

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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Monday – Thursday Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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(Closed for lunch 12-1 p.m., M-F)

The Clergy Staff

Pastor, Rev. Wencil Pavlovsky	(Ext. 325)
Rev. James P. Bradley	Retired
Deacon Scott Daniel	(Ext. 337)
Deacon Arturo Monterrubio	(713-741-8709)
Deacon Servando Rojas	(Ext. 337)
Deacon Jim Lockwood	Retired
Deacon Hector Romeu	Retired

The Pastoral Staff

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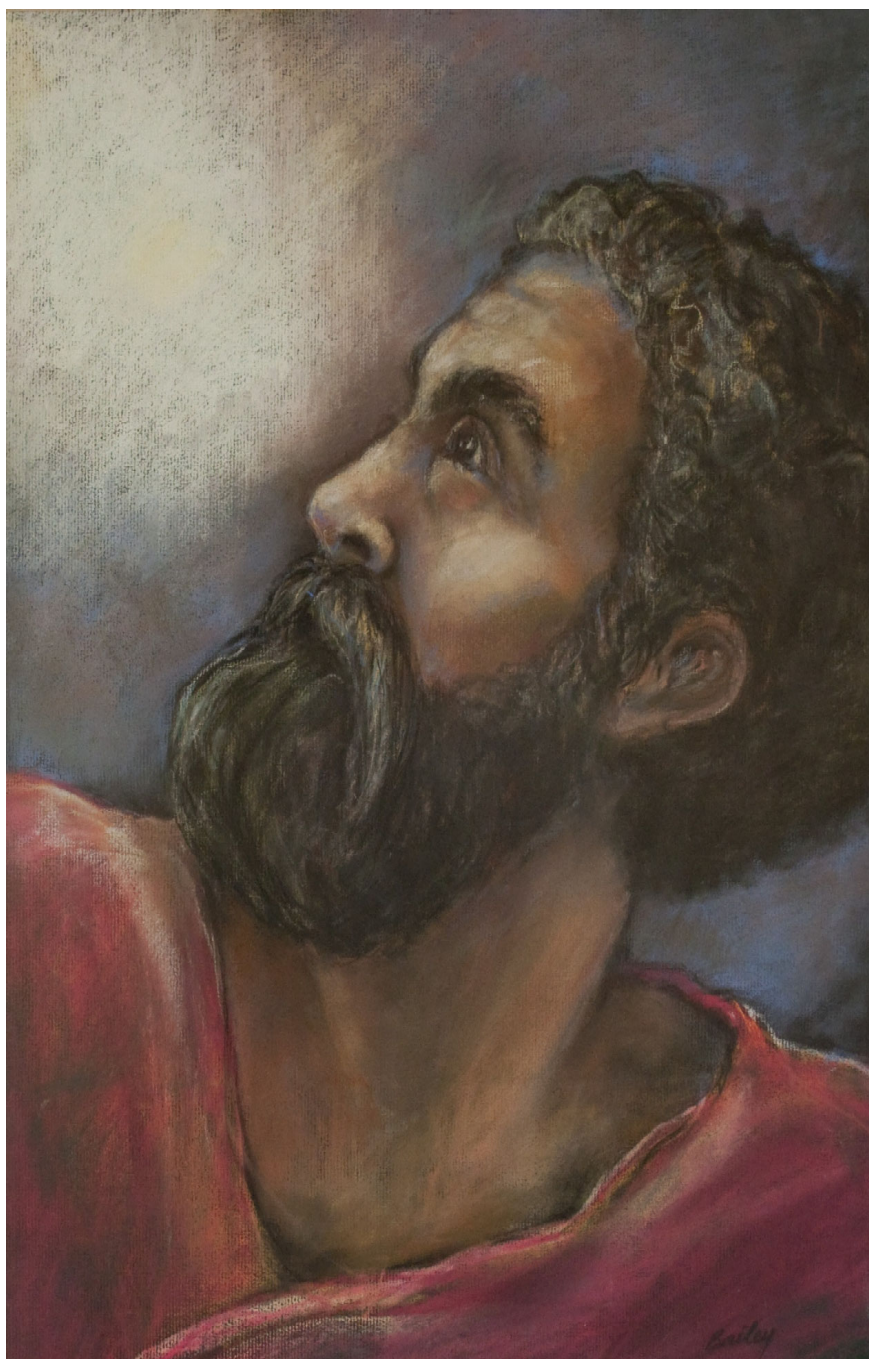
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(281-333-2509)

Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Appointment required for Financial
Assistance but not for Food Pantry



We Celebrate the Eucharist

Weekday:

Mass in English

Tuesday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)
Jueves (Thursday) a las 7:00 p.m.

Weekend:

Mass in English

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)

Domingo (Sunday) a las 12:00 Mediodía

Confessions: Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Continuously in the Chapel
6:00 p.m. Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Saturday



FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council assists the Pastor in a consultative role with administration of parish goods, encouraging support of Parish and Archdiocesan stewardship programs for Time, Talent and Treasure. For more info contact the Finance Council at

FinanceCouncil@stpaulcatholic.org

2016 Members

Fr. Wencil Pavlovsky

Chima Akanwa

Maria Conner

Jim Daniel

Ramiro Novoa

Clemente Quintana

Kathy Tamer

Diana Tran

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a representative body of the faithful, whose focus is on the parish community and fostering the mission of the Church. It is presided over by the Pastor, with members assisting in a consultative basis to represent the interests and spiritual well-being of the parish. For more information, contact the Pastoral Council at

PastoralCouncil@stpaulcatholic.org

2016 Member

Jesus Adame

Judith Crowley

Raymond Khoury

Harald Langer

Mario Moreno

Demetrio Quezada

Cruz Torres

Yvonne Vigue-Rodi

Aaron Walz

Susan Wells

Barbara Wirth

Regis Wroblewski

March 26 Financial Stewardship

Contributions	\$ 13,946.36
Regular	\$ 13,946.36
No On line deductions this period.	\$ 0.00

Building Loan Payment	\$ 37,130.77
February building Fund	\$ 17,282.83

2017 DSF	\$ 130,000**
Pledged To Date (*128 Parishioners)	\$ 53,526*
Paid To Date	\$ 37,434

*Increases as parishioners Respond to Archdiocese Appeal.

**Half of all amounts donated over the \$130,000 goal are applied to our building debt. The other half will go into Archdiocese DSF accounts.

Administración Financiera 26 de marzo

Contribuciones	\$ 13,946.36
Regulares	\$ 13,946.36
No Deducciones De Línea Durante Este Periodo.	\$ 0.00

Préstamo del Edificio	\$ 37,130.77
Donaciones de fonda para la deuda del edificio en febrero	\$ 17,282.83

2017 DSF	\$ 130,000**
Prometido al Día (*128 feligreses)	\$ 53,526*
Pagado al Día	\$ 37,434

*Número aumenta a lo que feligreses responden al apelación de la Arquidiócesis

**La mitad de todos fondos donados sobre el objetivo de \$130,000 serán aplicados a la deuda de nuestro edificio. El resto se destinara a cuentas de DSF de la Arquidiócesis.



Easy on-line giving to collections, ministries and maintenance of our Spiritual Home. Visit www.faithdirect.net to sign up. St. Paul the Apostle Church Code TX596.

Donaciones fáciles en línea a colecciones, ministerios y mantenimiento de nuestro Hogar Espiritual. Visite www.faithdirect.net para registrarse. Código TX596 para la iglesia de San Pablo el Apóstol.

**Gulf Coast Catholic Men's Conference**

The **Second Annual Gulf Coast Catholic Men's Conference** will be held on Saturday - May 13th from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Doyle Convention Center at 2010 5th Avenue North in Texas City, 77590. Cost is \$40.00 through May 3rd and \$45.00 from May 3rd until the conference. Religious and Clergy are free. The cost includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Speakers include Bishop Brendan Cahill from Diocese of Victoria and Father Larry Richards from Erie, Pennsylvania. Early bird registration starts at 7:00 AM and Mass begins at 7:30 AM. Official conference start is 9:15 AM. For more details and to purchase tickets go to www.gc-cmc.org.

St. Paul's Baby Bottle Campaign Helps Save Lives

On March 1, St. Paul prayed at Planned Parenthood during **The 40 Days for Life International Campaign**. St. Paul presented Theresa Camara of Houston Coalition for Life a check for \$919.39, representing all the funds that

You donated through our Baby Bottle Campaign! These funds will help keep the mobile pregnancy center on the street across from Planned Parenthood and offer alternatives to abortion as well as free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. Thank you so much for your contributions!

We are still missing over 80 bottles. **Please** return your bottle - empty, full, or half full. These bottles cost \$1 each, for a total of \$80 which is a loss to this ministry!



Readings & Mass Intentions ♦ Lecturas Y Intenciones de Misa
(04/02/2017 – 04/08/2017)

Sunday (Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 20-27, 33b-45) *Fifth Sunday Of Lent*

9:00 AM †Edward Tangwing, †Alicia Casmus, Cristin Rankin & family

12:00 PM People of the Parish

5:00 PM †Bernard Deladeriere, †Edward Tangwing, †Paul Edward Miller

Monday (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or -13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11) *No Mass*

Tuesday (Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30) *St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 AM Debbie Esposito

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42) *St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

8:30 AM †Bernard Deladeriere

Thursday (Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)

8:30 AM †Bernard Deladeriere

7:00 PM †Cheryl Durel

Friday (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42) *St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*

8:30 AM †Ildelfonso Ochoa

Saturday (Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56) *Vigil: (Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54)*

8:30 AM †Alicia Casmus

5:00 PM †Mary Harper, Michael Curtis, †Trifon Atanasov

Please Pray For

PERSON IN NEED OF PRAYER	REASON FOR PRAYER	SUBMITTED BY
Larry Rhea	Brain Tumor	Nancy Stancher
Jan Sebastian	Health Issues	Bernie Eisenbarth
Linda Kolkel	Illness	Carl Kolkel
Melissa Carpenter	Health concerns	ACTS
Anita Lee	Hospitalized	Lollie Lopez
Elliott Ariste	Surgery	Gil Vargas
Steve Buggy	Hospitalized	Judy O'Connor
Mary Faas	Hospitalized	Bernie Eisenbarth
Dorothy Eggers	Hospitalized	Judy Sheppard
Antoinette Fossati	Illness	Gloria Borreca
Mary Kohan	Health Issues	Pat Rosenbaum
Margaret Latimer	Health Issues	Pat Rosenbaum
Carmen Heckler	Widowed	Ana Thompson
Verena Costello	Recovery	Sam Costello
Freddie Johnston	ALS	Sonia Johnston
Tommy Schmitt	Illness	Kathleen Stellato
Brandon Walters	Healing	Kelley Walters
Beverly Tiger	Illness	Mary Cooper
Ken Tiger	Illness	Mary Cooper
David Scott	Illness	Mary Cooper
Felicitas Leal	Illness	Leonor Leal
Ernestina Soto	Illness	Leonor Leal
Don Richardson	Illness	Robbie Richardson
Linda Pankau	Unhealthy Kidney	Bibi Robbins
Ron Quebedeaux	Health Issues	Knights of Columbus
Betty Quebedeaux	Health Issues	Knights of Columbus
John Turco	Health Issues	Gloria Braccio
Yvonne Gutierrez	Brain Surgery	Vicki Gutierrez
Ted Gutierrez	Dialysis	Vicki Gutierrez



Ministerio Multicultural

"Ustedes son el cuerpo de Cristo, y cada uno en su lugar es parte de él." (1 Cor. 12:27)

Para más información acerca de este ministerio comuníquese con Esperanza Monterrubio a 281.333.3891 Ext 321 o emonterrubio@stpaulcatholic.org.

**ESTE VIERNES 7 DE ABRIL
A LAS 7 PM
VEN AL VIACRUCIS EN VIVO**

Que nuestros Jóvenes Adultos del
Grupo "Espacio de Dios"
Estarán representando en Vivo



**DIA ARQUIDIOCESANO
PARA JOVENES ADULTOS**

**¿A QUIEN ESTAMOS LLAMADOS
A SERVIR?**

**¿Tienes entre 18 y 39 años de edad?
¿Soltero o Casado? ¿Buscas crecer en
esta Cuaresma? Ven y acompaña a
cientos de jóvenes adultos en un día de
aprendizaje, música, oración, Eucaristía
y convivencia. Sábado 8 de Abril, 2017
de 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Inspírate con
presentadores internacionales y locales.
Presentado en Inglés y Español. Iglesia
de San Jerónimo 8825 Kempwood Dr.,
Houston TX 77080. **\$35 por persona, no
incluye lunch.** Inscripciones en la puerta
solamente.**



LITURGY AND WORSHIP ~ LITURGIA Y CULTO
Joyce Lubofsky jlubofsky@stpaulcatholic.org
281.333.3891 Ext. 333



ST PAUL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Next weekend is **Palm Sunday**. Please arrive **early** for Mass and remember to observe the **red-lined NO PARKING** areas. At the **9 AM English and 12 noon Spanish Masses**, we will celebrate with a Procession, gathering in the **NORTH DRIVEWAY** for the blessing and distribution of Palms, walking together into the Church with songs and Psalms (weather permitting). At the **Saturday and Sunday 5 PM Masses**, Palms will be distributed at the Church doors and blessed as Mass begins.

Tuesday, April 11th: There are NO Confessions due to the Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral.

Wednesday, April 12th: The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 12 noon until after the 8:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, April 19th.

Holy Thursday, April 13th: There is NO 8:30 AM Mass. There are NO Confessions. At 7 PM we will celebrate the bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper, which will conclude with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Exposition in Founders' Hall. Opportunity for individual silent prayer will occur until 11 PM when we celebrate a closing prayer service of lights and readings, as we accompany Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemani until midnight.

Good Friday, April 14th: There is NO 8:30 AM Mass. There are no formal Stations of the Cross. At 3 PM we will celebrate the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death in English. The Commemoration will be celebrated at 7 PM in Spanish.

Holy Saturday, April 15th: There is no Mass at 8:30 AM but we will gather at that same hour to join the Church throughout the world to pray "Morning Prayer" from the Liturgy of the Hours. We will also celebrate the final Preparatory Rituals for our RCIA elect. At 10 AM, Fr. Wencil will bless baskets of Easter Dinner Food on the steps outside the main doors. At 8:30 PM, our Church Family will gather in the NORTH driveway as we begin our celebration of the Great Vigil of Easter, the most important night of the year. This bilingual ceremony will include the lighting of the new fire and Paschal Candle, reading the Scriptures of the journey from death to life, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and the Easter Eucharist.

Easter Sunday, April 16th: There will be Mass in English at 9 AM and in Spanish at 12 noon. Children are invited to bring their Easter Baskets to Mass (**please put their names of the bottom of the baskets**) to receive a special blessing. There will be **NO 5 PM Mass**.

Easter Monday, April 17th: The **Parish Offices will be closed** and, as usual on Mondays, there will be NO 8:30 AM Mass.

Easter Tuesday, April 18th: There will be **NO 8:30 AM Mass and NO CONFESSIONS at 5:30 PM**.

Easter Wednesday, April 19th: Regular Schedule for Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes.

HORARIO DE LA SEMANA SANTA

El próximo domingo es **Domingo de Ramos**. Favor de venir **temprano** para la Misa y recuerden observar las áreas marcadas en roja en que **NO SE PERMITE PARQUEAR**. En las **Misas de las 9 AM en inglés y 12 de mediodía en español**, celebramos una Procesión, reuniéndonos en **LA ENTRADA AL NORTE** para la bendición y distribución de los Ramos, andando juntos a la Iglesia cantando himnos y Salmos (si permite el tiempo).

Martes, 11 de abril: No hay confesiones por razón de la Misa de la Crisma en el Co-Catedral.

Miércoles, 12 de abril: Se reposará el Santísimo a las 12 PM de mediodía hasta el fin de la Misa de las 8:30 AM el miércoles 19 de abril.

Jueves Santo, 13 de abril: **No hay Misa a las 8:30 AM ni confesiones a las 5:30 PM.** A las **7 PM** celebramos la Misa bilingüe de la Cena del Señor, la cual concluye con la Procesión del Santísimo y Exposición en el Salón Fundadores. Tendremos la oportunidad para oración individual y silenciosa hasta las 11 PM cuando celebramos un servicio de luz y lecturas acompañando a Jesús en el Jardín de Getsemaní hasta medianoche.

Viernes Santo, 14 de abril: No hay Misa a las 8:30 AM. No hay Vía Crucis formal. A las **3 PM** celebramos la Conmemoración de la Pasión y Muerte del Señor en inglés. Celebramos la Conmemoración en español a las 7 PM.

Sábado de Gloria, 15 de abril: No hay Misa a las 8:30 AM pero nos reunimos a esta misma hora para unirnos con la Iglesia por el mundo en rezar la "Oración de la Mañana" de la Liturgia de las Horas. Celebramos también los Ritos Finales de Preparación para nuestros Elegidos de RICA. A las **10 AM** el Padre Wencil bendecirá las canastas de comida de la Cena de la Pascua afuera de las puertas principales. A las **8:30 PM** reunimos como familia parroquial en la entrada al NORTE para comenzar la celebración de la Gran Vigilia de la Pascua, la noche más importante del año. Esta ceremonia bilingüe incluye el encendido del fuego nuevo y el Cirio Pascual, el leer de las Escrituras de la jornada desde la muerte hasta la vida, la celebración de los Sacramentos de Iniciación, y la Eucaristía de la Pascua.

Domingo de la Resurrección, 16 de abril: Hay Misa en inglés a las 9 AM y en español a las 12 PM del mediodía. Se invitan a los niños de traer sus Canastas de la Pascua consigo a la Misa para una bendición (**favor de escribir sus nombres abajo de la canasta**). **No hay Misa en inglés a las 5 PM.**

Lunes de la Pascua, 17 de abril: **Las Oficinas Parroquiales serán cerradas** y, no hay Misa a las 8:30 AM.

Martes de la Pascua, 18 de abril: No hay Misa a las **8:30 AM ni confesiones** a las 5:30 PM.

Miércoles de la Pascua, 19 de abril: Se resumirá el horario regular de la Misa y de Adoración del Santísimo.

Ministry and Continuing Education for Adults

Because Our Faith is too Rich to have ever Learned it All...



SURGE OF THE HEART
PARISH MISSION
 WITH JON LEONETTI

"One of the most inspiring parish missions available in America today."

Matthew Kelly
 Bestselling author and founder of Dynamic Catholic

Learn More!

Attend this Week's Parish Mission-Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday

Our highly anticipated parish mission takes place this week on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15 PM in the church. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this life-changing experience featuring Jon Leonetti, an internationally-known Catholic speaker, radio host, and best-selling author. Leonetti will give us practical and effective ways to live, know, and grow in our Catholic faith. He will share stories of some of the greatest people who ever lived and challenge us in our own personal holiness to better fall in love and stay in love with God. On Sunday, deli dinner will be served in Beck Hall immediately following the 5 PM Mass to allow Mass-goers and others to get a quick bite to eat before returning to the church for Leonetti's first presentation. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the meal. There also will be a free-will offering each night of the mission to help cover the costs involved with bringing Leonetti to St. Paul.

Resources for Senior Citizens

The Archdiocesan Office of Aging Ministry is inviting senior citizens to a Meet & Greet event at Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood on Monday, April 24, from 10 AM to noon. To RSVP, contact Mark Cieselski at 713.741.8712 or email mciesielski@archgh.org.

Adult Confirmation

Adult confirmation classes are beginning soon. To be included, please contact Heidi Clark at 281.333.3891, ext. 328 or hclark@stpaulcatholic.org. These classes are for baptized Catholics who have received first communion and, if you are married, are in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Silver Linings Meeting

The next Silver Linings meeting is on Monday, April 9, and will begin in the chapel at 1 PM with Stations of the Cross led by Deacon Scott. A potluck Easter luncheon will follow, and the theme of the luncheon is Wear Your Easter Bonnet. All are welcome!

Ladies Lunch Bunch Gathers

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch gathers on Wednesday, April 12, at 12:30 PM at Abe's Cajun Market and Café, 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd. This monthly lunch is for ladies age 50 or older. To join them and get on the regular invitation list, contact Mary Sue Anton at 713.254.2961. Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 10. And thanks to Abe's for making special arrangements to provide table service to all the ladies attending this lunch. Usually, this restaurant offers only counter service at lunch time but they were happy to make an exception on behalf of those ladies who are less mobile.

Feast of Divine Mercy

The deanery celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is scheduled to take place at St. Paul at 3 PM on Sunday, April 23, one week after Easter. The bilingual service will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please make plans to join this special celebration.



Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention - Join your Archdiocesan sisters May 5-6 at St. Bernadette Church, 15500 El Camino Real, Houston for four exceptional speakers, fellowship, and prayer! Theme is **"Catholic Women of Prayer, Faith, and Action"** Cost: \$35, includes breakfast and lunch. Visit the Bay Area Deanery Facebook page, email BayAreaCCW@gmail.com or call [281.245.8639](tel:281.245.8639) for registration. You will be glad you went...the speakers are EXCELLENT and it will be FUN!!

Children's Ministry

Partnering with parents to keep
the light of faith burning



For information call Sara Fontana 281.333.3891
Ext. 339 or e-mail sfontana@stpaulcatholic.org.

FAMILY RETREAT REGISTRATION NOW

OPEN!
GO
ONLINE
AND
REGISTER
TODAY



Circle Lake

Retreat scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28. Register at www.catholicfamilyretreat.org.
Call Sara Fontana for more info 281.333.3891.

SPRING SEMESTER

PRESCHOOL CCE SUNDAY/DOMINGO

During 9 AM and 12 PM Mass

April 2, 9, 23, 30, and May 7



ELEMENTARY CCE MONDAY/LUNES

6:30 – 7:45 PM English and Spanish classes

April 3, 17, 24, and May 1

ELEMENTARY CCE WEDNESDAY

5:00 – 6:15 PM English

April 5, 19, 26, and May 3

ELEMENTARY CCE VIERNES/FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:45 PM Spanish

April 7, 21, and May 5

FAMILY FORMATION CCE SUNDAY & HOME STUDY

April 2, May 7

**APRIL 2 IS THE DEADLINE
TO TURN IN CRS BOWLS!**



Turn in the Rice bowls at CCE

www.crsricebowl.org



Early Childhood Program

Seeing Children Through The Eyes of God!

For information contact: Vicky Kuehnel, Director
vkuehnel@stpaulcatholic.org or 281.333.0176

"Children are like wet cement. Whatever
falls on them makes an impression."

Anonymous



We are in need of Silent Auction items.
Having an annual Spaghetti dinner helps us
to keep our tuition rates some of the lowest
in the area. If you have items/gift
cards/new toys or books you would like to donate to
our fundraiser, we would be thrilled to have them.
Contact Vicky at 281.333.0176 or come by the ECP
office, Room 13. Thank you!!

Week of the Young Child

The week of April 24th -28th is National Week of the
young child. During this time we in Preschool education
focus on the needs of young children and their
families. We have a fun week of unique activities.

Monday we will have a visit from Texas Parks and
Wildlife. They will bring Texas animal pelt and bones.

Tuesday we will break bread as a group and enjoy Taco
Tuesday.

Wednesday is work together Wednesday. Activity for
this day is still pending.

Thursday is artsy Thursday, Our own Kathy Corbet will
come and lead us in some song and musical
entertainment.

Friday is our Spaghetti dinner and family night.

Tickets to this event will go on sale in a few weeks



Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is in full
force! Hurry & get your registration turned in before
we fill up! Don't let your little one miss out on the great
things going on in our AWESOME PRE-SCHOOL!

We are currently enrolling for Summer Enrichment.



This year's Enrichment will be "Rainforest
Romp". Your child will be able to explore the
mysteries of the rainforest without ever
leaving the classroom. The cost of this week long
adventure is \$100 with a \$25 supply fee. The dates
are June 5th-9th. Registration forms can be found in
the Narthex.

LIVING AS A PEOPLE OF GOD IN UNSETTLED TIMES

A pastoral reflection from the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The word of God is truly alive today. "When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (Lev. 19:33-34).

To live as a people of God is to live in the hope of the resurrection. To live in Christ is to draw upon the limitless love of Jesus to fortify us against the temptation of fear. Pray that our engagement in the debate over immigration and refugee issues may bring peace and comfort to those most affected by current and proposed national policy changes.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that behind every policy is the story of a person in search of a better life. They may be an immigrant or refugee family sacrificing so that their children might have a brighter future. As shepherds of a pilgrim Church, we will not tire in saying to families who have the courage to set out from their despair onto the road of hope: "We are with you." They may also be a family seeking security from an increased threat of extremist violence. It is necessary to safeguard the United States in a manner that does not cause us to lose our humanity.

Intense debate is essential to healthy democracy, but the rhetoric of fear does not serve us well. When we look at one another do we see with the heart of Jesus? Within our diverse backgrounds are found common dreams for our children. Hope in the next generation is how the nation will realize its founding motto, "out of many, one." In doing so, we will also realize God's hope for all His children: that we would see each other as valued sisters and brothers regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh (Jn. 1:14), strengthens us to bring our words to life. How might we, as Catholics and in our own small way, bring our words of solidarity for migrants and refugees to life?

1. **Pray** for an end to the root causes of violent hatred that force mothers and fathers to flee the only home they may have known in search of economic and physical security for their children.
2. **Meet** with members of your parish who are newcomers, listen to their story and share your own. Hundreds of Catholic parishes across the country have programs for immigrants and refugees both to comfort them and to help them know their rights. It is also important to reach out in loving dialogue to those who may disagree with us. The more we come to understand each other's concerns the better we can serve one another. Together, we are one body in Christ.
3. **Call**, write or visit your elected representative and ask them to fix our broken immigration system in a way that safeguards both our security and our humanity through a generous opportunity for legal immigration.

As Pope Francis said, "To migrate is the expression of that inherent desire for the happiness proper to every human being, a happiness that is to be sought and pursued. For us Christians, all human life is an itinerant journey towards our heavenly homeland."

-March 22, 2017

VIVIENDO COMO PUEBLO DE DIOS EN TIEMPOS DIFÍCILES

Una reflexión pastoral del Comité Administrativo de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los EE.UU

La palabra de Dios está verdaderamente viva hoy. "Cuando un extranjero resida contigo en tu tierra, no lo maltratarás. Él será para ustedes como uno de sus compatriotas y lo amarás como a ti mismo, porque también ustedes fueron extranjeros en Egipto"(Lv. 19:33-34).

Vivir como pueblo de Dios es vivir en la esperanza de la resurrección. Vivir en Cristo es recurrir al amor sin límites de Jesús que nos fortifica contra la tentación del miedo. Oren para que nuestra participación en el debate sobre temas de inmigración y refugiados pueda traer paz y consuelo a los más afectados por cambios actuales y propuestos en la política nacional.

No debemos de perder de vista el hecho de que detrás de cada política está la historia de una persona en busca de una vida mejor. Pueden ser una familia inmigrante o refugiados haciendo sacrificios para que sus hijos tengan un mejor futuro. Como pastores de una Iglesia peregrina, no nos cansaremos de decirle a las familias que tienen el valor de salir desde su desesperación en la carretera de la esperanza: "Estamos con ustedes". También puede tratarse de una familia que busca seguridad debido a una creciente amenaza de violencia extremista. Es necesario proteger a los Estados Unidos de una manera que no nos haga perder nuestra humanidad.

Un intenso debate es esencial para una democracia saludable, pero la retórica del miedo no es útil. Cuando nos vemos los unos a otros, ¿vemos con el corazón de Jesús? Dentro de nuestros diversos orígenes se encuentran sueños comunes para nuestros hijos. Teniendo esperanza en la próxima generación es cómo la nación se dará cuenta de su lema fundacional, "de muchos, uno". Al hacerlo, también nos daremos cuenta de la esperanza de Dios para todos sus hijos: que nos veamos mutuamente como apreciados hermanos y hermanas sin importar raza, religión u origen nacional.

Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo, la palabra hecha carne (Jn. 1:14), nos fortalece para practicar estas palabras en nuestras vidas. ¿Cómo podríamos, como católicos y en nuestra propia manera, poner en práctica nuestras palabras de solidaridad para los migrantes y refugiados?

1. **Orar** para poner fin a las causas del odio y la violencia que obligan a padres y madres a abandonar el único hogar que conocen en busca de seguridad económica y física para sus hijos.
2. **Reunirse** con miembros de sus parroquias que son recién llegados, escuchen sus historias y compartan las suyas. Cientos de parroquias católicas en todo el país tienen programas para inmigrantes y refugiados para consolarlos y ayudarlos a conocer sus derechos. También es importante acercarse en diálogo amoroso a los que puedan estar en desacuerdo con nosotros. Mientras entendamos mejor las preocupaciones de los demás, mejor podremos servir unos a otros. Juntos, somos un solo cuerpo en Cristo.
3. **Llame**, escriba o visite a su representante electo y pídale que resuelvan el fallido sistema migratorio de una manera que proteja nuestra seguridad y nuestra humanidad a través de una generosa oportunidad para la inmigración legal.

Como dijo el Papa Francisco, "migrar es expresión del anhelo intrínseco a la felicidad precisamente de cada ser humano, felicidad que es buscada y perseguida. Para nosotros cristianos, toda la vida terrena es un caminar hacia la patria celeste."

Your Spiritually Adopted Baby is Growing!

Month 6



I am 6 months old now. I just opened my eyes—before today they were sealed shut for protection. I wonder what you look like. I can hear sounds too! It's great to have someone praying for me!

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Mes 6

Ya tengo seis meses de edad. Y acabo de abrir mis ojos—hasta ahora estaban sellados para protegerlos. Me pregunto cómo eres. ¡También puedo escuchar sonidos! Es fantástico tener a alguien que esté rezando por mí.



Knights of Columbus Council 6234 Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 31

5:30 - 7:30 PM, St. Paul Beck Hall

Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies Coleslaw

Iced Tea and Coffee

Adult's plate \$12.00 (\$2.00 off with a canned good)

Child's plate \$6.00 Desserts \$1.50



Orders can be placed to go. Invite your family and friends to join us.