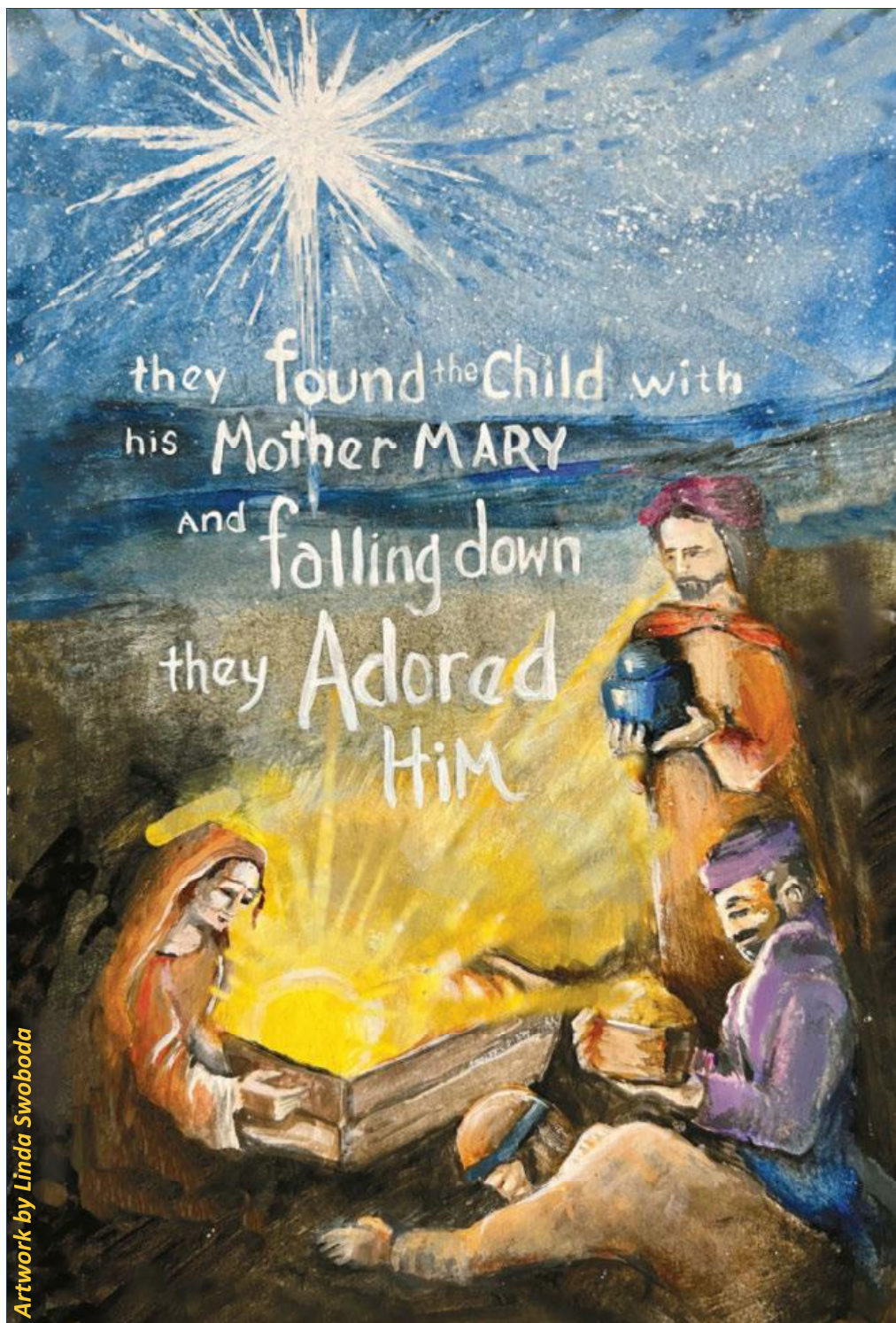


ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD
JOSHUA 24:15

January 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Upper Church

Monday - Friday

6:25 am

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am (*weekday Mass*)

4:30 pm (*vigil*)

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

2nd Sunday @ 10:30 am

Holy Family Chapel

There will be no Family Mass in January

UPCOMING TEEN MASS

Sunday, Feb 18th @ 12:00 pm

Upper Church

CONFESSION

Upper Church

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 8:15 am

Saturday

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

closed from 12-1 pm for lunch

Saturday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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January 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Schedule

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Upper Church

Monday through Friday	6:25 am
	8:30 am
Saturday (weekday Mass)	8:30 am
Saturday (vigil)	4:30 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	10:30 am
	12:00 pm

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

Holy Family Chapel

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am
There will be no Family Mass in January

TEEN MASS (open to the public)

Upper Church

Sunday, Feb 18th at 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

in vestibule of Upper Church

Monday through Friday 8-8:15 am
 Saturday 3-4:00 pm

FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

BAPTISMS

Saturday and Sunday

Baptisms

JAMES A. ZALAR
 & **WILLIAM J. ZALAR**
 sons of Alexander Zalar
 and Kendra Steele

RYAN JOSEPH LEMENAGER JR.
 son of Ryan Joseph Lemenager
 and Meredith Machon

JACOB JAVIER DEL RIO
 son of Javier Del Rio
 and Nancy Elshareif

Wedding Banns

III JOHN BAUMANN
 & **SHANNON O'MALLEY**



Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

Pray for our Sick

names remain for two months

Delaney Bartz
 Vince Ferraro
 Gerry McDonald
 Carole Zachary

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed in our SPC community. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Mark Forrest
 Eileen Higginccs
 Peter N. Holt
 Matthew Jostock
 Mary Catherine Mulcrone
 Vito Rizzi

About the Cover Artist

Linda Swoboda is a practicing pediatrician at Lutheran General Hospital with a passion for art since her childhood. Initially an art major, Linda was eventually pulled to the sciences and medicine.

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY OFFERING (December 24th - December 30th)

Envelopes	\$12,413.00
Loose	\$10,071.00
Electronic Giving	\$11,095.66
Total Weekly Offering	\$33,579.66

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION (through December 30th)

Christmas	\$151,742.32
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ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (through Dec 19th)(goal: \$142,718)	\$181,874 paid (127%) \$183,389 pledged (128%)
Sunday Giving FY24 Year to Date (July 1st through December 30th)	\$889,901.31
Sunday Giving FY24 vs. Budget (July 1st through November 30th)	+\$85,674.74

Readings for the Week

SUN, 1/7: Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 (see 11) / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

MON, 1/8: Is 55:1-11 / Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3) /
 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

TUE, 1/9: 1 Sm 1:9-20 / 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd /
 Mk 1:21-28

WED, 1/10: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
 8b-9, 10 / Mk 1:29-39

THU, 1/11: 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 /
 Mk 1:40-45

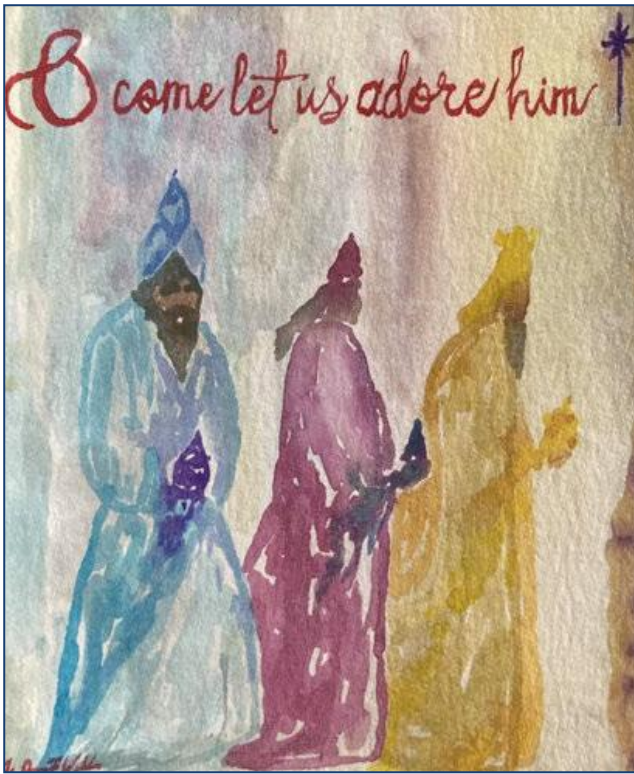
FRI, 1/12: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 /
 Mk 2:1-12

SAT, 1/13: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,
 6-7 / Mk 2:13-17

SUN, 1/14: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / Ps 40:2, 4 7-8,
 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a) / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42



Letter from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

“Raise your eyes and look about,” says Isaiah in our first reading today, “they all gather and come to you.”

On this Feast of the Epiphany, we recall the baby Jesus being visited by the three magi. These men from the east who were not Jewish were eager to see the child. They gave their treasures as gifts. Imagine giving away the treasures you hold dearly – family heirlooms, your 401K, Bears season tickets – to another family. It would indicate just how much you love that family and their baby. The three wise men were absolutely devoted to Christ.

We stir up within ourselves on this feast day a desire to be similarly devoted to Jesus. Go to whatever lengths to see him and spend time with him. Give away your desires and treasures. Lay those at the foot of the crib as your gifts. Commit yourself to doing his will (and his will is to love him with our whole heart and love our neighbor).

Someone mentioned in our scripture seminar a few weeks ago that hundreds of people were lined up outside of a CosMcs, waiting for hours, to try the new cafe. Then someone else asked, ‘would these same people do the same to see Christ?’ Epiphany is about setting our priorities. Christ will fill us much more than a spiced latte.

But I also want to make another point about the

Epiphany. Yes, we “raise our eyes” to Christ and “come to him,” as Isaiah says. *But Christ does the same for us.* As I mentioned on Christmas, Christ is so generous that he makes Christmas our birthdays as well as his. This is why, I think, we love Christmas so much and receive gifts. Well, if the Epiphany is about adoration, then we can feel confident on this day that Jesus adores us as much as we adore him.

Just as a mother and father watch and pay close attention to their newborn child, so too Christ pays close attention to us. When a baby cries, the parents care for the child. The parents stay up awake all night for the child’s sake. When the baby soils its diaper, the parents don’t condemn or scorn the child. They delight in the child. They are proud of their child and even give it gifts.

We are adults now and our parents no longer do this for us to the same extent. God does it for us. He watches us, comforts us, gives us what we need, takes pride in us, doesn’t condemn us, and shows us off to the angels and saints.

Let this reality give you comfort. Let this truth deepen your love for God.



This weekend is **Donut Sunday and New Parishioner Sign-Up**. Please join us in the gym after Masses this Sunday.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break. **Saint Paul of the Cross school returns** this Tuesday, January 9th. All the best to our religious education students and college students returning to school as well.

Tuesday night at 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel is a **First Communion Parent Meeting**.

A friendly reminder that the **Wednesday morning Scripture Seminar** will *not* take place this week. We will resume on Wednesday, January 24th.

Also, please note, next Sunday, January 14th there will *not* be a **Family Mass** at 10:30am in the Holy Family Chapel. We will resume next month, Sunday, February 11th.

May 2024 be a blessed and healthy year for all of you. I am praying for you to experience the presence of Jesus in your lives and the peace that flows from his love.

Yours in Christ,

Community Reflections



"Why did Saint Paul travel so far to spread the Gospel?"

This question came up during our pilgrimage last month when my seminary classmates and I had the opportunity to visit different sites in Turkey, Greece, and Italy where Saint Paul preached the Good News of Jesus Christ's death and

resurrection to save all humanity. It was a huge privilege to pray in different churches, put our hands on the marble roads of Ephesus and Corinth where Saint Paul walked, and eventually see his tomb in Rome. However, Saint Paul traveled *thousands* of more miles, without pay, all on foot or via ship, and was even nearly stoned to death for telling people about Jesus (see Acts 14:19-20), yet continued to spread the Gospel. What possibly compelled him to continue?

After his conversion (Acts 9:1-19), I imagine Saint Paul developed an incredibly deep prayer life that drew him closer to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. That encounter with Jesus changed the entire course of Saint Paul's life. Saint Paul's experience has shown me that we encounter Jesus daily, which can inspire us to be more devoted to God. Every time we talk with a co-worker, take care of our spouse or child, or offer an encouraging word or a smile to a person experiencing homelessness, those are ways in which we encounter Jesus. Even more specifically, we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist: the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. That true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist provides the love and fulfillment we all long for, reminiscent of Saint Augustine's quote: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in God."

In 2 Corinthians 5:14, Saint Paul wrote "the love of Christ compels us," showing that he was inspired to devote his life to spread the Gospel because He felt God's love, and loved God with a grateful heart in return. May Saint Paul and Mary, the Mother of God and our greatest role model for loving Jesus, inspire us to serve the Lord, love our neighbor, and receive God's love for us more deeply each day.

Lee with Noel

Lee Noel, Third Year Seminarian

Adoration Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS!

Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am until 11 pm.

Our current adorer schedule is pictured below. Red boxes indicate where there are no committed adorers. We need at least two committed adorers for each slot before we can reopen during the night. Yellow slots are when we have only one committed adorer; additional commitments are needed to fortify the schedule. Green indicates two or more adorers are present.

If you would like to sign up for a timeslot, please call the parish office at **847-825-7605** or email adorationchapel@spc-church.org

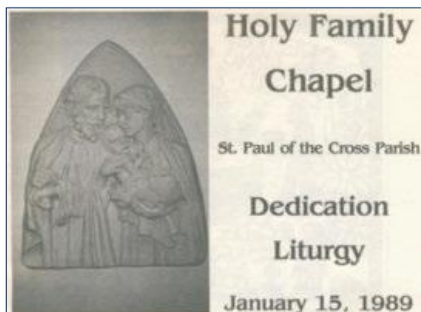
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See page 7 for a message
from our Adoration Team

Mass Schedule

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MASS INTENTIONS
MON, 1/8 The Baptism of the Lord	6:25 am UC	Fr. James	 <p><i>As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord</i> - Joshua 24:15</p>		Mary Lynn
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick/MN*			Max Diaz, Irene Jaworski, Jean Roche
TUE, 1/9 Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Dorothy Moriarty
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James/MN*			William Maguire, Rasin Matthews, Maria Gallagher, Birthday Blessings for Sarah Koeller, Birthday Blessings for Declan Byrne
WED, 1/10 Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Dr. John Meyenberg
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James/MN*			Marilyn McGuire, Dorothy Sherman, Rita Denny, Hongru Zhen, John Pluska, Jr, Louise Sottile
THU, 1/11 Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick/MN*			George Reiling
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Jean Roche, Dominic Morris
FRI, 1/12 Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Healing and Blessings for Patricia Newell
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Max Mielecki
SAT, 1/13 Saint Hilary	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. James	Marjorie Ochsner, Sean Dolan	Christopher Buti, Mary Fran Cashman, Pat Lawlor, Paul Ziegenhorn	John Ahern, Josef Weisvhar, Karolina Weich, Jose Peralta, Patricia Taglialavore, Frank Tomasiewicz, Jean Roche, Joe Capitani
SUN, 1/14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am UC	Fr. James	Paul Tinaglia, Kerry Plencner	Reggie Higgins Reither, Mike Marrese, Mike Mc Cue, Shirley Patras	Robert and Frances Niemitz, Doris Bauer, Barbara Mejia, Judith Kieser
	9:00 am UC	Fr. Nick/MN*	John Tallman, Frances Johnson	Kevin Buggy, Thomas Swoboda, Linda Swoboda, Patricia Thomson	John Reckert, Nancy Ryan, Rosario Cabrera, Carl Drammis, Patricia Taglialavore, Healing and Blessings for Hannah Hodgson, Healing and Blessings for Robert Proctor
	10:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Patty Beaudet-Frances, Dan Hogan	Joan Keefe, Kim Soifer, Philip Spagnolo, Margaret Teich	Patricia Gavin, Mike and Charlene Widmaier, Donna Forrest
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. Nick/BB*	Sally Keenan, Neda Naum	Josephine Gullo, Katie Johnston, Amy Kladis, Vincent Santucci	Lee Mulcrone, People of the Parish

* **LEGEND:** /MN = Deacon Martin Nyberg preaching /BB = Deacon Bob Bulger preaching



HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION

Sunday, January 14th
after the 10:30 am Mass

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Holy Family Chapel's dedication Mass. Please join us on January 14th after the 10:30 am Mass for a special slideshow presentation on our chapel.

Events this Week

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 7th from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Parish Life Center	New Parishioner Welcome
Sunday, January 7th after 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses	Parish Life Center	Donut Sunday
Sunday, January 7th @ 8:30 pm	Parish Life Center Gym	Men's Pick-up Basketball
Monday, January 8th @ 7:30 pm	Parish Life Center AB Room	Book Club
Wednesday, January 10th	THERE WILL BE NO SCRIPTURE SEMINAR THIS DAY	
Thursday, January 11th @ 7:30 pm	Kinane Center	Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina)

Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME *and* DONUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

8:30 am — 12:00 pm

Parish Life Center



Our **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MINISTRY** will be available on January 7th from 8:30 am until noon to register new parishioners, answer questions, and distribute welcome packets. **DONUTS** will be served after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses.

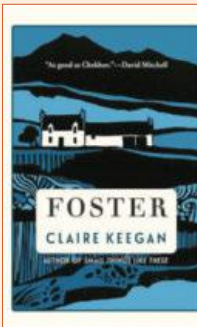
BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, JANUARY 8th

7:30 pm

Parish Life Center AB Room

Please join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss the following two novellas by Claire Keegan: **SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE** and **FOSTER**.



All are welcome!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th

7:00 pm

Parish Life Center, AB Room

All are welcome to attend our upcoming Respect Life Committee meeting on January 16th.

We hope to see you there!

RESPECT
LIFE
COMMITTEE

SCRIPTURE SEMINAR *with* FATHER JAMES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th

9:00 am

Holy Family Chapel

Please join Fr. James at the next **SCRIPTURE SEMINAR** on Wednesday, January 24th at 9:00 am in the Holy Family Chapel. The group will discuss and pray over a scripture passage, and try to use the sacred text to deal with some questions we all may have. Sessions are not dependent on one another, so attend at your leisure. No fee or registration or prior knowledge of the Bible required.

SCRIPTURE  STUDY

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th

7:30 pm

Upper Church



We invite you to join us for a beautiful 30-minute service accompanied by music and candlelight. Whether you've never learned the Rosary and would like to be introduced to this peaceful form of prayer, or you pray the Rosary regularly, please come and be inspired!

RESPECT  LIFE COMMITTEE

FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

10:30 am

Holy Family Chapel

Please note that there is no Family Mass in January due to the holiday weekend (MLK)



Our next Family Mass will be held February 11th. Children will assist with the readings and ushering at this Mass. Everyone of all ages, of course, is welcome to attend the HFC Mass. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Jennifer Waters at jenwaters13@gmail.com.

Special thanks to Hannah Jaconetti for photo

Opportunities (cont)

TEEN MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

12:00 pm

Upper Church



Please join Fr. James for our next

TEEN MASS

on February 18th.

While the Mass will be simple and catered to teenagers, we have opened this Mass to the general public.

We hope to see you there!



Thank you for helping feed our priests!

Here's how to sign up online:

1. Go to www.takethemameal.com
2. Under Find a Meal Schedule, enter **rectory** and password **4949**
3. Click on the word *Take* for the date you'd like
4. Enter your name, email address, phone number, and what you will be making for dinner
5. Click *Sign Up!*

Don't have a computer or have questions?

Contact our front office at
847-825-7605

Message from Adoration Team

WHAT DID MICE HAVE TO DO WITH RESERVING THE EUCHARIST?

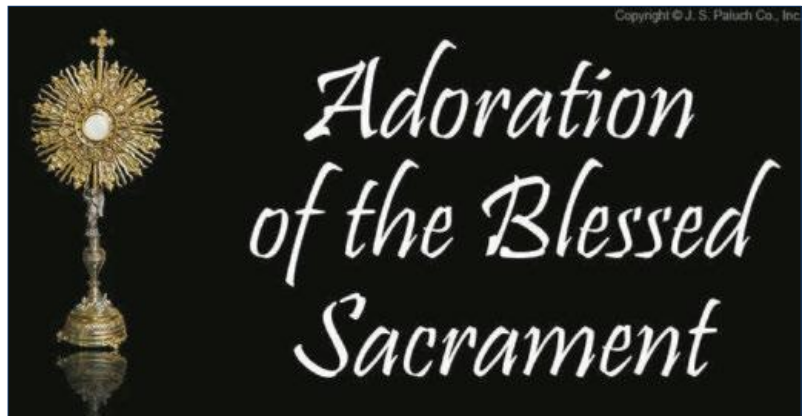
From EWTN, "Certainly by the 800's, the Blessed Sacrament was kept within the monastic church itself, close to the altar. In fact, we have a poem from the year 802, telling of a pyx containing the Sacred Species reserved on the high altar of the abbey church at Lindisfarne in England.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in religious houses was so universal that there is no evidence to the contrary even before the year 1000. In fact, numerous regulations are extant which provided for protection of the sacred elements, as the wording went, "from profanation by mice and impious men." The species were to be kept under lock and key and sometimes in a receptacle raised high enough to be out of easy reach of profaning hands.

It is interesting to note that one of the first unmistakable references to reserving the Blessed Sacrament is found in a life of St. Basil (who died in 379). Basil is said to have divided the Eucharistic Bread into three parts when he celebrated Mass in the monastery. One part he consumed, the second part he gave to the monks, and the third he placed in a golden dove suspended over the altar.

This would suggest that, though we have less access to Oriental sources, the Eastern monasteries were centuries ahead of the West in reserving the Eucharistic elements in the monastic church proper and not only in a separate place."

Stay tuned for our next message which will discuss a non-believer in the true presence of the Eucharist and how God used that non-belief to fuel a deeper devotion and belief in the true presence. God bless!



2024 SPC Roundball

2024 SPC ROUNDBALL TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, MAR 3rd thru SATURDAY, MAR 9th



The SPC Roundball Tournament is open to all students of good academic and behavioral standing in sixth through eighth grades. A school tradition since 2013, the ongoing success of the Roundball Tournament

requires the combined efforts of the school, the Alumni Association, the Roundball committee, and the St. Paul of the Cross Men's Club.

The SPC Roundball Tournament consists of two separate basketball tournaments for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls. Our high school-aged SPC alumni return to their alma mater to coach the teams. More than 80 alumni participate each year and have just as much fun and friendly competition as the SPC students!

The tournament also features a "Future Stars of Roundball" game for 5th grade basketball players.

SPC Men's Club members serve as announcers, and professional referees officiate. Awards include Mr. and Mrs. Roundball, Spirit Awards, and a \$1,000 Alumni Scholarship for a Roundball coach (only high school seniors are eligible).



To learn more about the tournament, visit:
www.spc-school.net/students/clubs/roundball-students

Please sign up online at the appropriate link below:

PLAYERS: forms.gle/e3TxNt45jQZotRPj7

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SPONSORS: forms.gle/yhkXyxKsNR9fPUbf8

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St. Paul Seeks Communications Director

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

St. Paul of the Cross is seeking a **FULL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**. This person will be charged primarily with developing effective messaging and communication strategies and creating all promotional and informational materials for the parish. The person fulfilling this role will also serve as a utility player to help fill other critical needs of the parish, working closely with the Director of Operations in a variety of functions that help support our office operations and grow our ministry efforts.

If you or anyone you know has experience in this area and is interested in joining a staff that utilizes their talents to help build God's kingdom on earth and here at St. Paul of the Cross, please reach out to **Nick Testa** at nicktesta@spc-church.org or **847-825-7605 x2250**.

A complete job description can be found on our website at www.spc-church.org.

Thank you for helping spread the word!

Volunteer Opportunity

NEW PARISHIONER MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

We are looking for volunteers to welcome new parishioners to St. Paul of the Cross. New Parishioner registration by volunteers is held typically on the first Sunday of each month at the Parish Life Center. Please help us demonstrate the spirit of our vibrant parish. Call **Maria Mehl** at **847-823-0930** for more information.



Calling ALL babies, toddlers and preschoolers!

Please join us for the **Fun, Faith & Music** class in the Kinane Center!

You and your little ones attend this weekly, fun music class together!
New songs and tried and true songs, songs for seasons, songs of praise!
And fun times!

Wednesdays from 9:45 – 10:15 am

Classes will meet in the Kinane Center (215 Ridge Terrace)

Classes will be held January 17 – March 20

Cost: \$35 (checks payable to St. Paul of the Cross) per family
OR

Pay Online at: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/133/event/37309>

Questions? Contact Anna Mae Parkhill at 847.692.2758

PLEASE PRINT

Parent Name: _____

Adult Bringing Child: _____

Email: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

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Drop Off (leave in mailbox) **OR** email to spccatechesis@yahoo.com

St. Paul of the Cross – Kinane Center – 215 Ridge Terrace

Fr. James' Christmas Reflections



January 7 - Saint Raymond of Penafort

"When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,
'They have no wine'. "
John 2:2

I celebrated two weddings on New Years Eve one year and both wedding couples chose today's Gospel reading, the Wedding Feast at Cana, as their wedding Gospel. A fitting choice.

The wine will run out. It is an inevitable reality in marriage, priesthood, family life, the spiritual life, your career, whatever. What once was exciting and joyous becomes flat, boring, and even painful. It is no one's fault the wine runs out. The very fact that Jesus had this situation as his first miracle is testament that honeymoons end naturally.

When the proverbial wine runs out in our vocation the advice is not to go in search of another party or to replace the wine with something else, but to turn to Jesus.

We might not always know the wine has run out. The bridegroom was oblivious to the situation. Spending some time with Mary will help us see the state of our cellar. She will tell us if we are dry, and she will tell us what to do. There is no selfishness in asking the Lord to give us new wine in our vocation. It will benefit the party. And the wine will be better than it was to start.

Prayer: Lord, I have water, but I want wine. The wine has run out in my marriage, in my career, in my city, in my prayer, in my life. You want me to have wine. You want me to have joy. I turn my cup over so you can fill it. I praise you for this gift.



The Baptism of the Lord

"Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us
to fulfill all righteousness."
Matthew 3:15

I recall having a mixed reaction when I was told in adolescence that I needed to take a shower. Typically, it occurred in the kitchen around dinnertime, having returned from a sports practice. Part of me was offended at being told I was unpleasant to be around. The other part of me was encouraged, for I knew there was a quick and guaranteed solution to the problem and that it was only something superficial holding me back from being admitted to my family's presence.

Jesus was baptized not to be made clean, as I needed to be after a football practice. Jesus was baptized to establish the quick and easy way to be made clean. He was baptized to make original sin something superficial and easily removed.

We don't like to talk about original sin, and we don't like to imagine an innocent baby having it. But all it takes is a simple pouring of water with a one-sentence formula to remove the thing. The baby is pristine.

The invitation here is not to focus on the sin and its consequences, but rather on the simple means of cleansing and communion. Our Lord made it that easy for us. Original sin could have been the worst calamity for humanity. Now it is the easiest disease cured and something to never be thought about again.

Prayer: Jesus, I think about original sin as a theory, but I never consider it applying to myself. I suppose all my sins are from the root of that original sin. Which means the formula for being cleansed of these sins is just as easy. I'm sorry for what I've done and for the loving person I haven't been able to be for others. Please help me grow this year to be like you: kind, compassionate, humble, and sacrificial.

All young adults in their 20s and 30s...

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, January 31st

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Harp & Fiddle

110 Main Street, Park Ridge
(bar area by the fireplace is reserved)

A gathering just for you, hang out with other young adults from Chicago and Milwaukee along with Fr. James and some of his fellow priests.

Free appetizers all evening

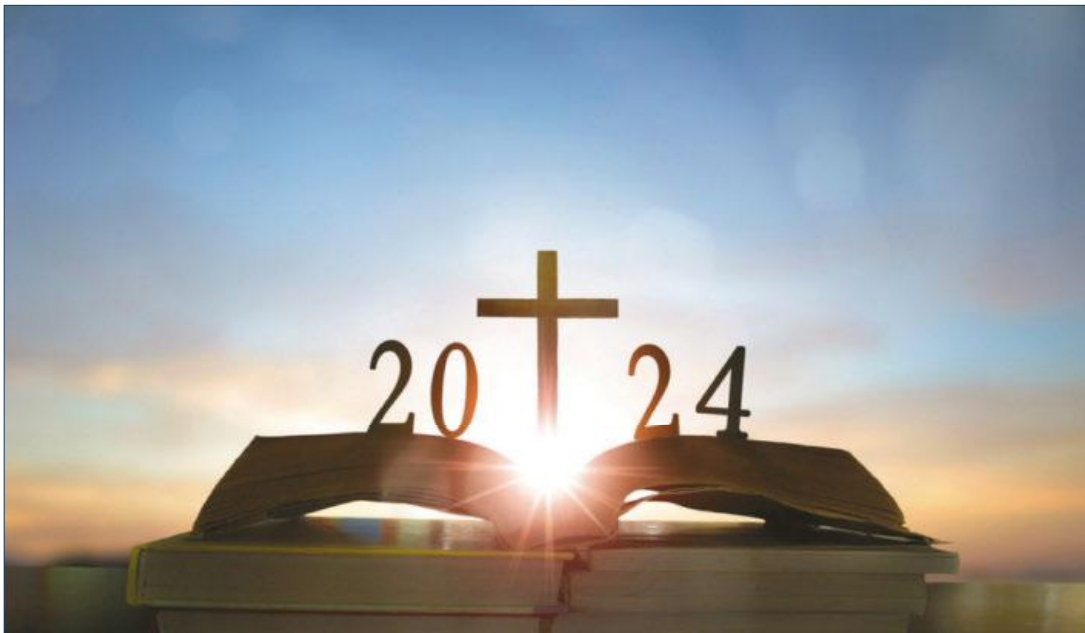


Questions?

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Social Service Ministry Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



As we begin a new year, I can't help but reflect back on my journey that brought me to St. Paul of the Cross. If you asked me a year ago, "what kind of work do you want to do?" - running a religious social ministry would have never ever entered my mind. All I knew was that after being laid off from my job, I lacked any interest in continuing my career profession in real estate finance and accounting.

Instead of going through the motions of networking and surfing through the internet to find open opportunities that aligned well with my skills and experiences, I took a big step back and did nothing, but PRAYED. I prayed that God would lead me to do His will for me here on earth. This Bible verse is reminiscent of my approach...

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

- Proverbs 3:5-6

Through God's grace and mercy, may the new year bring you peace, love, and joy.

Leni Duffy

Director of Social Service Ministry



Food Pantry



Our food pantry is currently in need of the following items:

- Strawberry jelly
- Crackers
- White rice (1-3 lb bags or boxes)
- Peanut butter
- Shampoo

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Kids' Corner

GROWING+WITH THE GOSPEL

CYCLE B

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN	MESSIAH	GIFTS							
STAR	WORSHIP	WARNED							
HEROD	EXCITED	DREAM							
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MISSION

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

Archive Corner *with Mark Miller*

SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS MINISTRIES

Last month, we held a Christmas party for all the ministries that serve our parish faith community, which inspired this look back upon many of the parishioners who served in our ministries over the years.



Madhatter's men's social club, 1930s-40s?



Girl Scouts Memorial Day, 1941



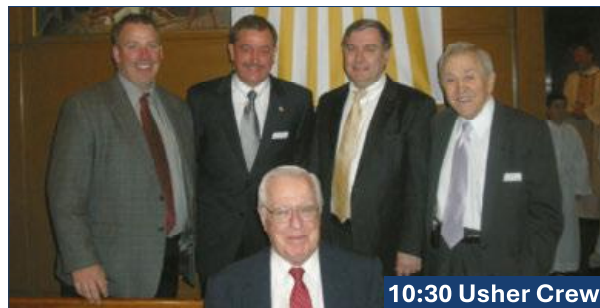
Our Lady of Peace Guild, 1945



Food Pantry, 1970s?



Boy Scouts, 1970s?



10:30 Usher Crew

Archive Corner with Mark Miller (continued)



Thank you to all who make our vibrant ministry life at St. Paul of the Cross possible!

Ministry Corner



CATECHESIS

The name catechesis is given to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help others to believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name thus building up the body of Christ - St. John Paul II

From the above description of catechesis, we come to understand that the responsibility to pass on the faith comes from God working through the community.

Our Catechesis program at SPC is thriving with the help of committed volunteers, parents, students, and community. We have 881 students in the parish attending public school and enrolled in our Catechesis program sharing faith and fun. Families can choose between many programs and days of the week. Volunteers are needed in various capacities ranging from a one time commitment all the way to a weekly commitment.

Jesus is encountered through the sharing of faith culminating in school and catechesis celebrating the sacraments together as the one body of Christ entering into discipleship.

If you have any questions regarding enrolling your child or volunteering please feel free to email or give me a call. You can also visit the catechesis website at spc-catechesis.net for more information and great photos.

Anna Mae Parkhill,
Director of Catechesis

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(Upper Church)

Monday through Friday 6:25 am

8:30 am*

Saturday 8:30 am* - daily Mass

4:30 pm* - vigil

Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am*

12:00 pm

* Livestreamed services. Our 10:30 am Sunday Mass is also simulcast to our Upper Church vestibule and Holy Family Chapel

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

(Holy Family Chapel)

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am

There will be no Family Mass in January

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(Upper Church)

Sunday, **February 18, 2024** 12:00 pm

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