



# 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

## JULY 4 2021, 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### REGULAR MASS TIMES

Saturday .....5:00 PM  
1st Saturday.....6:10 PM, Spanish  
Sunday.....8:30 AM, 10:30 AM  
Tuesday (Chapel) .....5:30 PM  
Wednesday (Spanish) (Chapel) .....5:30 PM  
Thursday, Friday (Chapel) .....8:30 AM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday .....9AM - 3PM

### PARISH DIRECTORY

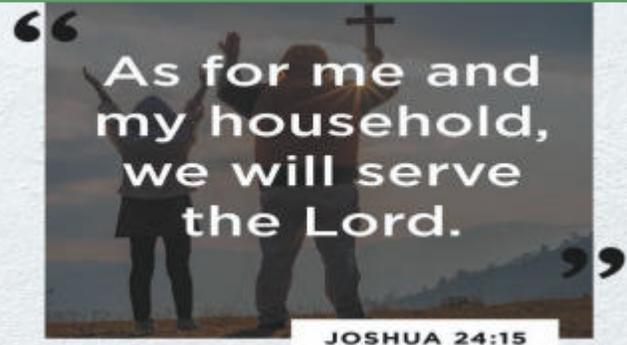
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### OFFICE STAFF

**Secretary** Paola Lagunas.....256-232-4191x3  
**Coordinator, Parish Ministries**  
Patricia Kobs.....256-232-4191

### Announcement Highlights

- The office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.
- Mrs. Lori Wilson will have New Altar Server training between the Masses at 9:30AM on Sunday July 11, 2021. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and we encourage previous altar servers to join as a refresher.
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## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## MASS INFORMATION

**SATURDAY, JULY 3****Vigil Mass 5:00pm; 6:10pm (Spanish)***Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SUNDAY, JULY 4 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Holy Mass 8:30am - In Memory of Edilberto Aliviado Sr.;  
10:30am***Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am Mass***TUESDAY, JULY 6***Rosary – 5:00pm Mass—5:30pm***WEDNESDAY, JULY 7****Mass—5:30pm (Spanish)****THURSDAY, JULY 8***Rosary – 8:00am Mass—8:30am***FRIDAY, JULY 9***Rosary – 8:00am Mass—8:30am***SATURDAY, JULY 10****Vigil Mass 5:00pm***Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SUNDAY, JULY 11 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Holy Mass 8:30am - In Memory of Bernardino and Medardo Aliviado; 10:30am***Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am Mass*

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## READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26 • St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38 • St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23 • St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33 • BVM

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-1 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SACRAMENTS

- ◆ Anointing of the sick: Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.
- ◆ Baptism: Call the office for information.
- ◆ Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 4:00pm—4:30pm in the Chapel Sacristy
- ◆ Weddings: You must meet with the parish priest a minimum of 6 months in advance. Please meet with the parish priest before you set your wedding date.
- ◆ 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.

Total Collection from 6/23/21 - 6/29/21

Regular:\$4,671.00 Building: \$4,620.00

**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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| Lois Ware Glasper | Perry Michael      |
| Kenny Carwile     | Collier Vann White |
| Kristine White    | Matthew Gardner    |

Please call or email the office to request a loved one's name be put on the prayer list. Each month, the prayer list will be reviewed. Please let the office know if the person needs continuous prayers.

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

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

- Gabriel and Romualda Delacruz-Gonzalez.....17 yrs...Jul 3
- Marcelo and Dorota Meis.....28 yrs...Jul 3
- Marco Antonio Martinez and Yessica Carpio.....11 yrs...Jul 3
- Jose and Isabel Ayala.....23 yrs...Jul 5
- Mark and Karen Elsesser.....9 yrs...Jul 5
- Michael and Jennifer Mueller.....19 yrs...Jul 5

**Congratulations to the students that received the sacrament of First Holy Communion! May you continue to grow in your faith.**



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: If you have been an Extraordinary Minister or would be willing to be, please help us update our records by marking the list in the vestibule.**

**We are forming a new group called the Angels of Mercy to help with outreach ministries such as ministering to the homebound and supporting local discipleship groups. Please sign up in the vestibule if you can help.**

**We will have an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 25th. The cost is \$5. Please sign up in the vestibule if you plan to attend.**

**We now have the option for you to receive gluten-free host. If you would like to receive a gluten-free host, please contact Patsy Kobs at the office.**

**There is an upcoming Conference for the Year of the Parish and the Eucharist that the Bishop has announced. It will be Friday night, August 13th, beginning at 7:00 PM with Eucharistic adoration in the church at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville with a Eucharistic procession to follow. For more information on this event, please visit our website.**

**Parish Activities and Ministries**

Religious Education  
(K—12)  
Ann Margaret Chapman,  
Director, 256-337-6730

Decorating Committee  
Beth Whitt

RCIA / Catholic INQUIRY  
Michael and Pam McCue,  
256-233-0831  
Wed 6:30pm Church Hall

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Basket in Vestibule

Adult Faith Formation  
Deacon Dennis Kobs  
(256) 232-1426

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St. Paul Catholic Women  
Pam McCue,  
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Deacon Chuck Butler,  
256-420-2296

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**Income Report**

January—May 2021

**General Fund:**

Regular Collection: \$ 56,008.00

Online Collection: \$ 18,898.23

Holy Day Offering: \$ 5,937.00

Total: \$ 80,843.23

Building Fund: \$ 86,212.06

Total: \$ 167,055.29

YTD Budgeted: \$ 217,083.33

Deficit: \$ 50,028.04

Eventos e Información Hispana

**HORARIO DE MISAS**

Sábado - 5:00 pm  
Primer sábado del mes - 6:10 pm (Español)  
Domingo - 8:30 am y 10:30 am  
Martes - 5:30 pm  
Miércoles (Español) - 5:30 pm  
Jueves y Viernes - 8:30 am



SI NECESITA UNA MISA PARA ALGUIEN, POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA UN MES ANTES DE LA FECHA DESEADA .

Estamos comenzando un nuevo grupo en la Iglesia llamado **Ángeles de la Misericordia** para ayudar con ministerios de alcance, como ministrar a los grupos de discipulado locales confinados en el hogar. Regístrese en el vestíbulo si puede ayudar.

**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO**

¿No es éste el carpintero? Le ha pasado por casualidad que a usted le diga la gente y especialmente familiares amigos esta misma frase. Por ejemplo, se escucha, es la hija de la del salón de belleza, es el hijo del taquero de la esquina. Y así sucesivamente, parece que es muy difícil reconocer a la persona por su nombre y por sus virtudes. ¡Si le paso a Jesús en su tiempo nos sucede también en el nuestro! “Si hay un lugar donde un profeta es despreciado, es en su tierra, entre sus parientes y en su propia familia” (Marcos 6:4).

Y seguimos de incrédulos en lo que a Dios se refiere, hay gente que todavía vive como si Dios no existiera. Lo vivimos en esta terrible pandemia, donde tanto dolor ha habido, muchas personas han muerto, y aun así no creemos. Para ver a Dios entre nosotros, definitivamente necesitamos de creer y vivir la gracia de tener a Jesucristo como centro de nuestra vida. El Papa Francisco lo explica mejor con la siguiente pregunta: “¿Por qué los compatriotas de Jesús pasan de la maravilla a la incredulidad? Hacen una comparación entre el origen humilde de Jesús y sus capacidades actuales: es carpintero, no ha estudiado, sin embargo, predica mejor que los escribas y hace milagros. Y en vez de abrirse a la realidad, se escandalizan: ¡Dios es demasiado grande para rebajarse a hablar a través de un hombre tan simple! Es el escándalo de la encarnación” (7/8/2018). Para ser sinceros, casi nunca reconocemos a

Cristo en las personas que nos rodean o a las que tratamos de cerca. Y es ahí, donde Dios está manifestado. ¿Cree usted esto?



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