

The Catholic Community of

Saint Paul

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New Office Hours (Nuevo Horario de Oficina)

Monday - Thursday (lunes - jueves)
10:00 am. - 11:45a.m.; 1:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

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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



15 marzo 2026

Oración inicial: Señor, sabes lo ciego que estoy a tu presencia y a tu obra en mi vida. En este momento de oración, renuevo mi fe; creo firmemente en tu presencia perdurable. Renuevo mi esperanza en tu promesa de vida eterna. Te amo por la obra que ya has hecho y sigues haciendo.

Encuentro con Cristo:

Las obras de Dios: Los judíos del primer siglo solían considerar la ceguera (o cualquier dolencia física) como una manifestación del pecado. Por lo tanto, le preguntaron a Jesús quién pecó. Jesús respondió: «No pecó él ni sus padres, sino para que las obras de Dios se manifestaran a través de él». San Pablo relató que el Señor le dijo una vez: «Te basta mi gracia, pues mi poder se perfecciona en la debilidad» (2 Cor 12,9). El poder de Dios se manifiesta perfectamente en la pobreza y la ceguera de nuestra condición humana, especialmente cuando estamos abiertos a su gracia y a su obra en nosotros.

La Transformación de la Sanación: Después de que Cristo sanara al ciego, los fariseos tuvieron dificultades para reconocerlo: "¿No es este el que se sentaba a mendigar?". La obra de Cristo en nosotros, que nos sana y nos convierte, es una obra transformadora que puede cambiar la percepción que los demás tienen de nosotros. La Cuaresma es el momento perfecto para permitir que el Señor perfeccione esta transformación en nosotros, pero puede tener un precio. Quienes creen conocerlos podrían verse tentados a criticarnos por nuestros ayunos o mortificaciones cuaresmales, alegando que ya no somos los mismos. ¿Estamos dispuestos a soportar esta crítica si significa transformarnos en Cristo?

"Aunque mi padre y mi madre me abandonen...": La transformación que Cristo obró en el ciego tuvo graves repercusiones para él: la gente no lo reconoció y sus propios padres se distanciaron de él. "Es mayor de edad; pregúntenle", dijeron sus padres. Sin embargo, no fue abandonado del todo. Jesús se acercó a él y se reveló como el Hijo del Hombre. Para el exciego, las palabras del Salmo 27 se hicieron realidad: «Aunque mi padre y mi madre me abandonen, el Señor me acogerá» (Sal 27:10). Necesitamos fe para buscar a Cristo cuando amigos y familiares parecen malinterpretarnos o rechazarnos.

Conversando con Cristo: Señor Jesús, ilumina los ojos de mi corazón para que te vea como realmente eres: el Hijo del Hombre, el Salvador del mundo. Dame la fuerza para aferrarme a ti, incluso cuando quienes amo parecen rechazarme o distanciarse de mí.

Resolución: Señor, hoy, por tu gracia, extenderé mi amistad a alguien en mi trabajo o escuela que parezca ser un paria.



March 15, 2026

Opening Prayer: Lord, you know how blind I am to your presence and your work in my life. In this time of prayer, I renew my faith—I *do* believe in your enduring presence. I renew my hope in your promise of eternal life. I love you for the work you have already done and are continuing to do.

Encountering Christ:

The Works of God: Jews of the first century commonly regarded blindness (or any physical ailment, for that matter) a manifestation of sin. They asked Jesus, therefore, *who* it was who sinned. Jesus responded: “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” St. Paul recounted that the Lord once told him, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12:9). God’s power becomes perfectly manifest in the poverty and blindness of our human condition, especially when we are open to his grace and his work in us.

The Transformation of Healing: After Christ healed the blind man, the Pharisees had trouble recognizing him: “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” The work of Christ in us, which heals and converts us, is a transformative work that can change the way we are perceived by others. The season of Lent is the perfect time to allow the Lord to perfect this transformation in us, but it can come at a cost. People who think they know us might be tempted to criticize us for our Lenten fasts or mortifications, claiming we’re no longer the same person. Are we willing to endure this criticism, if it means transformation into Christ?

“Even If My Father and Mother Forsake Me...”: The transformation that Christ worked in the blind man had serious repercussions for him: people didn’t recognize him, and his own parents distanced themselves from him. “He is of age; question him,” his parents said. However, he was not totally forsaken. Jesus approached him and revealed himself to be the Son of Man. For the ex-blind man, the words of Psalm 27 came true: “Even if my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in” (Ps 27:10). We need faith to seek out Christ when friends and family seem to misunderstand or reject us.

Conversing with Christ: Lord Jesus, enlighten the eyes of my heart, to see you for who you truly are: the Son of Man, the Savior of the world. Give me the strength to be able to cling to you, even when those I love seem to reject me or distance themselves from me.

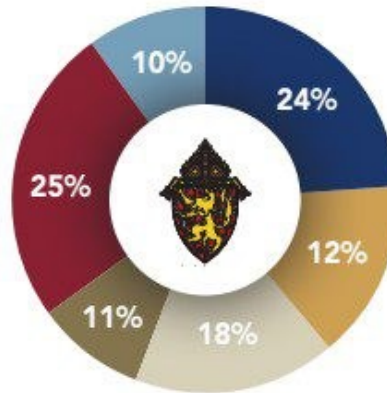
Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will extend my friendship to someone in my workplace or school who seems to be an outcast.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many Hands – One Mission, we can achieve extraordinary things, transform lives, and build a stronger, united community of faith.

MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY THE FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL

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- Communications
- Parish Assistance and Support
- Organizational Expenses



Ways to Give

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LENT IS A TIME FOR REFLECTION, REPENTANCE AND RESTORATION.

Examination of Conscience

BY FATHER LARRY RICE

In the Catholic spiritual tradition, we have a method of self-evaluation that might be a valuable spiritual exercise at this time of year. It's called an "examination of conscience." Although there are lots of different forms of this exercise, all of them are comprised of a structured list of questions to ask yourself, designed to help you determine where you might have gone wrong, what your spiritual weaknesses are, and even what you should have done that maybe you neglected to do.

If you've never done a formal examination of conscience, this might seem like a big downer. But this is a list that's just between you and God. There's no need to sugarcoat it. If, after going through the exercise, you've discovered some serious issues needing reconciliation and forgiveness, then you're well prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation or confession. At a minimum, you'll be able to base your Lenten sacrifice on something concrete.

A Brief Examination of Conscience Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend

time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect?

Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?



Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Jesus offers forgiveness to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Catholics, we are called to experience Reconciliation at least once a year. Journey through Lent with a clean heart and an open mind.

Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

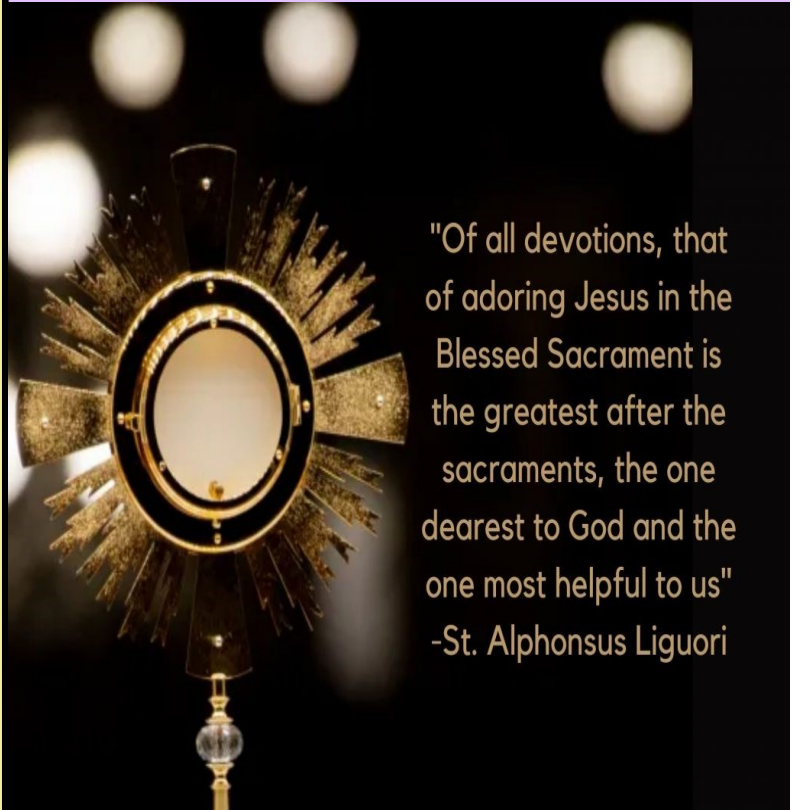
Lunes 16: 6:30p-Directiva Juan XXIII,
7pm Lideres de Renovación

Martes 17: 6:30p Legion de Maria
7:00p Circulo de Oración

Miércoles 18: 4:30p Confesiones
5:00 p Misa

Jueves 19: 5:00p Hora Santa
con Rosario y confesiones

Viernes 20: 4:30 Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa
6:00 pm Via Crucis



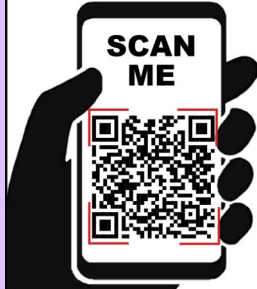
"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us"
-St. Alphonsus Liguori

19 marzo 2026

Hora Santa con rosario y confesiones

Por el desarme y la paz.

Oremos para que las Naciones procedan a un desarme efectivo, particularmente el desarme nuclear, y los líderes mundiales elijan el camino del diálogo y de la diplomacia en vez de la violencia.



Readings To-Go!
4th Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

DOMINGO DE LAETARE

El Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma es el punto intermedio al cual se le conoce como Domingo de Laetare. Laetare quiere decir "regocijo" y la Iglesia expresa esperanza y regocijo a la mitad de nuestras prácticas penitenciales de Cuaresma. ¡El color del regocijo es el rosado!



Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday (3/15/26)

- 9:00a + Jose y Francisca Colon
- 11:00a + Susan Medina Borja
- 1:00p Feligreses
- 3:00p + Manuel Rodriguez/Transito Leon

Wednesday (3/18/26)

* San Cirilo de Jerusalem* Obispo y Doctor

- 5:00 p + Patricia Pusz

Friday (3/20/26)

- 5:00 p + Nathan and Sam Luk

Sunday (3/22/26)

- 9:00a + Lucy DeJesus/Benny DeJesus
- 11:00a + Joaquin Cabrera
- 1:00p + Edwin Rivas
- 3:00p Feligreses



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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.**

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February 15 , 2026 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,999.00
*Amount UNDER	\$501.00
Ash Wednesday	\$105.00
Postage Help	\$11.00
Maintenance Income	\$6.00



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