



Saint Paul

the Apostle

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Lk 23:43



# Dear SPA Family,

This world is strange. We know the names of soap opera heroes, their fates, what happened to them, and can guess what will happen next. We cry and care about the characters on the screen. But in everyday life... we don't know the name of our neighbor. We don't know what the person behind the wall is going through. Not to mention the homeless person lying on the sidewalk in front of our house when we head to work or the store to buy bread and sausage for breakfast. You might think: he's a drunkard, a freeloader... I won't give him money. And so, our hearts become hardened...



And in the end, we will be judged on love...

I once had a conversation with a young Catholic woman about faith. She told me: "Father, I love the Lord Jesus. I love Him very much. Yes, I feel it in my heart." I replied: Well, that's beautiful. And I asked—what are you doing for Him? She couldn't answer that question. What are you doing for Jesus? How do you show your love for Him? You might say that you pray, go to church, or go to confession. That's good. But I keep asking—what's the conclusion?

What do you do for Jesus after prayer, after Mass, after confession?

You can perform all religious rituals beautifully and still fail to notice someone who needs your help. In the end, we will be judged on love... A perfect example of tangible love for the poor is Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. A person deeply united with God. She spent many hours in prayer. But that's not everything. She went out into the streets, to the poor, the homeless, the sick—those literally wasting away in the gutter.

A journalist came to report on her work. A few days later, during a conversation, he said to Mother Teresa, "Mother, I wouldn't do it, not even for a million dollars." She replied, "Me neither." The secret of this beautiful ministry was discovering Jesus in the faces of the sick and poor. For her, every suffering person was a 'second Christ.' Everything she did, she did for Jesus. She didn't live a sentimental, emotional love for Jesus. Her life and her love were concrete! After death, she was judged for love. Today, the Church honors her as blessed.

In the end, we will be judged on love... Jesus is practical; love is practical. Let's be practical and concrete in love. Look around! Many people are in need of our help. There are many 'faces of Christ' among us that need love.

## Have a blessed week, Fr. Chris

To read Mary Penich's Something to Think About...  
please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

# YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### GOSPEL MEDITATION



Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says,

"Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

### MASS HYMNS

*Opening Song:* **Gather #492** To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King (ICH GLAUB AN GOTT);

lyrics by Martin Hellrigel

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Spirit & Song #306** How Great Is Our God by Chris Tomlin, JEsse Reeves, and Ed Cash

*Gloria:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Responsorial Psalm:* **Qué Alegría / I Rejoiced** by Jaime Cortez

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Spirit & Song #92** Let Us Go Rejoicing by Steve Angrisano

*Gospel Acclamation:* **MISA DEL MUNDO** by Jesse Manibusan

*Preparation Song:* **Spirit & Song #196** He Is Exalted by Twila Paris

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Hymn to Christ the King** by Sarah Hart

*Eucharistic Acclamations:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Communion Song:* **Holy Forever** by Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, and Phil Wickham

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **King of Kings | Gather #422** Jesus, Remember Me by Jacques Berthier

*Closing Song:* **Gather #489** Crown Him with Many Crowns (DIADEMATA) by George Elvey, Matthew

Bridges, and Godfrey Thring

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Spirit & Song #206** Blessed Be Your Name by Matt Redman and Beth Redman

## READING I

2 SAMUEL 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said:

“Here we are, your bone and your flesh.

In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back.

And the LORD said to you,

‘You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.’”

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron,

King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD,

and they anointed him king of Israel.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

## READING II

COLOSSIANS 1:12-20

Brothers and sisters:

Let us give thanks to the Father,

who has made you fit to share

in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.

He delivered us from the power of darkness

and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth,

the visible and the invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;

all things were created through him and for him.

He is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,

and through him to reconcile all things for him,

making peace by the blood of his cross

through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

## GOSPEL

LUKE 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said,  
“He saved others, let him save himself  
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”

Even the soldiers jeered at him.

As they approached to offer him wine they called out,

“If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”

Above him there was an inscription that read,

“This is the King of the Jews.”

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus,  
saying,

“Are you not the Christ?

Save yourself and us.”

The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

“Have you no fear of God,

for you are subject to the same condemnation?

And indeed, we have been condemned justly,

for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,  
but this man has done nothing criminal.”

Then he said,

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

He replied to him,

“Amen, I say to you,

today you will be with me in Paradise.”



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## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,*  
*born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

## WEEKDAY PSALMS

**Monday: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56**  
Glory and praise for ever!

**Tuesday: Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61**  
Give glory and eternal praise to him.

**Wednesday: Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67**  
Give glory and eternal praise to him.

**Thursday: Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11**  
I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

**Friday: Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81**  
Give glory and eternal praise to him!

**Saturday: Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87**  
Give glory and eternal praise to him.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Monday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

**Tuesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day

**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Raymond De Silva, Sr. | Alice De Silva | Raymond De Silva, Jr. | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis | Thomas J. Minich

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

7:30am: Ben Serrano | Edward Novick | Rodrigo R. Gorospe  
Patricia Mansueto | Richard V. Siegal

9:30am: Margaret & Laura Maricle | Michele Dulak Beye | Steven Dulak | Helena Czyzewski | Robert & Elizabeth Hund | Joseph Cresto | Nancy Kubarek | Mary & George A. Pratscher | Claire Plowgian | Elena Sanchez | Casis Family | Lucina Carino

11:30am: Tom Wessel | Celia J. Auguste | Amalia Jacobo Calderon | Cristina Jacobo Calderon | Edward Myck | Harriet Sutton | Zenon Rebuyon | David & Holly Kelley | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté  
Paulina Negrillo | Kristin Yee Reyes | Hector B. Brual, Jr.

5:00pm: Ronald "Ron" Lauraitis

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

7:30am: Domingo Cacal, Sr.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025

7:30am: David Myers | Patricia Mansueto

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

7:30am: Dizon & Doreza Families | Hilo & Cacal Family | Bob, Sr. & Judy Russell | Durban-Cuasay Family | Celso Balita Castor | Casis Family | Harry & Mary Faloon | Edgardo Arceo

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Loida Buse Phelps | Edward Skowron | Gergory Toussaint | Scott Kohler | Gerena O. Monis  
Allice De Silva | John Carter Bennett

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Ben Serrano | Winston Casis | Casis Family | Randy Kolaczewski

9:30am: Zbigniew Bartolik | Dennis & Nancy Vaseloff | Mark Hamby | Claire Plowgian | Elena Sanchez

11:30am: Celia J. Auguste | Jovita Garcia | Kristin Yee Reyes  
Hector B. Brual, Jr.

5:00pm: Harriet Sutton | Andres Macavinta

## DONATIONS SUMMARY

PLEASE CHECK NEXT WEEK'S  
BULLETIN FOR UPDATED  
DONATION NUMBERS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY!

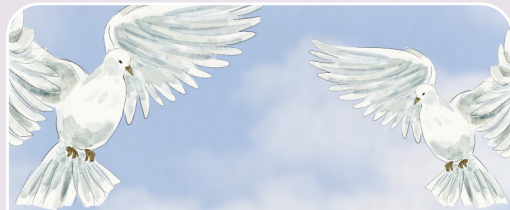


## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosa LaBellarte	Rod Reyes
Rachel Ciullo	Betty Falotico
Patricia Freeman	Keith Kellogg
Toni Lynn Mengarelli	Lisa Mischke
Shannon Bremmer	David Zilligen
Karen Swazas	Eduardo Perez
April Grandgeorge	Maria Domitila Zambrano de Polanco
Alma De Torres	Rafael Gloria
Stephanie Rappe	Collen Wishall
Vicki Shafer	Silvia Pinedo
Ruth Blood	Consuelo Vargas
Maria Delannoy	Juan Miguel Currea
Tom Asma	Gloria de Cardenas
Karla Arce	Helena Sznicher
Jeanne Sypien	George Lawrence
Glenn Garamoni	Michael Miller
Daniel Schmelz	Cynthia D. Caudell
Russell Yanow	Daniel Pawlak III
Victoria Sofia	Glaflira Bunsen
Luquez Mogollon	Jackie Herrera-Giron
Kinga Szymoniak	Gino LaBellarte
Chris Lucy	Dianne Scirri
Donna O'Brien	Pat Wilson
Norilyn Querubin	Kimmy Cozart
Rey Querubin	Mark Wilson
Obdulia Elizalde	Pat Gundrum
Jovita Menes	Mary Thachil
Reginald Dulaca	Daniela Gaborik
Melody Cook	Amy Patterson
Brian Smolicek	Melissa Fernandes
Roberto Movilla	
Shani Stahnke	
Abby Swygard	

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call

Catherine in the Parish Office:  
[info@spa.church](mailto:info@spa.church) or 847-918-0600



*In loving memory of our recently  
deceased parishioners. May God's  
perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Agnes Ramirez*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025**

8:30AM BCBP MEETING  
11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
1:00PM BAPTISM - SWEENEY  
1:30PM BAPTISM - CAMBRONERO  
5:00PM MASS

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

7:30AM MASS  
9:00AM OCIA  
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6  
9:30AM MASS  
11:30AM MASS  
1:00PM BAPTISM - ADKINS  
1:30PM BAPTISM - SCHULZE  
2:00PM BAPTISM - DA BELLO  
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:00PM MASS  
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

7:30AM MASS

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

7:30AM MASS  
8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
2:00PM FAITH SHARING  
6:30PM SPRED

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025**

7:30AM MASS  
9:30AM BIBLE STUDY - AM  
6:30PM BIBLE STUDY - PM

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025**

#### **THANKSGIVING DAY**

9:00AM MASS

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025**

7:30AM MASS

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025**

11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
5:00PM MASS

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

7:30AM MASS  
9:00AM OCIA  
9:30AM MASS  
11:30AM MASS  
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:00PM MASS



## NOVEMBER 29/30 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00PM	A. Rusnak T. Rusnak A. Barrie G. Johnson K. Gaston B. Murphy	Mike Biarnesen Jane Bena	Gorajski, Karen Herchenbach, Dan Rusnak, Tom	Rago, Bill Grzesiak, Shannon	M. Mohrfeld  Fr. Chris Dn. Andy
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30AM	B. O'Brien P. Mikols G. Aranas T. Burns J. Climaco J. Siegel	Catherine Karl Jan O'Brien	Burns, Tim Kurien, Elsa Nelsen, Eric O'Brien, Janice Wicinski, Carol	P. Bland K. Sekany	Fr. Martin Dn. Bob
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30AM	D. Scheffler B. Kibtlewski K. King D. Tomasiewicz Dn. Tomasiewicz R. Reed	Matthew Schwarz Mary Maus	Anderson, Carolyn Corr, Steve Farber, Joy Ignacio, Aeron Maus, Tom	T. Maus M. Maus	Fr. Martin Dn. Ivan
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11:30AM	G. Galano P. Watson S. Fragassi R. Cuasay C. Karl	Terry Denecke- Dattalo Maribeth Hilo	Denecke- Dattalo, Terry Galano, Gerry Payawal, Connie	Podgorski, Connie Rappe, Stephanie	D. Moseley A. Brown  Fr. Martin Dn. Mike
<b>SUNDAY</b> 5:00PM	B. Marchioni JJ Plamoottill M. Deniz K. Deniz OPEN x 2	Christine Crow Teen or Lector 1	Crow, Christine Holland, Lorraine Plamoottill, JJ	Roberts, Jason Wattlett, Ana- Marie	K. Deniz M. Deniz  Fr. Chris Dn. Brent





# Happy Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving Day Mass  
will be at 9am**

**Please bring a non-perishable food  
item to donate to our food drive!**



## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

**Opening on  
November 28th  
from 8am-7pm**

**Weekends: 8:30am - 7pm  
Monday-Friday: 4pm - 7pm**

All proceeds support  
Knights of Columbus Charities.  
Open everyday while supplies last  
until December 20.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAKE COUNTY

**For all Catholic Women in Lake County, Illinois**

**We have been in existence for over 75 years.**

**Meetings: Rosary and Potluck lunch every month—2nd Thursday  
(regular attendance is not mandatory)**

**Where: A parish in Northern Lake County**

**Special Events: Memorial Mass and Lunch, Christmas Lunch, Valentine Lunch  
& Installation Lunch. Summer bus pilgrimages to nearby shrines**

**Any age : Most are between 50 and 90**

**Membership for the year is \$10. if interested or for more info  
please email [cwlakecounty@gmail.com](mailto:cwlakecounty@gmail.com)**

## Advent Holy Hour

**December 1<sup>st</sup>  
December 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00pm**



Anticipating Thanksgiving, we at ElderCARE with all of our older adults that we serve, thank St. Paul the Apostle for your support. Our volunteers now serve over 900 older adults with medical transportation, shopping, food pantry orders, phone calls, visits and technical help. If there are parishioners who would appreciate any of our services or if others would like to volunteer, please call 847-406-4683.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

The Catholic Charities Christmas Gift Program tags are in the gathering space during weekends in November until they are all gone. New generic toy/clothes or gift cards are also appreciated to fulfill requests.

For those new to the parish and/or this program, one selects a tag and purchases a NEW gift(s) for the person. Wrap the gift(s) and attach the tag securely with the name and CSP# showing, or write the name and CSP# on each gift (in case they get separated). Gifts are due back at the church during **Gift Weekend Dec 6/7<sup>th</sup> and NO LATER than 12pm Sunday.**

Immediately after the 11:30 mass on Dec 7th, we need help sorting all of the gifts by family, bagging them and loading them on to trucks. (Thank you Bekins Lake County movers for donating the trucks and drivers again this year!)

On Monday-Wednesday, Dec 8-10, we need volunteers to help check all of the bags at the warehouse. See us for details on signing up with Catholic Charities volunteer website.

For more information or questions, see Nancy Payonk or Carol Zimmer after all the masses or contact us. Nancy Payonk (847-309-8230), [napayonka@comcast.net](mailto:napayonka@comcast.net) or Carol Zimmer (847-732-6126), [zimmerca@outlook.com](mailto:zimmerca@outlook.com).



**Saint Paul**  
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SENIOR LUNCHEON

# Christmas

## CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025  
11AM- 1:30 PM

RSVP BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH  
[MURQUHART@SPA.CHURCH](mailto:MURQUHART@SPA.CHURCH) OR CALL 847-816-8677  
(PLEASE RSVP WITH NAME AND PHONE NUMBER)

Bring a New/Wrapped \$10-\$15  
Unisex Gift for Christmas Game  
(Optional)

Lunch Entertainment by  
Brass Band Quartet



Appreciate and  
Accepting Free-Will  
Donations





SCHOOL OF  
PARISH  
LEADERSHIP  
AND  
EVANGELIZATION

## Deacon Formation Program

### TOM ROBB TO BE INSTITUTED INTO THE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE

Please continue your prayers for deacon candidate Tom as the Most Rev. Timothy O'Malley will preside at his institution into the Ministry of Acolyte on November 16, 2025 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, USML. Tom is one of 15 candidates to be instituted into this ministry.

As is noted in the words of the Rite, instituted acolytes "have a special role in the Church's ministry." The Rite notes the following responsibilities:

- Assist priests and deacons in carrying out their ministry at the Eucharist;
- As special ministers, they are to give Holy Communion to the faithful at the liturgy, and to the sick;
- Because they are specially called to this ministry, they should strive to live more fully by the Lord's sacrifice and to be molded more perfectly in its likeness;
- They should seek to understand the deep spiritual meaning of what they do so to offer themselves daily to God as spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Him through Jesus Christ.

Regarding the Ministry of Acolyte, Canon Law also notes that newly instituted acolytes must regularly exercise their ministry from this point forward if they are to be considered for the possibility of Holy Orders.

Presently, there are nearly 500 active deacons in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please keep Tom, his wife Stacy, and family, and all those in formation and their families, in your prayers that they might continue to answer God's call in their lives. Family, friends, and parishioners are invited to attend the liturgy/institution.

## BETHLEHEM

## NATIVITY

## PRODUCTS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Bethlehem Nativity Products will be visiting your parish on behalf of St. Catherine Catholic Parish of Bethlehem and the Christian families in Bethlehem (Holy Land). For centuries, the Christian and Catholics in Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Now a days there are no tourists or pilgrimage groups visiting the Holy Land because of the war, making it difficult for Catholic artisans to support their families by the dignified work of Christ's birth. During our visit of your parish, we will have hand carved religious items, please consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land to support your fellow Catholics who choose to stay and protect the Holy sites where Jesus himself lived, your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Catholic families, please support this noble cause. [www.bethlehemnativity.com](http://www.bethlehemnativity.com) . We accept cash, personal checks, all credit cards, and monthly installment payments as well, Thanks for your generosity.

**Please visit our display  
Saturday & Sunday  
November 22nd & 23rd , 2025**

**St. Paul the Apostle Annual Financial Statement Comparison**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Ordinary Operating Income</b>		
Sunday, Holy Day and Other Collections	\$ 1,265,729	\$ 1,133,378
Christmas Collection	55,213	63,557
Easter Collection	38,844	37,532
Fees (primarily religious education)	76,609	88,980
Fundraising	18,097	30,648
Interest and Investment Income (Loss)	26,574	22,804
Miscellaneous Income	103,453	76,924
<b>Total Ordinary Operating Income</b>	<u>1,584,520</u>	<u>1,453,823</u>
<b>Ordinary Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries and Payroll Taxes	625,902	638,742
Health Insurance and Benefits	113,289	112,536
Books and Supplies	17,406	36,354
Utilities	70,633	65,498
Maintenance and Building Repair	126,754	129,247
Archdiocesan Assessments	174,117	160,008
Archdiocesan Property/Casualty Insurance	73,012	66,243
Miscellaneous Expenses	167,957	180,180
<b>Total Ordinary Operating Expenses</b>	<u>1,369,069</u>	<u>1,388,808</u>
<b>NET ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 215,451</u>	<u>\$ 65,014</u>
<b>Extraordinary Operating Income</b>		
Sharing Collections for Other Parishes	125,992	112,857
Archdiocesan Required Collections	48,077	62,907
Annual Appeal Rebate	99,545	101,411
Estate Proceeds	383,120	2,965
Capital Campaign Collections	62,576	135,837
Generation to Generation Campaign	250	-
<b>Total Extraordinary Income</b>	<u>719,559</u>	<u>415,977</u>
<b>Extraordinary Operating Expense</b>		
Sharing Collections Paid to Other Parishes	125,992	112,857
Archdiocesan Collections Paid	48,077	62,907
Capital Improvements (Note 1)	478,739	120,923
<b>Total Extraordinary Expense</b>	<u>652,807</u>	<u>296,687</u>
<b>NET EXTRAORDINARY INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 66,752</u>	<u>\$ 119,290</u>
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME</b>	<u><u>\$ 282,203</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 184,304</u></u>

General Note: Ordinary Miscellaneous Income includes stole fees, mass stipends and miscellaneous donations. Ordinary Miscellaneous Expenses includes, but is not limited to, transportation, food and meals, altar and liturgical supplies, furnishings and equipment and other administrative costs.

**Note 1**

Capital improvement expenditures included the following:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
General improvements	\$ -	\$ -
Sound System	\$ 11,338	
Lighting Project	467,401	111,604
Security expenditures	-	9,320
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 478,739</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 120,923</u></u>

If you have questions or comments regarding the financial reports, please email us at [business@saintpaultheapostle.church](mailto:business@saintpaultheapostle.church)



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**Dear Jesus,**

**I see the kingdom you  
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— thorns out of love for  
me. I pick you as my King.**

**Mold my heart to be a  
worthy member of your  
kingdom. Amen.**

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The Vocations Raffle was held last month. Last year, we were able to give \$500 to six seminarians. We hope to repeat, or offer to additional seminarians, this year. You can also purchase raffle books online through November using the QR code shown below. Please enter our council number, 11112, to credit the Divine Mercy Council at St. Paul the Apostle.

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Vivat Jesus,  
Steven Bilas  
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## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN!

**Question:**  
*What's the difference  
between a disciple  
and an apostle?*

**Answer:**  
*Disciples are "called,"  
and apostles are  
"sent."*

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## SAINT BIO

**Saint Cecilia | November 22**

Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints', is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius. Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died. The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

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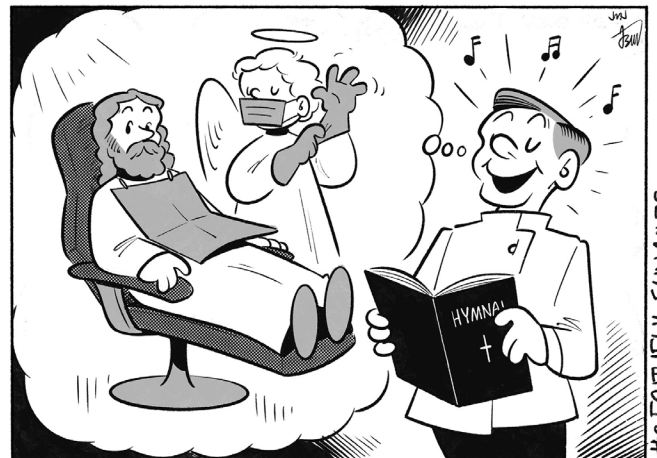
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**"What is a dentist's favorite hymn?"**



**"Crown Him with many crowns!"**



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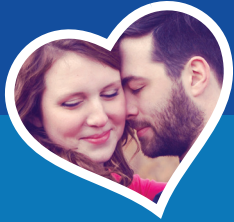
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