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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

**First Sunday  
of Lent  
March 9, 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.

## Low gluten

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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Maureen Hunt 607-637-2571

## Hospitality Team

Call 607-637-2571

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8 St. John of God

6:30 P.M. Florence Vitale  
by Paul & Susan Possemato  
George Dougherty  
by Paul & Sharon Gordon  
JoAnn Offnick  
by Friend

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9 First Sunday of Lent

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 A.M. Rosary

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 A.M. Rosary  
6:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross  
Hosted by: Men's Group

### 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



### LECTORS for March 15/16

6:30 P.M. M. Hunt  
8:00 A.M. K.A. White

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for March 15/16

6:30 P.M. M. Shaul  
8:00 A.M. S. Drake

### ALTAR SERVERS for March 15/16

6:30 P.M. K. Cutler  
8:00 A.M. J. Stevenson

## TAKE NOTE

### A Recommitment to End Hunger

Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-1](http://crsricebowl.org/week-1) to read this week's Story of Hope.

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### Traditional Lenten Practices

We all need a fresh start from time to time. And Lent is the perfect time to embark on that journey. Maybe you need a fresh start in your personal finances, or perhaps you need a fresh start in your marriage. Maybe you need a fresh start in a relationship with a child or a parent, or possibly you need a fresh start in your health and well-being. It could even be that you need a fresh start in your career. For generations, Catholics have developed different traditions that help them make a new beginning during Lent. Here are just a few examples:

1. **Give Something Up:** Many Catholics "give up" something for the entire Lenten season. A classic example is giving up chocolate, but you don't have to stop there! You could give up negative thinking, speaking poorly about others, or procrastinating. You could also make a positive swap: like praying the Rosary instead of watching □TV, or reading an amazing Catholic book instead of scrolling through social media.

2. **Join a Spiritual Challenge:** One of the simplest ways to transform your Lent is to join other Catholics for a spiritual challenge. You could create a small challenge with your friends, sign up for a local Bible study, or join nearly one million Catholics for BEST LENT EVER - a FREE Lenten video program with Matthew Kelly. Sign up here: [www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html).

3. **Deepen Your Prayer:** Catholics often will say special Lenten prayers. One of the most popular spiritual practices during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus during his Passion...and encounter him like never before. St. Paul's has the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM. Please come join us!

**3. Attend a Soup Supper:** One delicious Catholic tradition is hosting a meatless meal on Friday's. Engage with your community and join the Emory Methodist Church every Friday during lent between 4:30 - 6:00 PM for a soup supper.

Our God loves fresh starts. How is he inviting you to a fresh start this Lent?

**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** - Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 PM with confessions to follow.

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**The Significance of Lenten Colors**

There is incredible genius and beauty in Catholicism, even in the smallest of details. One of those small details is the significance of colors throughout Lent. When you visit a Catholic church, attend Mass, or pray the Stations of the Cross, you'll notice certain colors repeated in the decorations and the priest's vestments. Each one of these colors holds great meaning.

**Purple:** Purple is the primary color of Lent. The color purple symbolizes our need for repentance. It also represents the purple robe that Pontius Pilate placed on Jesus before he was crucified and reminds us of the royalty of Jesus as King. Late in the Lenten season, your parish might cover every statue or painting with a deep purple cloth.

**Red:** On Palm Sunday, the priest wears bright red vestments during Mass. This foreshadows Jesus' death on the Cross.

**White:** On Easter, priests wear white vestments and many parishes will fill the entire altar with white lilies. White represents the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

The colors used during Lent enhance the spiritual experience, evoking emotions and providing visual reminders of the central themes of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and ultimate triumph over death - especially during Holy Week.

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**The Generosity Habit - How daily giving can change your life and transform the world by Matthew Kelly.**

**Part Two: 101 creative ways to be generous: generosity is magnanimous.** Smile. And smile generously. You know what I mean. There is the polite smile and there is a look-them-in-the-eyes-and-make-their-day smile. It's amazing how a generous smile can literally lift people's spirits.

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.."* ~ Leo Buscaglia ~

**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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## STEWARDSHIP

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING March 1/2**

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	16
Loose cash and checks.....	\$471.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$1,265.00
Total.....	\$1,736.00
February Online Giving.....	\$2,844.00

**Additional Offerings**

Votive candles.....	\$51.00
Books.....	\$20.00
Donations.....	\$395.00

**Attendance March 1/2**

Saturday: 6:30 PM Church.....	44
Sunday: 8:00 AM Church.....	33
Saturday: Facebook Live.....	3
Sunday: Facebook Live.....	2
Total.....	77

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, March 10**

(Office Closed)

**Tuesday, March 11**

6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Hall

**Wednesday, March 12**

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

**Friday, March 14**

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

**Saturday, March 15**

5:00 PM H.S. Faith Formation - DeSerio Ctr.

**Sunday, March 16**

Pre-K thru 8 Faith Formation after 8 AM Mass - Hall

Cleaning Group # 3: K. White

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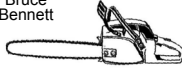
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