinal way—the *Third Week in Ordinary Time*, the *Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*, and so on.



Ordinary Time is broken into two blocks, before and after the Lent and Easter seasons. Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is a 40-day season of repentance and renewal before the celebration of the Easter season, which lasts even longer than Lent (about 50 days). The Easter Season goes from the Easter Vigil to the celebration of Pentecost. The timing of the Lent and Easter seasons is based on the cycles of the moon.

During Ordinary Time, we honor the mystery of Christ, especially on Sundays, though we do not focus on just one aspect of the mystery during the season. It is a time to

“We honor the mystery of Christ.”

reflect on Jesus’s life, teachings, and parables.

Liturgical calendars were not always structured this way. In the earliest days of the Church, every Sunday was treated as an Easter Sunday—there was no distinction in the season for Christmas, Lent, and Easter. While we no longer treat every Sunday as Easter Sunday, “Sunday is the pre-

eminent day for the liturgical assembly” (CCC, No. 1167). In addition to participating in the Eucharistic liturgy, in Ordinary Time, Sundays remain days that should be set aside for prayer, reflection, rest, and time with family.

For more information, go to www.usccb.org, and search for the term “liturgical calendar.”



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Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

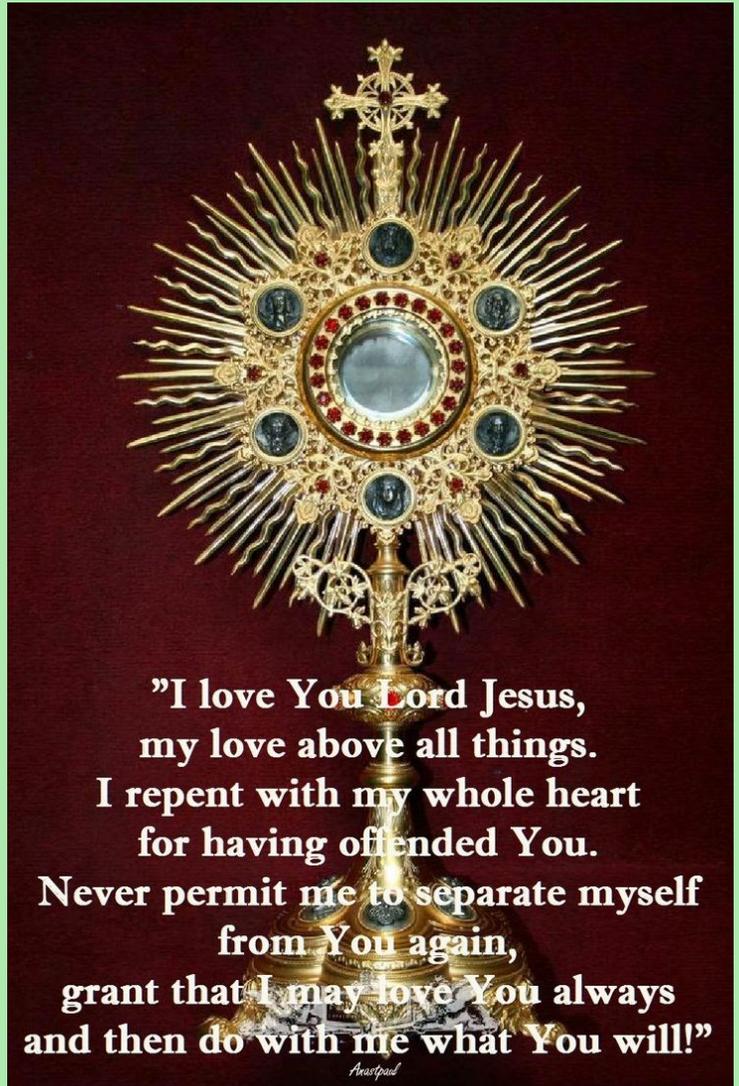
Lunes 19: 6:30p-Directiva Juan XXIII,
7pm Lideres de Renovación

Martes 20: 6:30p Legion de Maria
7:00p Circulo de Oración

Miércoles 21: 4:30 confesiones
5 pm Misa

Jueves 22: 5:00p Hora Santa
con Rosario y confesiones

Viernes 23: 4:30 Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa



Election of trustees 1/21/26 4:30 in chapel

Sunday Table Discussion:

Ask your children at breakfast or dinner to repeat, as best they can, what the priest has preached in the Sunday homily and what the readings were about. This is one way to encourage children to pay attention to the word of God.

Depending on the age of the children this activity can be modified to fit each individual family.

Smaller children can be given a simple retelling of the Gospel and then be asked to comment or answer a couple of easy questions.

Older children can have the opportunity to present their own reflections on the Gospel and its application to their life.

This activity can be as short or long as desired but it will help to emphasize the importance of the Sunday readings.

Activity Source: Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs
by Francis & Walter, S.J.,
Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York, 1958



Readings To-Go!

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026*

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

22 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.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday (01/18/26)

9:00a
 11:00a + Felix Gonzalez, Jr.
 1:00p + Susan Medina Borja
 3:00p Feligreses

Wednesday (01/21/26)

Santa Inez

5:00 p +

Friday (01/23/26)

San Vicente

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

Sunday (1/25/26)

9:00a Feligreses
 11:00a + Juan Alberto Martinez
 1:00p + Madeline Caceres
 3:00p + Agustine Oliveras Davila



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 14, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$1,224.00
*Amount UNDER	\$2,276.00
Guadalupe Masses	\$1,093.00
Utility Fund	\$398.00
Religious Retirement fund	\$274.00
Immaculate Conception	\$197.00

