

JAN.  
23  
2022

# ST. PAUL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



### WELCOME!

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

Sunday -

8:00 am

9:45 am (Spanish)

11:30 am

5:30 pm

ALL Masses at the Church  
9:45 am (Spanish) & 11:30 am  
Are Livestreamed

##### Daily Mass

Monday—Communion Service

Tuesday - Friday Mass:

8:00 am - English

12:00 pm - Spanish

Masses ONLY are  
Livestreamed at the Church

##### Confession at Church

Saturday..... 4:15 - 5:15 pm

##### Hour of Mercy

Monday - Saturday

3:00 pm - Church

Livestreamed

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78228

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### PARISH STAFF

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 8:30am-5:00pm  
(210) 733-7152 | (210) 736-0055

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Pastoral Team a minimum of six months prior to the proposed date.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the church office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.



#### SANCTUARY LIGHT

Donated this week by: Lily Fernandez  
In Loving Memory of her father

**MANUEL FERNANDEZ**

Altar Flowers

Donated this week by: TOM CARDENAS, RTC Floristry



#### Prayers for the Sick

Baby Jonah Arismendez  
Theresa Hildebrand  
Maria Luisa Anguiano  
Jesse Pacheco  
Roy Kaiser  
Kimberly Mendez  
Bert Guerrero  
Marissa Perez  
Kim Trinidad & Maria Luisa Cohrs  
Gilbert Hernandez  
David & Sylvia G. Willis  
Susanne Martinez

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have received the Mass Intention book for 2022 and we can now accept your requests for the year. Please write them down and bring to the parish office or mail to 1201 Donaldson, S.A., TX 78228 Attention: Martha Gonzales. You may also email your list to [mgonzales@saintpaulsa.org](mailto:mgonzales@saintpaulsa.org) Mass Intentions are \$10 each (limit two names per intention). Please call with questions to 210-733-7152, ext. 110



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Jan. 22

5:30 p.m. † Petra H. & Frank Y. Gonzales  
 † Mary Davila & Victoria Schwab  
 † Miguel Gomez, Jr.

Sunday, Jan. 23

8:00 a.m. † Jesse Olivarri  
 † Ygnacia & Andres Torres  
 † Jose Hinojosa  
 9:45 a.m. Sp † Gloria Rivera  
 † Ramon Gil  
 † Henry & Mary Santos  
 11:30 a.m. † Carl H. & Carl Joseph Dominguez  
 Liv & Dec Members Martinez-Garza Fam  
 For the People of the Parish  
 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 24

8:00 a.m.  
 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

8:00 a.m.  
 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

8:00 a.m.  
 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27

8:00 a.m.  
 12:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

8:00 a.m. † Leopoldo T. Rojas  
 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

5:30 p.m. Special Intention—James Munoz  
 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, Jan. 30

8:00 a.m. † Mario Jorge Mendiola  
 † Jose Hinojosa  
 9:45 a.m. Sp † Walter H. Rodriguez  
 11:30 a.m. Liv & Dec Mbrs Martinez & Garza Family  
 † Victoria Gomez Padillo  
 5:30 p.m. † Irene Ruttan

† Deceased

This week's 2nd Collection (1-23-22) is for the Church in Latin America  
 Next week's 2nd Collection (1-30-22) is for Project 2000

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**  
 Contribution statements are now available upon request. Please contact Martha Gonzales at 210-733-7152, ext. 110 or email: [mgonzales@saintpaulsa.org](mailto:mgonzales@saintpaulsa.org) to submit your request.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 23, 2022**

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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**Observances for the week of January 23, 2022**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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**STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY 16 2022**

Mass	Env.	Envelopes	Loose	Totals
5:30 pm Sat.	21	1480.00	144.00	1624.00
8:00 am	26	548.00	184.00	732.00
9:45 am (Span)	21	496.00	452.66	948.66
11:30 am	16	725.00	301.00	1026.00
5:30 pm	9	425.00	202.84	627.84
Personal Delivery	14	456.00	-0-	546.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>\$ 4,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,284.50</b>	<b>\$ 5,504.50</b>

Online donations: \$ 1,330.00	2nd Coll—Project 2000: \$ 560.85
DipJar donations: \$ 80.00	
Project 2000: \$ 196.00	<b>Thank you for your support and generosity.</b>





**Dear Parishioners:**

As so many of you know, I love to give you homework to read the scriptures so I am very happy that this weekend, January 22-23 is set aside in the Catholic Church throughout the world as Sunday of the Word of God. This designation came about when, on Sept. 30, 2019, Pope Francis issued the apostolic letter “*Aperuit Illis*” instituting the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as the Sunday of the Word of God, a Sunday “devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.”

The Pope’s purpose in instituting this “yearly event” is to encourage all of us “to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord.” This celebration invites each of us to consider what role the Bible plays in our individual lives and whether we dedicate enough time to the Bible. Therefore, as we prepare to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, a good starting point might be to review some possible answers to the question, “Why is it important for us as Catholics to read the Bible?”

First, it is important to read the Bible in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Pope Francis writes, “The relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians.” Without some familiarity with Scripture, we cannot really get to know Jesus, as the Pope reminds us by quoting St. Jerome’s famous phrase: “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” If we open up our Bibles, we are already opening up the door to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Second, it is important to read the Bible in order to understand our Catholic faith better and be able to pass it on to others. By regular reading of Scripture — even five minutes a day! — we can quickly grow in our knowledge of the biblical foundations of our Catholic beliefs.

Third, it is important to read the Bible in order to live holy Christian lives. Reading Scripture is not merely an intellectual affair but involves a response on our part. It is not only informational but transformational. Jesus himself tells us, “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mk 1:15). By God’s grace, habitual reading of Scripture is like a light that leads us away from the darkness of sin and along the path of holiness. Let us take advantage of this great opportunity, responding to the Pope’s invitation “to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture.”

**In Peace,**

**Fr. Prasanna Mesa, Pastor**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

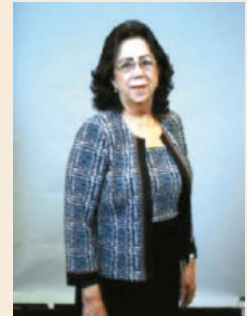
Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals

God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word

**CONGRATULATIONS LUPITA REYNA 2022 Lumen Gentium Award**



Congratulations to Lupita Reyna who has been chosen from St. Paul Catholic Church as the recipient of the 2022 Lumen Gentium Award.

Lupita Reyna has been a faithful parishioner at St. Paul Catholic Church for almost 30 years. Her dedication especially to the faith formation of children and adults is extraordinary. She has given baptismal instruction to parents and godparents for over 20 years after having graduated from the Instituto de Formacion Pastoral from Oblate School of Theology. She has also served as a catechist to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Religious Education program, the Vacation Bible School program and now is preparing children to receive the sacrament of First Communion. Lupita has served as a team member of the ACTS Retreat community as well as the Spanish Agape retreats.

Lupita is married to Juan Reyna, has 3 grown children, Tito, Cindy & Harper and 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

St. Paul is extremely grateful for the many years of service Lupita has given to the parish community and wishes her many more years. The award will be bestowed upon Lupita by Archbishop Gustavo at St. Dominic Catholic Church on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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**Queridos feligreses:**

Como muchos de ustedes saben, me encanta darles tarea para leer las Escrituras, así que estoy muy feliz de que este fin de semana, 22 y 23 de enero, sea apartado en la Iglesia Católica en todo el mundo como el domingo de la Palabra de Dios. Esta designación se produjo cuando, el 30 de septiembre de 2019, el Papa Francisco emitió la carta apostólica “Aperuit Illis” instituyendo el Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario de cada año como el Domingo de la Palabra de Dios, un domingo “dedicado a la celebración, estudio y difusión de la palabra de Dios.”

El propósito del Papa al instituir este “evento anual” es animarnos a todos a “crecer en nuestro conocimiento y amor por las Escrituras y por el Señor resucitado”. Esta celebración nos invita a cada uno de nosotros a considerar qué papel juega la Biblia en nuestras vidas individuales y si dedicamos suficiente tiempo a la Biblia. Por lo tanto, mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el Domingo de la Palabra de Dios, un buen punto de partida podría ser revisar algunas posibles respuestas a la pregunta: “¿Por qué es importante para nosotros como católicos leer la Biblia?”

Primero, es importante leer la Biblia para profundizar nuestra relación con Jesús. El Papa Francisco escribe: “La relación entre el Señor resucitado, la comunidad de creyentes y la Sagrada Escritura es esencial para nuestra identidad como

cristianos”. Sin cierta familiaridad con las Escrituras, no podemos llegar a conocer realmente a Jesús, como nos recuerda el Papa citando la famosa frase de San Jerónimo: “La ignorancia de las Escrituras es ignorancia de Cristo”. Si abrimos nuestras Biblias, ya estamos abriendo la puerta a una relación más profunda con Jesús.

En segundo lugar, es importante leer la Biblia para comprender mejor nuestra fe católica y poder transmitirla a los demás. Mediante la lectura regular de las Escrituras, ¡incluso cinco minutos al día! — podemos crecer rápidamente en nuestro conocimiento de los fundamentos bíblicos de nuestras creencias católicas.

Tercero, es importante leer la Biblia para vivir vidas cristianas santas. Leer las Escrituras no es meramente un asunto intelectual, sino que implica una respuesta de nuestra parte. No es solo informativo sino transformador. Jesús mismo nos dice: “Arrepentíos y creed en el evangelio” (Mc 1,15). Por la gracia de Dios, la lectura habitual de la Escritura es como una luz que nos aleja de las tinieblas del pecado y nos lleva por el camino de la santidad. Aprovechemos esta gran oportunidad, respondiendo a la invitación del Papa a “desarrollar una relación más estrecha con la Sagrada Escritura”.

**En Paz,**

**Padre Prasanna Mesa, Pastor**

**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO**

**ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA**

“Canten al Señor un cántico nuevo, hombres de toda la tierra, canten al Señor. Hay brillo y esplendor en su presencia, y en su templo, belleza y majestad” (Salmo 95, 1,67). La esperanza de Jesús para su pueblo y para toda la humanidad empieza aquí con este pasaje de la Sagrada Escritura. Un mundo nuevo y diverso, sin divisiones ni estatus sociales que dividen y matan. Por el contrario una tierra redimida y armoniosa, sin tinieblas ni miedos. Esta sigue siendo la esperanza de Jesús por medio de su Iglesia, que siempre, domingo a domingo, nos invita a acoger el Evangelio de Cristo. Abrazar su mensaje y dejarlo penetrar en el corazón hasta que dé fruto. Esto significa también todas sus exigencias de

amor que conlleva en el cumplimiento de sus mandamientos.

Buscar la paz y la reconciliación en la familia y en la sociedad requiere el esfuerzo de todos. ¡Nada es fácil sin el Espíritu del Señor! Para ser efectivos en la misión que él nos encomienda como bautizados, debemos de tener amor por los demás y saber reconciliarnos unos a otros, tomando la dirección apropiada que demuestre que somos discípulos suyos. Jesús pasó haciendo el bien, curando y haciendo milagros porque sabía que: “El Espíritu del Señor esta sobre mí. Él me ha ungido para llevar buenas noticias a los pobres, para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para poner en libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor” (Lucas 4,18-19). ¿Qué buenas noticias llevas tú a los que te rodean?

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**MAYORDOMÍA DIARIA - RECONOZCA A DIOS EN SUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS**

**Planta tus obras en la palabra**

Una de las cosas acerca de las Escrituras es que incluso la palabra más pequeña y la frase más corta pueden ser fundamentales para el mensaje general. Cuando te tomas un momento de tranquilidad para descansar con la Palabra, descubres cuán rápido la oración más mundana puede alcanzarte y atraparte, llevándote a una contemplación más profunda de alguna verdad que ni siquiera habías considerado hasta entonces.

Pero a menudo fallamos en actuar como los israelitas en el Libro de Nehemías, parados frente a la Puerta de las Aguas “escuchando con atención”. Ya sea en la Misa durante la Liturgia de la Palabra o en casa leyendo la Biblia, una y otra vez nos encontramos menos conscientes de lo que podríamos ser. Nuestros oídos aceptan los sonidos de las palabras y nuestros ojos repasan la forma de las letras.

Pero, ¿somos conscientes, de verdad? La mejor respuesta es, con suerte, al menos a veces. Siempre hay tareas por completar, problemas que pesan en nuestras mentes y que no podemos entregar a Dios. Nos perdemos en estas cosas en lugar de en las Escrituras. Nos “fichamos” con la lectura de la Biblia en lugar de “sumergirnos”.

Nunca podemos olvidar que las palabras del Señor son espíritu y vida. Son la tierra que vivifica la semilla de toda mayordomía.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## S.P.Y. NEWS:

**Middle School and High School Religious Education, and High School Confirmation Classes** – are held in the St. Paul School from 7:15–8:30 pm.  
**Next meeting: Jan. 30th**

**On January 23rd at 7:15 pm in the church, the confirmation candidates and their sponsors will have a special Evening of Entrustment.**

**RCIA for Teens Class** – This program is designed for teenagers who would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Next meeting: Jan. 30th - no class Jan. 23rd due to Evening of Entrustment.**

**High School Youth Group:** Come join us for High School Youth each Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 pm at the JP11 (306 John Adams). **Next meeting: Jan. 27th**

**Encuentro Day Retreat – January 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 9 pm at the Youth Education Center.** Join us for a day of faith, fun, food and reflection. Come take some time to clear your head, find out how to positively work on your mental health and how to look to your future. This event is free due to a grant. You just need to register by January 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Michelle Weekley to register.

**Middle School Youth Group- Jr SPYs:** If you are a middle schooler and would like an opportunity to share in social and spiritual activities with your friends, we meet twice a month from 3:00–4:30 pm at the St. Paul School Cafeteria. If you would like to come and join us, please call Michelle Weekley.  
**Next meeting: Jan. 30th**

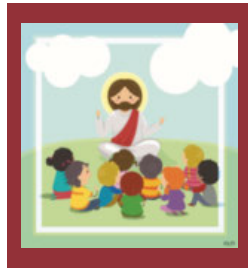
**\* For more information on any of these programs please call Michelle Weekley at (210) 733-7152, ext 128.**

**Tongues of Fire-Young Adult Group:** Keep the fire burning bright with your faith by joining the Tongues of Fire Young Adult Group. They meet every Thursday, 7:30–9:00pm in the Youth Education Center (YEC) at 1201 Donaldson, next to the community center.

**Girl Scouts** – meet on Sundays from 1-3 pm at the Pastoral Center (326 John Adams), usually once a month, sometimes twice a month. **Next meeting: Jan. 23rd**

**Cub Scouts** – (K–5<sup>th</sup> grade) meet every other Tuesday from 6:30 –8:30 pm in the YEC  
**Next meeting: Feb. 1st**

**Boy Scouts** – (5<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meet on the Tuesdays that the Cub Scouts do not meet, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the YEC.  
**Next meeting: Jan. 25th**



## FAITH FORMATION

**Join our Sunday 10 am Bible Study** at the St. Paul School Cafeteria. We study the Sunday readings with our facilitators, Margaret and John Szczybalka. Come have support as you learn the scriptures!

**Elementary Faith Formation** classes are held on Sundays at 10 am in the St. Paul Catholic School building. We are excited about a new bible study program for the fifth and sixth grades. Please sign up your children for our Faith Formation program so they can continue learning about their Catholic faith. If you have any questions please call our Faith Formation office.

**RCIA** classes for children and adults are held on Sundays at 10am in the St. Paul School. This program is for individuals needing their sacraments of initiation such as baptism, communion and confirmation. You may call the Faith Formation office for an appointment to register.

**Adult Confirmation** classes have begun. Please call the Faith Formation office to register.

**Infant Baptisms** will all be private ceremonies except for the Spanish Mass. You must call the Faith Formation office and make an appointment to register and sign up for one preparation class prior to your child's baptism.

**For more information please call Rosie Arismendez at 210-733-7152, ext. 122.**



## ST. PAUL LEARNING CENTER

An Early Childhood Development & Pre-K Program for children between the ages of 6 weeks to 4 years of age. A safe and nurturing environment where the intellectual and spiritual needs of the whole child are met!

For information or to schedule a tour contact: Josie Gonzales, Director at 210-738-8715



## ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic School's Week begins January 30, 2022 and ends February 4, 2022. We will kick off this special week with mass on the 30<sup>th</sup> and continue with activities for our children throughout the week. The school will also host a Book Fair in the Library during this week.

Early Registration discount begins during Catholic School's Week. For more details, contact Rosie at the school office at 210-732-2741.

Hope for the Future applications are now being accepted for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in sending your child to St. Paul's but are in need of financial assistance, consider applying to Hope for the Future. Further information can be found at <https://www.archsa.org/hope>

The school will be selling Catholic Life Raffle tickets until the end January. Every \$5 ticket sold goes directly to the school! Prizes include a \$20,000 Visa gift card or a 2022 Ford Focus or Ford F 150 along with each participating school drawing a winner of a \$1,000 Visa gift card.

Throughout the year, we will continue with open enrollment for PK 3-8<sup>th</sup> grades. We also offer multi-student discounts at the school. Please call Rosie Young at the school office for more information at 210-732-2741

or [rosie.young@stpaulroyals.org](mailto:rosie.young@stpaulroyals.org)



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## HOUR OF MERCY - 3 PM MONDAY-SATURDAY, CHURCH

Prayers and Devotions at the Hour of Mercy. God invites us to have 'mercy' on His only Son, the crucified one.

"Jesus, for the sake of Your Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Join us at the Church or watch it Live Streamed on St. Paul Facebook Page.





**ST. PAUL  
ALTAR  
SOCIETY**

AS members and friends came together on Tuesday, January 11 to help take down the nativity, Christmas trees, garland around the windows and doors, and the “St. Philip Neri” Christmas scene on Sutton Street. They also moved the poinsettias from the church sanctuary to the Paula House porch. Thank you to all that helped: Gracie Villarreal, Rose Caldera, Mindy Lopez, Rosemary Reyes, Norma Romo, Yolanda Hernandez, Josie Garza and husband Henry (Gramps), Delia Olivarri, Jennifer Smyrl, and Sixta Ybarra’s husband, Jesse.

We wish to acknowledge and thank our AS member, Mary Ortensie, for recently washing and cleaning the **albs** used by our altar servers at Mass. This ministry is dedicated to maintaining these garments for all parish services.

We inadvertently omitted acknowledging a poinsettia memorial last weekend. Please accept our apologies.

Donated by: In memory of:  
Diana Chilcutt

- M. Cory Chilcutt, husband
- Dan Chilcutt, father-in-law
- Frank C. Valenzuela, father
- Petra C. Ortiz, aunt
- Eulalio A. Cisneros, husband of
- Elsa Cisneros



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

Office hours: 9 am-12 noon  
Monday & Thursday

Located at: 314 John Adams Dr.  
210-998-2440

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Plant Your Works in the Word**

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn’t even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it’s at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape

of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can’t quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.”

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BULLETIN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

All St. Paul Ministries are invited to submit articles to the Sunday bulletin. We ask that the following guidelines be followed:

- All articles must be related to the work of a St. Paul parish organization’s ministry, i.e. program, fundraiser, news, etc. Articles submitted by an outside organization must be approved by a Pastoral Associate.
- All articles must be kept concise and may be edited at the discretion of the Bulletin Editor.
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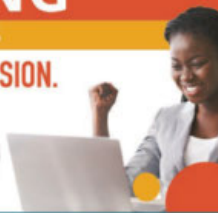
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