



# ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

**Sunday, December 15, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a



*Come, Lord Jesus*

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**The Birth of the Messiah**  
**Wednesday, December 18th**  
**9:15 am & 7:30 pm**  
**Kinane Center**



**St. Paul of the Cross Welcomes...**

Every Sunday at 1:15 PM  
Baptismal preparation class is required  
and provided on The 4th Thursday  
every month at 7pm.  
(Contact the Parish office to register  
for Baptism/Baptismal prep class).



**Wedding Banns**

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

**Advent 2019**



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**Advent Reconciliation Service**  
**Monday, December 16th**  
**7:30 pm - Upper Church**



Tuesday, December 24th at  
3pm Upper Church



**4 Early Bulletin Deadlines in  
December & January!**

- 12/10 is the deadline for **BOTH** 12/15 & 12/22
- 12/13 is the deadline for the 12/29 bulletin
- 12/20 is the deadline for the 1/05 bulletin
- 1/3 is the deadline for the 1/12 bulletin

Thank you!

Lisa Pasquinelli  
[lispasquinelli@spc-church.org](mailto:lispasquinelli@spc-church.org)



Dear St Paul of the Cross Parishioners,

Five years ago Pope Francis was in Turkey, a country that is predominantly Muslim even though it is deeply connected to Christianity over the last two thousand years. One of the historic gestures that the pope extended on his visit was to meet with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the head of 300 million Orthodox Christians. The Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church have been separated for a thousand years and the split came about over the authority of the papacy. Against such a historical background, the pope asked the Patriarch for his blessing. There was a time when patriarchs had to kiss popes' feet. At the end of a joint prayer service, Francis bowed to Bartholomew and asked for his blessing "for me and the Church of Rome," a remarkable display of papal deference to an Orthodox patriarch that expressed the Holy Father's hope to end the schism. The papal gesture was an attempt at reconciliation between two major Churches.

The Season of Advent also is all about reconciliation. What is the mystery we celebrate? It is the mystery of the Incarnation. The Son of God takes on our human, mortal nature in order to reconcile us to the Father. The great theologian, St Anselm, said: "What is assumed is redeemed." The Second Person of the Holy Trinity assumed our sinful flesh to bridge the infinite divide that had been created by the sin of Adam. Advent as well as Christmas is all about reconciliation. Thanks to the birth of Jesus we can call God our Father and the doors of heaven are open for us once again.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has relevant words in this regard: "The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God, who 'loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins'." (#457) It goes on to quote St Gregory of Nyssa who wrote:

Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Savior; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state? (#457)

It is our tendency to think that Lent is the time for reconciliation. Advent is also an apt time to work towards reconciliation. The two feasts that serve as bookends for the Season of Advent are Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both those special days bring families together. Where do we have the majority of our difficulties and differences in relationships? Within families. How often the celebration of these two family days ends up in more hurts and anger! Old resentments do not die easily. It is amusing that as adults we fight with our siblings just like we did when we were children.

Advent is a good time to reach out to those family members who pose special challenges to us. It is a good time to build bridges and to mend fences. We find it hard to reconcile and move on because of two reasons. First, our egos get in the way. Second, we focus too much on the hurt and not enough on the person.

The biggest obstacle to forgiveness is pride. When I am filled with pride, everything is about me. I play the victim and insist that I deserve better. On the other hand, when I am humble, just like Jesus, I concede that the other person may not be totally wrong. I realize that I have been forgiven many times and so I must forgive others. Recognition of my own faults leads to compassion and reconciliation. Pride, on the other hand, makes a person hold on to the hurt.

Second, we are unable to forgive because we focus too much on the hurt we received. We forget the person we love. This can happen even in good marriages. We have to stop and think: "Does this one hurt cancel out all the love we have shared, all that we have invested in this relationship?" Certainly not. When we turn our attention to the person, then we realize the foolishness of being unforgiving.

Let us remember that the Son of God sets us free. By imitating His act of forgiving His murderers, we set ourselves free. As someone has said, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was YOU!"

Let us build some bridges this advent. Let us mend some fences. Let us extend our hand of forgiveness and reconciliation – to those we love.

Yours warmly,

*Fr. Brito*

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas

3:00 pm - Upper Church & Holy Family Chapel & MPLC Gym  
 5:00 pm - Upper Church & Holy Family Chapel  
 5:00 pm - Family Mass MPLC Gym  
 Prelude Harp: 11:00 pm - Upper Church  
 Prelude Choir: 11:30 pm - Upper Church  
 Midnight Mass: 12:00 am - Upper Church

### Wednesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 am - Upper Church  
 9:00 am - Upper Church  
 10:30 am - Upper Church & Holy Family Chapel  
 12:00 pm - Upper Church & Holy Family Chapel

### Tuesday, December 31—Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

4:30 pm - Upper Church

### Wednesday, January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am - Upper Church  
 10:30 am - Upper church



**We have a significant need for Lectors,  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & Altar Servers  
 for all our Christmas and New Years Masses! Sign up sheets are in the Sacristy.**



As has been our parish tradition, we will  
 have **Oplatki Christmas Wafers**  
 available in the Upper Church Sacristy  
 and the Rectory. \$2 donation is appreciated.



### Christmas Week– Weekday Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, December 24 : 8:30am Mass only. There will be no Confessions.  
 Thursday, December 26: 8:30am Mass only. No Confessions.  
 Friday, December 27: Usual Mass times 6:25am & 8:30am.**

#### Weekday Rectory Office Hours Christmas Week

Tuesday, December 24: 9am - 12pm  
 Wednesday, December 25: Office Closed  
 Thursday, December 26: Office Closed  
 Friday, December 27: 9:00am - 4:30pm  
 Saturday, December 28: 9:00am - 4:30pm

#### New Year's Week

Tuesday, December 31: 9:00am - 12pm  
 Wednesday, January 1 : Office Closed



#### A Note from the Ushers.....

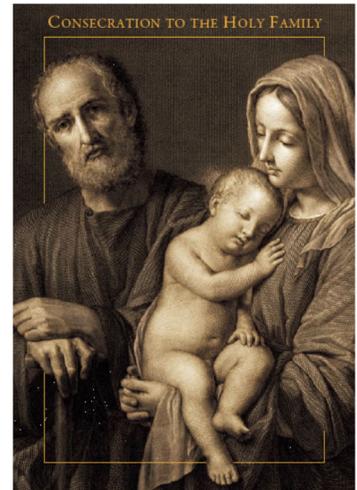
Christmas Eve Services will once again be very  
 busy, especially all of the 3pm Services.  
 Seating will fill up early. We will do our best to accommodate all.  
 For those who arrive late,  
 the Parish Life Center will be your best option.



The Knights of Columbus Maria Council #4836 invite all families to participate in a Consecration to the Holy Family.

The Consecration will be offered at both of the Masses in St. Paul of the Cross' Holy Family Chapel on Sunday, 12/29/19 (Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph).

To receive the full benefit of the intercession from the Holy Family, one must cleanse the body, mind, and soul. In preparation for a Consecration to the Holy Family, your family should decide to dedicate itself to the Holy Family's intercession, and acknowledge that the family is sacred.



Four suggested steps *before* praying the Consecration to the Holy Family on the Feast Day of the Holy Family:

Discuss the importance of this Consecration as a family and why you are doing it.

Each Member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As a family, intentionally choose something from which to fast.

The fast is recommended to be for one week or longer.

Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

For more information, go to [www.mariacouncil.org](http://www.mariacouncil.org) or email [kofcmaria4836@gmail.com](mailto:kofcmaria4836@gmail.com).

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## Why is purple the color of Advent?

There are a few reasons why purple holds importance during penitential seasons. One reason is the historical signification of royalty. The making of purple dye during ancient times was rare and expensive, therefore it was the mark of someone rich and powerful... someone like a king.

We know during this same time Israel longed for a messiah. Messiah means anointed one, which is another phrase for king. Israel was without a king and longed for the return of their kingdom.

The purple used throughout this Advent season signifies the coming of the One True King.



## Third Week Of Advent Prayer

courtesy of Loyola Press

Lord God, may we, Your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

~AMEN.

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



### FOR GUIDANCE AND PREPARATION

In celebrating the Advent season, we are witnessing how God's Plan for the salvation of mankind is unfolding. After centuries of Scripture and Prophecies promising the coming of the Messiah, the timetable is quickly getting shorter. The Annunciation to Mary of her Divine pregnancy, and the birth of Jesus approaching in nine months dictates that the day is imminent. No more hoping, no more uncertain waiting. He is at last coming to us and will be here shortly.

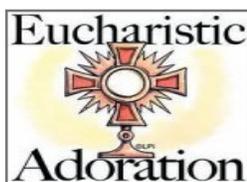
In the meantime, today's Gospel tells us that the Father has also sent a "Messenger ahead of Him," namely, St. John the Baptist to prepare His way.

We have been advised in various spiritual readings during the year, of the value of "Being Prepared." It seems that in human nature, preparation is the easiest thing to delay and the hardest thing to do. However, Spiritual Preparation, if not done, or not done well, could result in a soul-lost situation.



**One of the personal benefits of our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is the realization that it is a place to go when one is troubled and does not know what to do. It is comforting to know that one can pray before Jesus, present in the Sacred White Host, face to face. He will guide us in our efforts to spiritually prepare us for Advent or, if we ever waver in our day-to-day efforts to maintain our spiritual balance.**

**He is there and waiting to help us.**



If you choose an hour which already has one Committed Adorer, this enables the Committed Adorers for that hour to have some flexibility, if they are unable to be at the Chapel for their hour.

### ONE COMMITTED ADORER HOURS

Day	Night	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sun	5 am	8 am*	5 pm	10 pm*
Mon	3 am	10 am*	12 pm	11 pm
Tues	2 am	8 am*	1 pm*	10 pm*
Wed	1 am	7 am*	12 pm	6 pm*
Thur	4 am	9 am*	5 pm*	8 pm*
Fri	3 am	8 am*	5 pm*	11 pm*
Sat	2 am	10 am	3 pm	7 pm

OPEN HOUR – NONE

*\*This hour has 2 Committed Adorers 1 more Adorer is required*

**Can You Share One Hour With Our Lord?**

Please contact Vince Ross [vrossvr@comcast.net](mailto:vrossvr@comcast.net) or (847) 692-7565



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## LAST CALL FOR ADOPT A FAMILY!

With only a few days to go before Christmas, the best way to help Social Service Ministry is by donating Walmart gift cards in \$25 or \$50 denominations or making a monetary donation for the needy families. Monetary and gift card donations must be received by this Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.



HURRY ONLY A FEW  
DAYS LEFT!

*A reminder for those who have already adopted their families for this Christmas:*

- Drop off for gifts will take place on Friday, December 20, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. & from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. at the Parish Life Center.
- Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate early drop offs. Storage is not available.
- Wrap all gifts individually and put nametags on each. Include gift receipts, especially for clothes.
- Put the wrapped gifts in a big bag (s), tie with a bow, and tape the family number on the outside.

If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Timm at Social Service Ministry 847-692-6767 or [adriennetimm@spc-church.org](mailto:adriennetimm@spc-church.org).

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation

During the upcoming year, we will be following the readings of Cycle A, which are characterized by the Gospel of Mark. We begin the year with the season of Advent, a time of hopeful anticipation. Advent is a time for both our remembrance of Jesus' birth and our expectation of Jesus' return in glory at the end of time. The Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar state, "Advent is a time of devout and expectant delight." During this time of Advent, we take up the cry of St. Paul and the early Christians: Maranatha! "Come, Lord Jesus!"



### The St. Paul of the Cross Book Group

will meet on Monday January 6th at 7:30pm  
in the Morello Center Meeting Room to  
discuss

*Last Bus to Wisdom*  
by Ivan Doig.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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## Save the Date    March for Life Chicago

**Saturday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Federal Plaza, 50 W. Adams**

Join fellow parishioners and thousands of others at March for Life Chicago 2020 as we come together from across Chicago, the Midwest and the U.S. to defend, protect and celebrate LIFE! 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of women gaining the constitutional right to vote. The original suffragists were ahead of their time in speaking out about the injustice of abortion ending innocent human lives and harming women. The heroic example of these women has inspired March for Life, both nationally and in Chicago, to choose this year's theme as

### "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman"

Just as the suffragists peacefully advocated for women's equality and made great progress, so pro-life advocates peacefully advocate for equality for the unborn and the well-being of women. March for Life Chicago is an inspiring afternoon that provides the opportunity to take an active role in standing up for the most fundamental right of all - the right to life.

St. Paul of the Cross will sponsor a bus to take parishioners to and from the march. The bus will leave the main parking lot at 1:00 p.m. The speakers will begin at 2:00, followed by a 1-mile march through downtown. The bus will leave Federal Plaza at 4:00 p.m. and return to the church parking lot. The cost is \$10 per person. Please contact either Cecilia Klein [cmklein817@gmail.com](mailto:cmklein817@gmail.com) or Mary Jo DiRe [m.dire@comcast.net](mailto:m.dire@comcast.net) to reserve your seat.

Reservations are on a first come basis and the deadline is Friday, January 3rd, 2020.

**Sponsored by the St. Paul of the Cross Respect Life Committee**



## Welcome to St. Paul of the Cross.....

### Register as a Parishioner

Please join us on the First Sunday of every month in the Parish Life Center.

**Update your information...** Have you moved? Married? Changed your phone number or email address? Help us keep our information accurate. Call the parish office (847-825-7605) with your new information.

### Sign up for our e- newsletter...

We would love to send you our newsletter that features the SPC events. Visit our website home page and look for the e- Newsletter sign up area.

**Download our Parish App...** stay connected with all the news and events here at SPC.



For all young adults  
in their 20s & 30s, single or married  
Our next meeting:  
Tuesday, January 7th at  
7:30pm in the Parish Life Center.

Join us for an evening of fellowship.  
We hope to see you there!  
Questions? Contact Beshar:  
[beshare@hotmail.com](mailto:beshare@hotmail.com)



## Praying With Scripture

Come join Praying with Scripture as we let the Holy Spirit guide us through meditation and reflection on the Sacred Scripture.

*No experience necessary.*

*All are welcome!*

**Thursdays at 7:30pm  
in the Kinane Center**

For more information, feel free to call Beshar at 847-858-2374.



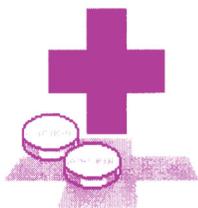
## Senior Singles Moving On

Senior Singles will attend **the 10:30 Mass, on December 15th, in the upper church,**  
in lieu of a meeting, on December 22nd.

Several pews have been reserved in the front of the Church, as you enter on the Washington St. side.  
Immediately following Mass we will enjoy brunch, at the Park Ridge Country Club.  
Reservations for the brunch are now closed.

Senior Singles meet on the fourth Sunday of every month, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.  
The location may vary during the next few months.

For information contact Loretta Fleischmann, 847-696-3061, [lfleischmann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lfleischmann@sbcglobal.net)  
or Helen Roppel, 847-823-2998, [hmropel@gmail.com](mailto:hmropel@gmail.com).



### NURSE'S NOTES.....

Hi everyone.

Today we'll discuss a little of this and a little of that.... I'm sure that we have heard or read about the beneficial to the gut, probiotic foods like kefir, sauerkraut, kimchi, etc.. And now we're learning about the importance of prebiotics. So, what are prebiotics and why are

they good for us? Prebiotics can benefit us by "stimulating the growth and/or activity of healthy bacteria in the colon", thus likely improving a person's health.

Importantly, "all prebiotics are soluble fiber, but not all fiber is prebiotic".

The following classifies food as prebiotic: it must resist being affected by stomach acid or being broken down by enzyme activity and being absorbed into the upper gastrointestinal tract. Also, a prebiotic "must be fermented by our intestinal "flora", and should stimulate the growth and the activity of beneficial bacteria in the gut. Prebiotics can be thought of as a kind of fertilizer in the gut, helping to grow and keep good bacteria therein.

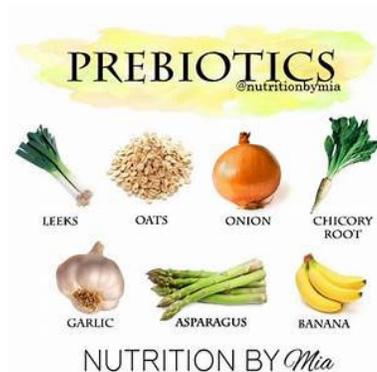
One type of bacteria in the gut is of interest currently and is being studied by researchers: *bifidobacteria*. It appears that if there's a normal to strong presence of this bacteria in the gut, the incidence of diabetes, heart disease, cancer, allergies and infections may be lowered. Here's some more good "news" about one component of the Mediterranean diet, (or way of eating), olive oil--extra virgin olive oil, that is. Researchers suggest that the extra virgin olive oil should be rich in important substances known as polyphenols, which are usually found in better quality, (extra virgin), olive oils. (One way of determining if the olive oil is rich in these compounds can be to taste the oil and if there's an odd feeling in the throat, that generally confirms their presence.) A diet rich in extra virgin olive oil helps bone density, reduces the risk for cardiovascular disease and can help to reduce the onset of neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's. Helping to reduce the risk of dementia: drinking green tea, ideally, two or more cups per day.

Could chronic inflammation, which can raise the risk of some of our chronic diseases, be a cause of mental illness?

Depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder and more are being studied to see whether inflammation can play a part in causing these problems.

Sugar and the intake of refined carbohydrates as well as a sedentary lifestyle may be contributors according to some research. We'll "hopefully" see. It's tiny, blue and a nutrition powerhouse. Blueberries, according to research, can improve blood flow to our gray matter, (the "little gray cells") in our brain, while increasing brain activity and helping to improve our memory and cognition. They can be costly and spoil fairly quickly, so health professionals suggest, perhaps using a supplement from a reputable company, (those with a USP labeling). I don't know if fish stretch, but many animals do and so do we. This is reputed to be good for our arteries because stretching helps to keep these important blood vessels flexible, which helps circulation. Also helping our circulatory system: researchers advise us to move every thirty minutes when sitting during work or watching TV, etc.. If we're awake, our muscle cells should be awake as well and sitting too long may encourage them to go into their "sleep mode". We've probably heard the new statement that "sitting is the new smoking".... And do take the stairs when possible, (if it's possible for us to do), because "every upward step can tone many muscles in the front and back of the body". Hip flexors, quadriceps (in the thighs), calves, hamstrings etc. all get a mini workout climbing steps. Till next week let's remember that, "the place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to help make others so". Enjoy this Advent time.

Fondly, Linda Burk





## PARISH-WIDE PARTICIPATION SOUGHT FOR SAINT BENEDICT THE AFRICAN GIFT CERTIFICATE GIVING TREES



St. Benedict the African is very close in our thoughts and prayers during the Church year. At Christmas time, in particular, we try to reach out to our sister parish in a significant way. Sister Joanne Delehanty from St. Benedict the African (East) has asked our parish to participate in helping parishioners through gift certificates. She explains it this way:

*Being church is about living the challenging values the Gospel holds up constantly before us, justice & charity certainly being among them. The reality of being Church in our world isn't easy. Perhaps a concentrated focus on gifts at Christmas misses some larger issues of what separates us, what our image of our self as an inner city parish is.*

*Gift certificates would allow us, at our discretion, to meet more needs over a broader range of time than just the Christmas holiday. It would allow people the great gift of their own purchase. People who have no cooking facilities welcome an occasional certificate to a local fast-food Restaurant. McDonald's & Kentucky Fried Chicken are nearby. Also welcome are certificates from Kmart, Target, Walgreens, Jewel & Walmart which are a source for diapers and formula as well as toys. Also, gas cards, such as Marathon or Mobil would be greatly appreciated.*

**Giving Trees** will be located at all entrances of the upper & lower church. Please take a **green** envelope hanging from the branches & either: **1)** purchase a certificate at one or more of the businesses listed above, *or* **2)** enclose cash for us to purchase certificates in your name.

**Please deposit green envelopes in the rectory mail drop or the Offertory collection basket during December.**

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Harris of St. Jude Guild, 708-738-0077, [debbie@tripilates.com](mailto:debbie@tripilates.com).

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you from the  
Apostolate of Women!

A sincere thank you to all who  
participated in this year's  
St. Nicholas Party & Bake Sale.

To the guilds, our wonderful  
volunteers, and all who played a  
role in bringing this delightful  
event to our parish.





## Christmas Shoebox Project

*Sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Guild*



We are pleased to invite you to participate in St. Paul of the Cross's Annual Christmas Shoebox Project for disadvantaged men and women. Your boxes will be given to several of organizations serving the Chicagoland area.

### To make your shoebox:

Line it with tissue paper, wrap in Christmas paper with the lid separate.

**DO NOT SEAL OR TAPE SHUT** as each box must be opened and checked.

Include **2 or More** items from each group below. If you can, put all 4 clothing items.

Add a Christmas card or note signed: *From a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church.*

Mark on the outside "MAN" or "WOMAN." Place a sturdy rubber band around the box.

#### New Clothing Items

- Knit Hats
- Gloves or Mittens
- Socks
- Scarves

#### Odds 'N Ends

- Playing cards
- Kleenex (small pkgs.)
- Puzzles or books
- Wet ones
- Pens/pencils/stationery

#### Toiletries

Travel/sample sizes of:

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/soap/comb/brush
- Face/hand lotion
- NO MOUTHWASH
- NO HAND SANITIZER

#### Edibles

Small packaged snacks, for example:

- Cheese and crackers
- Granola bars
- Cookies
- Candy, etc.

#### Collection Dates:

Directed Study:	Dec. 3 & 5
Sunday Catechesis:	Dec. 8 & 15
Regular & Family Catechesis & CGS	Dec. 3, 5, 10 & 12
Liturgical Based	Dec. 8 & 15 (leave in back of Holy Family Chapel)
St. Paul Students	week of Dec. 8
All Parishioners (leave at church entrances BEFORE mass)	Dec. 7, 8 & 14, 15

**Questions:** call Marcy Calkins (847) 542-3486  
**Thank you for your support...May God bless you!**

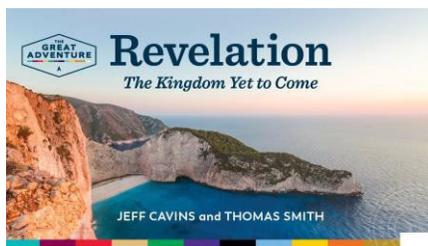
### Attention: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Looking for Service Hours

You can help us with the shoeboxes on the above days at the following times:  
 4-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays



To sign up contact: **Debbie Russo** at [russonet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:russonet@sbcglobal.net), home: 847-692-2817 or cell: 847-875-2438.  
 Volunteers meet in the kitchen off of the Holy Family Chapel (church basement).

**Bible Study by Jeff Cavins**  
**Revelation: *The Kingdom Yet to Come***



An Eleven-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins (Presenter)

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins will explore Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in Salvation History.

**Weekly Study Sequence:** Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings

**Home preparation** - Read the Bible and answer the homework questions in the Study Set, which are a way to learn from within the heart of the Church.

**Small group discussion** - Small group discussion begins each class session. Participants share what they have learned and glean from others' insights to get a fuller understanding of the passages they have read, followed with answers provided to the Study Set questions as an aid.

**Video Lecture** - Follows discussion and presents a Catholic perspective of the readings.

St. Paul of the Cross will be hosting *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*. Hospitality will be provided before and during breaks. Classes begin Wednesday, January 8th 2020 at 7:00PM until 9:00PM and Thursday the 9th at 9:30AM until 11:30AM.

For more information see the page and video at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come> and discuss with George Kirkland at 847-692-3251 or email [George@GeorgeSue.com](mailto:George@GeorgeSue.com).

Student workbooks are \$30 and required. Register for class and pay by credit card at [spc-church.org/Revelation](http://spc-church.org/Revelation) or fill out reservation form below and pay by check.

**Registration Form:** Checks with this form may be given to the Parish staff

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to St. Paul of the Cross Church with memo: Revelation

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**



**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders from both Catechesis and the School participated in a daylong Confirmation Retreat at Techny Towers. We will have over 200 students making Confirmation this year.

The day started with a witness talk from the keynote speaker, Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, a former police officer who became a Franciscan Priest.

Then the students broke off into 5 groups and went to 5 different classes over the course of the day. The day ended with a Reconciliation service.



O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart...and scatter there Thy cheerful beams. ~ St. Augustine

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 16— Weekday

6:25 John Francis Brennan II  
8:30 Brendan Crawley, Ted Koeune, Patricia Tapper

### Tuesday, December 17 - Weekday

6:25 Blessings on Joanne Albert & Family  
8:30 Lori Shay Pfister, Joe Sebastian, Teresa McGuane

### Wednesday, December 18 –Weekday

6:25 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:30 Myrtle Reckert, Dave Sheffert, John Gavin,  
Ramon Ragusa

### Thursday, December 19 – Weekday

6:25 Joseph Bonk  
8:30 Stefan Okunowski, AnnMarie McGeever,  
Josephine Bruno Ascher, Jim Hoey,  
Lynch & Raleigh Families, Margaret Branna,  
Vita Venditti

### Friday, December 20 - Weekday

6:25 Irma Hoehne  
8:30 Gracerita Wolf, Joseph Dvorak,  
Veronica Folan, Frank Purkart

### Saturday, December 21– St. Peter Canisius

8:00 Rita B. Will, Ziggy Beckman, Jr. , Henry Klages  
4:30 UP Dr. John R. McCarthy Family, Estelle Peplow,  
Thomas Duffy, Joseph Sebastian  
4:30 DN Florence & Jim Mazzone, James Hernon

### Sunday, December 22-Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 UP Joe & Joey Ligas, Bill Eddy,  
Mary Fran Kurtz, Anice DiPiero  
9:00 UP Blessings for Maria & Henry Wrertel,  
Blessings for Wlodarz Family, Ryzard Bojko  
9:00 DN Marie Karasiewicz  
10:30 UP Filip Junkovic, Mara, Olga & Peter Pekic,  
James & Anne Coyle, Jim & Lucy  
Fitzsimons, Healing for Lilian Butler  
10:30 DN Robert Jenkins, Brid Reilly, Theresa Lannon  
People of the Parish  
12:00 UP Carolina Austriaco  
5:30 UP Healing & Blessings for  
David Jakobik & Family

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule - December 21 & 22

Day & Time	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 4:30 up	Fr. Britto	Cwik Lusignan	Benson, Bomrad, Garrity Jack , Kladis, Korcz, Welton	Haugh Haugh Poindexter
Saturday 4:30 dn	Visitor	Sullivan Davis		Behzad Jefson
Sunday 7:30	Fr. Peter	Machon Cooney	Ginger, Humm, Humm Lorenz, Scanlan, Skadow, Teresi	Farragher Johnston Johnston
Sunday 9:00 up	Fr. Britto	Swoboda Swoboda	Alicea, Alicea, Buggy, Donovan Fuller, Swoboda, Swoboda	Alvizu Jefson Micek
Sunday 9:00 dn	Fr. Peter Deacon Andy Preaching	King Keenan		Hartung Hartung
Sunday 10:30 up	Fr. Matthew	Soifer Madden	Jarzombek, Limperis, Nicolau Scheller, Shannon, Smith Talarico	Bazula Lattanzio Rumsa
Sunday 10:30 dn	Fr. Peter Deacon Andy Preaching	Gohl Koziol		Bordini Zwierczyk
Sunday 12:00	Fr. Britto	Stachowicz Heckman	Dobrowski, Gullo, Johnson Keefe, Naum, Solari-Twadell Teich	Kelleher Nowak <b>Volunteer</b>
Sunday 5:30 up	Fr. Matthew	Santucci		Bachert <b>Volunteer</b>

### *Please Remember....*

#### *Those Who Are Ill:*

Vincent Albachiaro, Sue Beaumont,  
John Brunke, Michael Campanelli,  
Bryan Charnot, Patty Dunlavy,  
George Fitzsimons, Jim Gerke,  
Maggie Gotski, Paul Hinz,  
Sherry Ingram, Therese Kodner,  
Mary Kurkowski, Mark Lawrin,  
Mark McCoy, Kathy McLaughry,  
Marlene Matousek, Jim McMahon,  
Pat Mulcrone, Mike O'Donnell,  
Rose Parisi,  
Baby Zahrabelle Pulickal,  
Diane Rey,  
Edward Scannicchio,  
Michael Scannicchio,  
Dominick Sharkey, Lois Ann Suter,  
Paul Suter, Henry Szapielak,  
Patricia Tagliavore,  
Maria Rose Talarico.  
Dominic A. Vecchio, Amanda Velez,  
John Vittalio, Owen Walker,  
Kazimiera Wasyliv, Peter Wasyliv,  
Carole Williams, Ava Zacharuk,

#### *In Loving Memory:*

JoAnn Bolkie

*Our prayers go out to all who serve our country....  
God bless our men and women in service.*



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9:00 AM (Up & Down)  
10:30 AM (Up & Down)  
12:00 PM  
5:30 PM

**Monday - Friday:** 6:25 AM  
8:30 AM (confessions 8-8:15 AM)

**Saturday:** 8:00 AM  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Up & Down)  
(confessions 3:00PM—4:00 PM  
Reconciliation Room in vestibule)

**BAPTISMS**

Every Sunday at 1:15 PM  
Baptismal preparation class is required  
and provided on The 4th Thursday every  
month at 7pm.  
(Contact the Parish office to register  
for Baptism/Baptismal prep class).

**MARRIAGES**

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

First Sunday of every month in the  
Morello Parish Life Center from 8:30 AM—12:00PM

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

*First Saturday of each month:* After the 8:00 AM Mass.

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Please call the rectory

**ROSARY**

**Monday - Friday:** Prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass.  
**Saturday:** Prayed after the 8:00 AM Mass.

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