

# St. Paul the Apostle

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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### OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul the Apostle Parish is a community committed to celebrating and communicating the life and spirit of Jesus by word and action. Together with the Archbishop, it strives to build a living, caring and evangelizing church. The parishioners commit themselves to this mission by the sharing of their time, talent and treasure for the benefit of all in the community.

### Parishioner Registration

To better serve you and your family, please consider becoming a registered member of our community at St. Paul the Apostle. Simply fill in (name, address, phone & email) and drop it off or mail it to the rectory.

*Para servirle mejor a usted y a su familia, considere convertirse en un miembro registrado de nuestra comunidad en St. Paul the Apostle. Simplemente complete el registro (nombre, dirección, teléfono & email) y déjelo o envíelo por correo a la rectoría.*

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAYS

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 11:00 AM (at St. Ann's Nursing Home), 12:00 PM

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM - Convent Chapel

#### SATURDAY

8:30 AM - Convent Chapel  
5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

#### HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION

7:00AM, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM  
CIVIC HOLIDAYS: 8:30 AM in Church

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or any time by appointment.

#### OTHER SACRAMENTS

For information regarding BAPTISMS, R.C.I.A., HOLY MATRIMONY, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK, please visit our website or call us at the rectory phone number.

Para obtener información sobre BAUTISMOS, R.I.C.A., MATRIMONIO, EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA Y UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS, visite nuestro sitio web o llámenos al número de teléfono de la rectoría.

**Rev. Thomas Thottungal**  
Pastor

**Rev. Joseph Furnaguera**  
Parochial Vicar

**Dcn. Frank Gonzalez**  
Permanent Deacon

**Susan Loricchio**, Director of Music Ministry  
**Joanne Gorman**, Religious Ed. Director  
**Placido Constanza**, Spanish Choir  
**Fran McCarthy**, Special Education Minister  
**Alba Cuadra** (Spanish) & **Vanessa DeVillava** (English), RCIA Team  
**Lillian Arroyo**, Liturgy Coordinator  
**Evelyn Gonzalez** and **Frank Falcicchio**, Parish Trustees  
**Teddy Isada**- Finance Committee Chair  
**George Miller**- Adult Altar Servers Minister  
**Lourdes DeVillava**- Healing & Deliverance

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00PM, Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Please call to make an appointment with a priest.

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**Daily Mass Intentions- Week of January 10th, 2021**

**Saturday, January 9,**

8:30AM Benedicta Santos Birthday  
5:00PM Dan Naegele (Lourdes Zeik-Chivi)

**Sunday, January 10, (Baptism of The Lord)**

8:00AM Priscilla Velasco (Velasco Family)  
10:00AM Emmie Melendez Birthday (Nydia Rodriguez)  
11:00AM (St. Ann's) For the Residents  
12:00NN Fidel Macalalag (Macalalag Family)

**Monday, January 11, (First Week in Ordinary Time)**

7:00 AM Nellie Timbol (Rosi Reyes)  
8:30AM George & Jerry Polasky (George Polaski)

**Tuesday, January 12, (St. Marguerite Bourgeoys)**

7:00AM Marlon Miele (Wife & Children)  
8:30AM Dan Naegele (Lourdes Zeik-Chivi)

**Wednesday, January 13, (St. Hilary, Bishop & Dr. of the Church)**

7:00AM Covid-19 Victims & Families (St. Paul's)  
8:30AM Alfred Clacer (Lily Capan)

7:00PM Divino Niño (Spanish)

**Thursday, January 14,**

7:00AM For those who are sick in the Hospital (St. Paul's)  
8:30AM Alfred Clacer (Ted Palces)

**Friday, January 15,**

7:00AM For the School Children (St. Paul's)  
8:30AM Petrizzo & DeBello Families (Jane Petrizzo)  
10:00AM (St. Ann's) For the Residents

**Saturday, January 16,**

8:30AM Astrid DeLeon Castro Birthday (Ted Palces)  
5:00PM Mandoni Family (Louis & Joanne Mandoni)

**Sunday, January 17, (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:00AM (L) Nathaniel Ocfemia (Ocfemia Family)  
10:00AM Osvaldo Soriano (Lillian Arroyo)  
11:00AM (St. Ann's) For the Residents  
12:00NN Patrick Duva (Mary Beth Soehngen)

**Weekly Collection**

Sunday: \$2,757 Mother of God Jan.1, \$768  
Repair: \$150 Christmas \$1,095  
Latin Mass: \$115

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Goal: \$16,720 Pledges: \$21,082.67  
Received: \$20,454.67

Thank you for your generous contributions to  
our parish and to our Archdiocese.

**Baptism of our Lord**

**January 10, 2021**

Today, we solemnly celebrate the feast of  
"The Baptism of the Lord." Till yesterday, we  
celebrated an '**infant Jesus.**' From today, we  
celebrate an '**adult Jesus.**'

The baptism of Our Lord Jesus by John the  
Baptist in the River Jordan is an important event  
in Jesus' life with profound significance. The  
baptism of Our Lord Jesus also marks the  
beginning of his public ministry.

John the Baptist preached a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins and  
therefore, most of those coming to him were  
repentant sinners. But Jesus was sinless; he did  
not commit any sin; so, in no way did he need this  
baptism of John the Baptist.

Why did Jesus need to be baptized by John  
the Baptist in the first place?'

Firstly, Jesus did it to show his unity and  
solidarity with the human race, which he came to  
save. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the  
beginning of his mission as God's suffering  
Servant.

Secondly, he did it to sanctify the water of  
baptism, so that our sins are washed away and  
we come to a state of grace in order to follow him.  
When we are baptized, the original sin, as well as  
personal sins are washed away; we become free  
from sin and acquire the state of holiness & grace.

And thirdly, to fulfill righteousness, i.e. to  
give a new, full & divine meaning to baptism. We  
who have received the grace of baptism must  
endeavor always to live up to our baptismal  
promises throughout our life.

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*Hoy celebramos solemnemente la fiesta del  
"Bautismo del Señor". Hasta ayer, celebramos un '**niño  
Jesús.**' A partir de hoy, celebramos un '**Jesús adulto.**'*

*El bautismo de Nuestro Señor Jesús por Juan el  
Bautista en el río Jordán es un evento importante en la  
vida de Jesús con un significado profundo. El bautismo  
de Nuestro Señor Jesús también marca el comienzo de  
su ministerio público.*

*Juan el Bautista predicó un bautismo de  
arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados y, por lo  
tanto, la mayoría de los que acudían a él eran  
pecadores arrepentidos. Pero Jesús no tenía pecado; no  
cometió ningún pecado; entonces, de ninguna manera  
necesitó este bautismo de Juan el Bautista.*

*¿Por qué Jesús necesitaba ser bautizado por  
Juan el Bautista en primer lugar? '*

*En primer lugar, Jesús lo hizo para mostrar su  
unidad y solidaridad con el género humano, al que vino  
a salvar. El bautismo de Jesús es la aceptación y el  
comienzo de su misión como Siervo sufriente de Dios.*

*En segundo lugar, lo hizo para santificar el agua  
del bautismo, para que nuestros pecados sean lavados  
y lleguemos a un estado de gracia para seguirlo.  
Cuando somos bautizados, el pecado original, así como  
los pecados personales son lavados; nos liberamos del  
pecado y adquirimos el estado de santidad y gracia.*

*Y en tercer lugar, cumplir la justicia, es decir, dar  
un significado nuevo, pleno y divino al bautismo. Los  
que hemos recibido la gracia del bautismo debemos  
esforzarnos siempre por cumplir nuestras promesas  
bautismales a lo largo de nuestra vida.*

**God Bless you,  
Rev. Thomas Thottungal, Pastor**



### Parish Announcements

#### **Thank you to parishioners 2021**

Dear Parishioners,

As the New Year begins, it is important to look back on the previous year to remember the blessings that were bestowed upon us. These memories will give us strength to face the new challenges that lie ahead.

As the Pastor of St. Paul's during this sad and frightening COVID year, our parishioners gave us many reasons and so much of cooperation to keep moving forward. When our church was closed and all activities were suspended, you continued to reach out, participating in live stream Masses, requesting prayers, and expressing concern for us as well as neighbors. Once we received permission to resume Mass given a set of health-related restrictions, you cooperated with established guidelines and helped to keep the church safe for all members of our community.

Despite many sad losses, we were able to share comfort with their families and friends and acknowledge the joy these individuals brought to our lives. Although our religious education program was interrupted, we were able to offer Eucharist to 17 first communicants and administer Confirmation to 19 young people during the summer. These special events were able to take place because the parents of these children responded with immediate support and gratitude.

Our efforts to spread God's word continue, even though it must happen online at this time. Again, parents have stepped up to help teachers with this important work. Clearly, God has become stronger in our lives. As evidence of this, we are currently working with 17 adults who have decided to become fully initiated Catholics through participation in our RCIA program.

The volunteers of our parish do a wonderful job by sanitizing the church after the weekday Masses as well as on Saturdays and Sundays. This is a beautiful expression their love for God and the love and safety of the people who come to the Church.

The Priests, Deacon Frank and the staff members of St. Paul's are extremely grateful for the time, talent and treasure you have invested in this parish.

May God continue to bless you all.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas Thottungal

#### **Gracias a los feligreses 2021**

Estimados feligreses,

Al comenzar el Año Nuevo, es importante mirar hacia atrás en el año anterior para recordar las bendiciones que se nos otorgaron. Estos recuerdos nos darán fuerzas para afrontar los nuevos retos que nos esperan.

Como pastor de St. Paul's durante este triste y aterrador año de COVID, nuestros feligreses nos dieron muchas razones y mucha cooperación para seguir avanzando. Cuando nuestra iglesia se cerró y todas las actividades se suspendieron, usted continuó acercándose, participando en las Misas en vivo, solicitando oraciones y expresando preocupación por nosotros y por los vecinos. Una vez que recibimos el permiso para reanudar la Misa debido a un conjunto de restricciones relacionadas con la salud, cooperó con las pautas establecidas y ayudó a mantener la iglesia segura para todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad.

A pesar de muchas pérdidas tristes, pudimos compartir consuelo con sus familias y amigos y reconocer la alegría que estas personas trajeron a nuestras vidas. Aunque nuestro programa de educación religiosa fue interrumpido, pudimos ofrecer la Eucaristía a 17 primeros comuniantes y administrar la Confirmación a 19 jóvenes durante el verano. Estos eventos especiales pudieron llevarse a cabo porque los padres de estos niños respondieron con apoyo y gratitud inmediatos.

Nuestros esfuerzos por difundir la palabra de Dios continúan, aunque debe realizarse en línea en este momento. Nuevamente, los padres han dado un paso al frente para ayudar a los maestros con este importante trabajo. Claramente, Dios se ha vuelto más fuerte en nuestras vidas. Como evidencia de esto, actualmente estamos trabajando con 17 adultos que han decidido convertirse en católicos totalmente iniciados a través de la participación en nuestro programa RCIA.

Los voluntarios de nuestra parroquia hacen un trabajo maravilloso al desinfectar la iglesia después de las misas entre semana, así como los sábados y domingos. Esta es una hermosa expresión de su amor por Dios y el amor y la seguridad de las personas que vienen a la Iglesia.

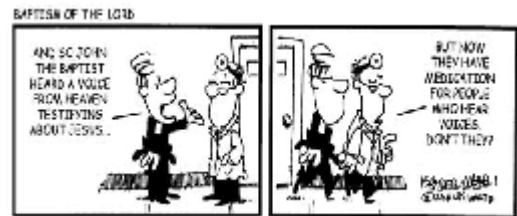
Los sacerdotes, el diácono Frank y los miembros del personal de St. Paul's están extremadamente agradecidos por el tiempo, el talento y el tesoro que han invertido en esta parroquia.

Que Dios continúe bendiciéndolos a todos.

Sinceramente,

P. Thomas Thottungal

#### Humor Corner



#### **Food for thought**

Some friends may ruin you, but a real friend will become more loyal than a brother.

(Proverbs 18:24)

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