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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

FEBRUARY 24, 2019, SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 12:40 PM (Spanish)
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Chapel)8:30 AM
Wednesday (Chapel) 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 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS & STAFF

Monday8AM—1PM or by appointment
Tuesday—Friday 9AM—2PM or by appointment

Deacon Chuck Butler256-420-2296
Deacon Dennis Kobs256-232-1426
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Announcement Highlights

- Coffee and Donuts after the 8:30am Mass
- Volunteer Appreciation Sunday Feb 24th, 5:00 pm
- First Communion, Sat March 2nd, 2:00pm
- Sign up now for a Lenten Faith Enrichment Small Group program, see Pg3, flyers in vestibule, website
- For 2018 contribution statement, email to stpaulathal@gmail.com or contact the office.
- Charity and faith enrichment opportunities, Pg. 3
- Adult Faith Formation Schedule, Pg. 4
- Anuncios en Español, Pg. 5

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.



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

MASS INFORMATION**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Holy Mass 5:00pm *In Memory of Irene Lee**Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 • SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Holy Mass 8:30am; 11:15am, *In Memory of Connie Tamcsin, offered by Deacon Butler, 12:40pm (Spanish)**Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am, 11:15am Masses***MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 No Mass or Rosary****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 Holy Mass 8:30am, (Chapel)***Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 Holy Mass 5:30pm (Chapel)***Rosary after Mass***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel)

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel)

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SATURDAY, MARCH 2 • EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Holy Mass 5:00pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 • EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEHoly Mass 8:30am - *In Memory of Danilo Diana, offered by Leilani Diaz,; 11:15am, 12:40pm (Spanish)**Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am, 11:15am Masses***READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45 me - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 | June Maplesden |
| Mickey Akers (Butler) | Marjorie McBride |
| Edilberto Aliviado, Sr | Adair McCook |
| Carol Bailey | Julia Meyer (Meyer) |
| Jerry Brown | Monica Morgan |
| Kimberly Bush (Burgan) | Christopher Neussly |
| Francisco Cepeda | Pam Reynolds (Gibbs) |
| Jan Crosby (Pagani) | Mona Ridgeway (Davis) |
| Tiffany Dabney (Maplesden) | Emma Schexnayder |
| Claudio Datu (Emery's brother) | Steve Smith |
| Pauline Garlen | Jerry Stickney |
| William Gavora | Maryanne Stickney |
| Brenda Gibbs | Pete Stromquist |
| Cheri Gurganus | Mack and Ann Thompson |
| Amelia Gutierrez | Terri Tompkins |
| Andrew Gutierrez | Molly Valleroy |
| Ruth Kirby | Noah Vorhis (Emery's friend) |
| Dennis Lewis (Louis) | Jerry & Margaret Paulk |
| Wanda Koehler | Louise Wales (Thompson) |
| Madeline Madlen | Dennis Wheelahan (Davis) |
| Danny Pardon | Billy Blankenship (Pajack) |

Gospel Meditation, February 24, 2019

To Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you ? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Quinn & Cynthia Leonard 15 yrs. March 1

Catholic Resources available for you!



Our parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED.org, an incredible online gateway to Catholic material all in one place. Enjoy a Bible study, MP3s, books, and movies. See our website to get started.



The FOOD PANTRY is in need of: cereal, grits, jelly and cereal bars.

Thank you for your support.



Register now for a Lenten Faith Enrichment Small Group Program, "Forgiven". We will meet on Thursdays during Lent , English sessions at 10am and 6:30pm, Spanish session at 6:30pm. Pick up a flyer at church or see the website.

Bring in last year's palms by Mar 5th to make ashes.

Stations of the Cross and a Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent, beginning Mar 8th.



This is the last weekend to buy raffle tickets. We'll announce the winner next week. Thank you for your support!



Check out the St. Paul website. Stpaulcatholicchrchathens.org

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, Director, 256-232-4191x6
Sun 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
Wed 6:30-8:00 pm during school year, Parish Hall

RCIA / CATHOLIC INQUIRY CLASS

Jim Reisz, 256-614-0038, Deacon Greg Beam 256-777-4002
Wed 6:30pm, 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
Eddie Davidson, Grand Knight; 256-431-4828
2nd Tuesday, 6:45pm, Parish Hall Youth Room

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC WOMEN

Pam McCue, mccue50@gmail.com, 256-233-0831
2nd Thursday, 9:00am, Parish Hall Youth Room

CHOIR PRACTICE (Wednesday 6:00pm, Church)

Tim Gibbs, Director, 256-230-0640

PARISH COUNCIL Bill Anderson 256-232-6218

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY Lori Wilson, tolife5433@aol.com

HISPANIC MINISTRY Maria A. Taylor, 256-874-6073

PRISON MINISTRY Deacon Chuck Butler, 256-420-2296

BEAREAVEMENT MINISTRY Deacon Chuck Butler, 256-420-2296

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Basket in Vestibule

DECORATING COMMITTEE Beth Whitt



THE DIVINE MERCY GIFT SHOP

Open every weekend after 5:00pm Mass
Between 8:30am and 11:15am Mass

Cash & Checks Accepted

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

Compendium of the Catechisms of the Catholic Church

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: 256-232-4191 / 256-874-6073

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HORARIO DE MISAS

Rosario 1/2 antes de cada misa (NO en la misa en Español)

Sábado—5:00 pm

Domingo—8:30 y 11:15 am / Misa en Español 12:40 pm

Martes, jueves y Viernes—8:30 am

Miércoles—5:30pm. Rosary after mass

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 5:00 pm

RECONCILIACION (CONFESION):

Sábados— 4:00 a 4:45 pm o por cita

SI NECESITA UNA MISA PARA ALGUIEN LLAME A LA OFICINA ANTES DEL MARTES PARA PONER LA INFORMACION EN EL BOLETIN

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA - 24 de Febrero, 2019

Septimo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Las lecturas del domingo pasado nos hablaban de las Bienaventuranzas como una forma de vida. Ahora, la Liturgia nos pone en la difícil situación de amar a nuestros enemigos. Situación que compromete y responsabiliza ha ambas partes, el que persigue y el que perdona. En la primera lectura se puede escuchar claramente con el comportamiento de David hacia el Rey Saúl de cómo se ama al enemigo. En el Evangelio no se debe de perder de vista el fin de la enseñanza del Señor Jesús, "Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian, bendigan a los que los maldicen, rueguen por los que los maltratan. Al que te golpea en una mejilla, preséntale también la otra. Al que te arrebató el manto, entrégale también el vestido. Da al que te pide, y al que te quita lo tuyo, no se lo reclames." (Lucas 6:27-30)

Lo que sigue del Evangelio es una perfecta catequesis de la misericordia y compasión de Dios hacia todo el que escucha su Palabra y la pone en práctica. La vida de todo bautizado debe estar colmada de esa gran bondad que Jesús mostraba a su pueblo en su tiempo y ahora en este tiempo. Compromiso de amor que implica no juzgar a la ligera a los que nos rodean; de perdonar a los que nos hacen mal en un proceso de vida. Para lograr ese proceso les invito a reflexionar en las siguientes preguntas: ¿Quiénes son hoy en día los enemigos de la familia y la sociedad? ¿Quiénes persiguen a los jóvenes en su lucha para cumplir sus sueños? ¿Quiénes promueven la justicia y la paz en la familia y la sociedad? La respuesta te implica a ti.

- Regístrese para el programa de Cuaresma de Grupos Pequeños, "**Perdonado**". Los jueves durante la Cuaresma. Sesión en Español a las 6:30 pm. en el Salon. Recoger un volante en la iglesia o ver el sitio web.
- Traiga sus palmas del año pasado antes del 5 de marzo para hacer las cenizas.
- Empezando el 8 de marzo, **Estaciones de la Cruz** y luego una comida de pescado frito los viernes durante la Cuaresma.

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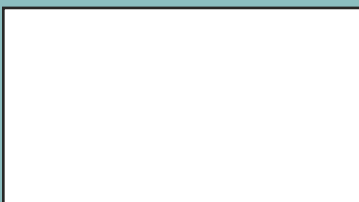
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