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St. Paul The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Mass for The Sabbath

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

Daily Service:

As scheduled in Bulletin

**Second Sunday
of Lent
March 16, 2025**

Our Mission:

We are a Roman Catholic Christian Community whose mission is :

- ✦ to worship God through the Eucharist, the Holy Scriptures and prayer
- ✦ to proclaim the reconciling love of God in Christ by word, deed and evangelization
- ✦ to mature spiritually through the challenge and guidance of the Holy Spirit
- ✦ to welcome and serve others-even the littlest and the weakest-in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday after 6:30 PM Mass

Other times by appointment.

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Those suffering from an intolerance to gluten are advised that St. Paul's keeps Low Gluten Hosts on hand for those who need them. Simply check in with an usher to arrange for one.

Sacrament of Baptism

Because of the importance of the celebration of the sacrament of baptism, please consider carefully the man or woman of faith you chose to inspire and educate your child in the ways of our faith for the entirety of their lives. We suggest calling the church office during your pregnancy so that a more thorough preparation may take place. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and submit a certificate of eligibility from their parish prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will normally take place at a parish weekend Mass. Date and time will be scheduled by the pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony

For adequate preparation, arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing

Please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill. If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass, we would be glad to help arrange transportation.

Membership in our Catholic Community

New members are warmly welcomed and may register by calling the parish office or online. If you move out of the area or change your address, please notify the parish office.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 P.M. Arthur Zegers III
by Paul & Sharon Gordon
Alice Francisco
by Mim Peters
Florence Vitale
by Neil & Maureen Hunt

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. Deceased Members
of St. Paul's Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 17 St. Patrick

9:00 A.M. Rosary

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

6:00 P.M. Adoration

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 A.M. Rosary

6:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross
Hosted by: Faith Formation

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 P.M. Deceased Members
of St. Paul's Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. John Price
by Kevin & Charlene Caramore
Jocelyn & Steven DeLuca (Living)
by Craig & Cathy Haugen
William Patrick Whalen
by Alex Conte



LECTORS for March 22/23

6:30 P.M. C Haugen

8:00 A.M. S. Drake

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for March 22/23

6:30 P.M. B. Sander

8:00 A.M. J. Salvestrini

ALTAR SERVERS for March 22/23

6:30 P.M. K. Caramore

8:00 A.M. J. Stevenson

TAKE NOTE

PAYING IT FORWARD AS A LEAD MOTHER IN NIGERIA - In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

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Ash Wednesday is here, and - whoops! - you still don't know what you're doing for Lent. Not to worry! I asked my colleagues at Catholic Answers to share some ideas. What follows is a comprehensive list of their replies. Perhaps one will catch your eye! Here are the responses (some edited for clarity): * Really pray. For instance, I will repeat a bead or mystery on the Rosary if I haven't meditated upon it because I was distracted. * Suffer in silence. Pray for souls who attack, degrade, or mock you in person, in the silence of your heart. Don't answer fools with their folly. In a word, hold your tongue for forty days. * Give up alcohol. * Give up listening to secular music. * Give up social media. * If leaving social media cold turkey is too hard, limit yourself to fifteen minutes per day across ALL platforms. * Put your phone in greyscale. * Wake up an hour earlier. * Read the daily Gospel and pray before getting ready for work. * Before watching TV/movie each day, read a spiritually efficacious book for a designated time. For instance, read for half the time you plan to watch. Before a ninety-minute movie, read for forty-five minutes. * Consume Catholic media instead of watching your favorite TV show. * Say a short prayer before a fun activity (a fasting of time rather than a fasting of food). * I think there is something to be said for adding a spiritually efficacious act prior to normal activities instead of giving up the normal activity altogether. * Give up ear buds. I left them on a plane and I quickly realized how I relied on them to escape. I'm replacing that action with more concerted prayer time - specifically the Litany of Humility and the Surrender Novena, at least in the beginning. * Give up YouTube. * Giving up wearing jewelry (except wedding rings). * Give up clothes you never wear and donate them. I'm going for forty pieces of clothing. * Fast according to the norms before 1966. Bring back the frustulum and the collation. (Check out canon 1251 of the 1917 Code of Canon Law). * Make/renew the Total Consecration to Jesus through

Mary. * One easy one I'm doing is to pay attention to all the people that cross my path this day, and find a quality I can spot in them (truly they are the image of God). Even if I don't mostly see it - there is something there. This morning, the cashier at McDonalds knows I appreciate his morning cheerfulness! It's not just a complement - it is recognizing God's image in the other! * Pray the rosary on your commute. * Ask others how you can pray for them. Gratitude-journaling each morning and night. * Tune into Catholic Answers Live and share something you learned with a friend/family member. * Reflect on an image of one mystery of the holy rosary each night. There are twenty so it's a good marker for the halfway point of Lent before repeating. * Don't tell anybody what your penances are. I leave you with one humble suggestion. If your gut reaction upon reading an idea is, "Oh man, I could never do that," then . . . that's probably the one you should do. That's part of the spirit of fasting, after all: forcing ourselves to recognize that we depend far more on God than we do on music, caffeine, or Instagram. Obviously, we shouldn't do things that are actually harmful - don't eat only bread and water for forty days if you're pregnant, or give away forty pieces of clothing if you only own ten. But I think if we're honest with ourselves, we all know the one legitimate pleasure that we cling to just a little too tightly.

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Lent

- ~ **Soup Suppers** every Friday during Lent at Emory Methodist Church from 4:30-6:00 PM.
- ~ **Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent at St. Paul's Church at 6:30 PM.
- ~ **Penance Service** - Tuesday, March 25 at 6:00 PM with confessions to follow.

Triduum Schedule

Rev. James O'Rourke will be presiding for Holy Week

Thursday, April 17 (Holy Thursday)

- 9:00 AM Rosary/Morning Prayer/Confessions
- 6:30 PM The Lords Supper Mass
- 9:00 PM Night Prayer

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday)

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer/Confessions
- 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Divine Mercy Novena
- 6:30 PM Good Friday Service/Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 19 (Holy Saturday)

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer/Confessions
- 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)

- 7:30 AM Rosary
- 8:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass
- Easter Brunch in the Hall after Mass

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March: *For families in crisis.* Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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The next **Men's Group** will be Thursday, March 20, at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

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This week's spotlight for the businesses that support St. Paul's by advertising in the bulletin

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING March 9/10

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	24
Loose cash and checks.....	\$415.00
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Total.....	\$1,718.00
Second collection.....	\$362.00

Additional Offerings

Votive candles.....	\$72.00
Books.....	\$11.00
Donations.....	\$515.00
Bulletin ads.....	\$600.00
Restoration & Repairs.....	\$10.00

Attendance March 9/10

Saturday: 6:30 PM Church.....	40
Sunday: 8:00 AM Church.....	28
Saturday: Facebook Live.....	4
Sunday: Facebook Live.....	2
Total.....	68

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 17

(Office Closed)

Wednesday, March 19

- 6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

Thursday, March 20

- 6:00 PM Hospitality Zoom Meeting
- 7:00 PM Men's Group - DeSerio Ctr.

Friday, March 21

- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Cleaning Group # 4: M. Hunt, B. Sander, J. David

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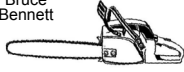
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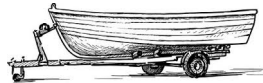
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