

Saint Paul the Apostle

Catholic Church

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**Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday — Thursday
9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday:
8:30 am to 12:00 noon**



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
December 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m

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Religious Education for all classes will **not** be held on November 28th.

Altar Server training will take place on Sunday, November 28th following the 10:30 Mass.

For their December service project, Confirmation 1 & 2 students will be coordinating our Church's Giving Tree. If you know of a family who needs some extra help this Christmas, please submit their name to the front office by November 28th.

Make time for Adoration this Friday. You are invited to visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament any time between 9:00 am and 10:00 pm, Friday December 3rd. This time of year, quiet time with Our Lord is a precious gift!

Mass Intentions

Saturday November 27th

4:00 PM Mass (Anticipatory) + Leon and Dorothy Spletter
(Pat and Judy Byrne)

Sunday, November 28th

7:30 AM Mass

No classes Thanksgiving Break for all grade levels

10:30 AM Mass Pat Laintz (health and well being)
By Mike Kraft

Monday, November 29th

No Mass

Tuesday, November 30th

No Mass

Wednesday, December 1st

9:00 AM Mass + Blanche Polinski
(James and Carol Ozzello)

4:00 PM Adoration

Thursday, December 2nd

9:00 AM Mass

6:30 PM Communal Penance Service

Friday, December 3rd

9:00 AM Mass

Saturday, December 4th

4:00 PM Mass (Anticipatory)

Sunday, December 5th

7:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Religious Education 1st-6th Grades

10:30 AM Mass

12:00 PM -1:30 PM Confirmation 1 & 2

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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Gospel Meditation

November 28, 2021 1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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Please remember our Sick and Homebound

Canni Billinger	Tony Torres Jr.
John Buglewicz	Judy Howard
Patrisia Cordova	Martha Archuleta
Cortese Family	Steve Olsen
Janet Cruz	Kathy Krueger
Olga Dick	Angela Vigil
Keith Emert	Mary Jo McDermott
Char Finch	Klara Sillpo
Butch Goddard	Renee Hadad Cichon
Robert Hayman	James Hiner
Lloyd Jacquez	Carol Edgeworth
Pat Laintz	Norman Kuhns
Jeremy Laintz	Carol Kuhns
Mary Lontine	Cheryl Salay
Isiah Maez	Frank Palacio
Cameron Martin	John O'Day
Mary Ann	Jaxon Coplen
McCloskey	Katie Fisher
Kevin McCloskey	Jack Mattingly
Fr Mike (friend of the McCloskeys)	Linda Wilson
	Linda Welte
Dorothy Orr	James Derr
Kirsten Pachek	Claudia Schopf
Kai Pedersen	Any Huth
Shirley Palacio	Alejandra
Holly McPhearson	Escheveste
Christine Dickson	Gordon Messer
Chris Pettigrew	Jason Bilberry
Peter Sorenson	

Lumpia orders will be ready on 4 and 5 December following mass. Additional pork or beef lumpia may be purchased on those two days if available.



Knights of Columbus still have some left over breakfast burritos for sale. Please contact Jeremy Pelitier or Cliff Brown

Knights of Columbus members may pick up and/or pay annual assessments following Masses on December 4 and December 5 in the Narthex

Rosary continues to be held after each mass except for Christmas and New Year's weekend.

The Legion of Mary was started by Frank Duff in 1921 which means it is 100 years old this year! It is an association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces, (who is fair as the moon, bright as the sun, and to Satan and his legionaries, terrible as an army set in battle array), have formed themselves into a Legion for service in the warfare which is perpetually waged by the Church against the world and its evil powers.



From the Legio Mariae pg.9.

If you are interested in learning more about it, call Carla Begel 904-655-7501 or Bob Begel 904-866-5065

**Confessions on Wednesdays
4:15 - 5:45pm**

No appointment needed