



# St Paul Catholic Church

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*He broke it and said,  
"This is My body, which  
is for you; do this in  
remembrance of Me..."*  
1 Cor. 11:23

*"When he was at table with them, he took  
the bread and blessed it, and broke it, and  
gave it to them. And their eyes were  
opened and they recognized him..."*  
Luke 24:30-31

## JANUARY 13, 2019, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### MASS TIMES

Saturday ..... 5:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 12:40 PM (Spanish)  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday ..... 8:30 AM  
Wednesday ..... 5:30 PM

### ADORATION & CHAPEL HOURS

Join us any time for adoration during designated hours

Tuesday and Thursday ..... 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM  
Wednesday ..... 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM  
Friday ..... 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

### OFFICE HOURS & STAFF

Monday ..... 8AM—1PM or by appointment  
Tuesday—Friday ..... 9AM—2PM or by appointment

Deacon ..... Chuck Butler ..... 256-420-2296  
Deacon ..... Dennis Kobs ..... 256-232-1426  
Secretary ..... Maria A. Taylor ..... 256-232-4191x4  
Facility Mgt ..... Chuck Butler ..... 256-420-2296  
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### Announcement Highlights

- Breakfast after 8:30 AM Mass
- Rites of Enrollment for Confirmation, 11:15 Mass
- Remember to pick up your family's contribution envelopes and 2019 calendar
- Adult Faith Formation Schedule, Page 4
- Food Bank needs listed on Page 3
- Assist Catholic Education, Page 3
- Padre Pio Prayer Grp, Our Lady of Sorrows Jan 26th
- Special collection 26-27 January, Latin America
- Are you willing to assist at Mass? We need Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans. Call the office for information
- Focus Group Meeting for Small Communities, 2:30pm, Jan 20 - Call Lori Wilson 757-291-5898

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Christian community of St. Paul, are committed to serving the Lord and His people through witnessing and stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and, rooted in the Word and Tradition, are focused on encountering Him in the Breaking of the Bread.



### THE BAPTISM of the Lord

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

**MASS INFORMATION and DAILY OBSERVANCES****SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY, ANTICIPATED FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**Holy Mass 5:00pm *in Memory of Dorothy Brannan**Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 • THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**Holy Mass 8:00am *in Memory of Dorothy Brannan,*11:15 *For the Intentions of Mia Ramsey, 12:40PM (Spanish)**Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am, 11:15am Masses***MONDAY, JANUARY 14 • FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

No Mass or Rosary

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel)

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

Holy Mass 5:30pm (Chapel)

*Rosary after Mass***THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 • ST. ANTHONY ABBOT**

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel)

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel)

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • ANTICIPATED SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Holy Mass 5:00pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 • SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Holy Mass 8:00am, 11:15am, 12:40pm (Spanish)

*Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am, 11:15am Masses***READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**SACRAMENTS****Anointing of the sick:** Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.**Baptism:** Baptisms are held in the Chapel on Sundays after 8:30am Mass. Call the parish office for an appointment for Baptism preparation class. Parents should be registered members of the parish 4-6 months.**Reconciliation (Confession):** Saturday 4:00-4:45pm, or by appointment.**Funeral Planning:** Planning a funeral for a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we will face. When a funeral is needed, please contact the Church office as early as possible and we will assist.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

*For all our parishioners, friends and family who are ill,* we ask God to keep them in His care & restore them to good physical & spiritual health. We pray for our Military, for Peace, for our Country and for our Pope!

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jackie Adams               | Madeline Madlen          |
| Mickey Akers (Butler)      | June Maplesden           |
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| Carol Bailey               | Adair McCook             |
| Isabel Bradford            | Julia Meyer (Meyer)      |
| Jerry Brown                | Christopher Neussly      |
| Kenny Carwile              | Pam Reynolds (Gibbs)     |
| Francisco Cepeda           | Mona Ridgeway (Davis)    |
| Jan Crosby (Pagani)        | Noah Ritchey (Frey)      |
| Tiffany Dabney (Maplesden) | Emma Schexnayder         |
| Pauline Garlen             | Jackie Serocki           |
| William Gavora             | Steve Smith              |
| Brenda Gibbs               | Jerry Stickney           |
| Cheri Gurganus             | Maryanne Stickney        |
| Amelia Gutierrez           | Pete Stromquist          |
| Andrew Gutierrez           | Mack and Ann Thompson    |
| Wilma Koehler              | Terri Tompkins           |
| Sandra Krieger (Frey)      | Molly Valleroy           |
| Kathy Landry (McLemore)    | Louise Wales (Thompson)  |
| Dennis Lewis (Louis)       | Dennis Wheelahan (Davis) |

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE  
January 13, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord**

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled? That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man. But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

- Cesar & Miriam Bravo.....7 yrs.....Jan 17
- David & Sarah Howse.....18 yrs.....Jan 13
- Richard & Soledad Gonzalez.....41 yrs.....Jan 14
- Daniel & Maria Sanchez.....51 yrs.....Dec 28

*May every joy you share and every challenge you face bring you closer together and closer to God, our Father.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank You! Your contributions to the Giving Tree provided food and small gifts for 24 families in our Parish. *God Bless you for your generosity.*  
St. Paul Catholic Women

The FOOD PANTRY is in need of: Grits, Cereal and Canned Fruit  
*Thank you for your continued support.*



The Limestone Correctional Facility Would like to express their thanks for the donations to the indigent Christmas Program. It is through your generosity that we are able to help the indigent and lead men to Christ.

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**SAVE THE DATE!** Padre Pi Prayer Group will meet at 10am Sat, Jan 26th at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood. Contact Angela Kolar at 256-991-9554 for details. All are welcome!

**HELP US WITH PARISH COMMUNICATIONS**

Do you have information for the bulletin? The bulletin goes to press on the Tuesday morning prior to the weekend Mass. Please have announcements to the office as soon as possible, no later than Monday.

**Parish Activities and Ministries**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K—12)**

Ann Margaret Chapman, Dr Religious Education, 256-232-4191x6

*Sundays at 9:45am, Religious Ed Bldg. during school year. Parents pick up at 10:45 in Church Hall*

**YOUTH GROUP (8th-12th)**

Rachel Bloemer, Youth Ministry, 256-771-3994

*Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm during school year, Parish Hall*

**RCIA / CATHOLIC INQUIRY CLASS**

Jim Reisz, 256-614-0038

*Wednesday 6:30pm during school year, Parish Hall Youth Room*

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Deacon Dennis Kobs (256) 232-1426

*Sun 9:40am as announced, Parish Hall Classroom #1*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** [www.kofc-athensalabama.org](http://www.kofc-athensalabama.org)

Eddie Davidson, Grand Knight; 256-431-4828

2nd Tuesday, 6:45pm, Parish Hall Youth Room

**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Pam McCue, [mccue50@gmail.com](mailto:mccue50@gmail.com), 256-233-0831

2nd Thursday, 9:00am, Parish Hall Youth Room

**CHOIR PRACTICE (Wednesday 6:00pm at Church)**

Tim Gibbs, Director, 256-230-0640

**PARISH COUNCIL** Bill Anderson 256-232-6218

**ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY** Lori Wilson,

[tolife5433@aol.com](mailto:tolife5433@aol.com)

**HISPANIC MINISTRY** Maria Taylor, 256-874-6073

**PRISON MINISTRY** Chuck Butler, 256-420-2296

**BEAREAVEMENT MINISTRY** Chuck Butler,  
256-420-2296

**FUNERAL MEAL MINISTRY** Rosemary Millan  
717-385-6586

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Basket in Vestibule  
LCCI (Limestone County Churches Involved)

**DECORATING COMMITTEE** Beth Whitt

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY 9:40 TO 10:30 AM**

Compendium of the Catechisms of the Catholic Church

Jan 6—Overview Liturgy of the Hours

Jan 13—I Believe—We Believe page 5—12

Jan 20—I Believe in God, Part 1 page 17-27

Jan 27—God, part 2 page 17-27

Feb 3—Jesus Christ, part 1 page 27-41

Feb 10—Jesus Christ, part 2 page 27-41

Feb 17—The Holy Spirit page 41-43

Feb 24—Holy Catholic Church page 44-54

Mar 3—Communion of Saints—Amen page 54-59

## Eventos e Información Hispana

### Ministerio Hispano

Para cualquier asunto comuníquese con la  
Sra. Maria A. Taylor, Tel: 256-233-0226 or 256-874-6073  
E-mail: mariataylor88@yahoo.com

### HORARIO DE MISAS

Rosario 1/2 antes de cada misa (NO en la misa en Español)  
Sabado—5:00 pm  
Domingo—8:30 y 11:15 am / Misa en Español 12:40 pm  
Martes, jueves y Viernes—8:30 am  
Miércoles—6:00pm

### ADORACION Y HORAS DE LA CAPILLA

Unase a nosotros para Adoración durante las horas designadas:

Martes, jueves y Viernes — 9:00 am a 2:00 pm  
Miércoles—9:00 am a 5:30 pm

### RECONCILIACION (CONFESION):

Sábados— 4:00 a 4:45 pm o por cita

### LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 13 DE ENERO DE 2019

**Domingo:** Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 [1]/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc3, 15-16. 21-22

**Lunes:** Heb 1, 1-6/Sal 97, 1 y 2. 6 y 7. 9 [cfr. 7]/Mc 1, 14-20

**Martes:** Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9 [cfr. 7]/Mc 1, 21-28

**Miércoles:** Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Mc 1, 29-39

**Jueves:** Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 95, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11 [8]/Mc 1, 40-45

**Viernes:** Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 78, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8 [cfr. 7]/Mc 2, 1-12

**Sábado:** Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 19, 8. 9. 10. 15 [cfr. Jn 6, 63]/Mc 2, 13-17

**Domingo siguiente:** Is 62, 1-5/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11

### LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 13 DE ENERO DE 2019

**Domingo:** El Bautismo del Señor

**Jueves:** San Antonio, Abad

**Domingo siguiente:** 2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



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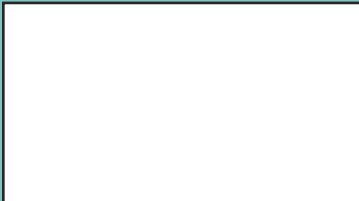


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