



Saint Paul
the Apostle

MAY 4, 2025



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

Dear SPA Family,

Easter morning began one of the most beautiful chapters in their lives for Jesus' disciples. It was a time to wake up and fulfill the most joyful hope brought by the risen Christ. Three years before, the apostles left everything and followed Him. Yet their Master's death had shattered all hopes for Him. There was disappointment and despair. The saddened disciples heard the news that the tomb was empty and that some of them saw Jesus alive. Thanks to them, joyful hope was born even in those who did not believe the rumors they had heard; maybe Christ is risen?! In joyful ecstasy, they waited for new signs that would confirm this incredible event. The wait was not in vain. Jesus appears many times, one of them was at the Sea of Tiberias.



The meeting at the Sea of Tiberias has a lot of charm. All night, the apostles work to catch fish. The effort turned out to be fruitless, empty nets heralded scarcity. Tired, they did not want to admire the beauty of the waking day. It was only the human figure against the morning light that broke them out of the night numbness. It was Jesus who asked with a concerned voice: *'Children, have you nothing to eat?'* Just before His passion, He performed the miracle of a plentiful catch. The apostles counted 153 fish. **But it was not the abundant catch that made the apostles rejoice, but the encounter with the risen Christ.** More than once, Christ would appear to his disciples to strengthen their faith in the resurrection. Strengthen faith gave them enough assistance when they were persecuted and put to death because of Jesus. Martyrdom was nothing for them because they believed in Christ's resurrection. They approached joyfully their death to see Jesus and see heaven open. The Easter meetings with Jesus changed the apostles profoundly.

Living two thousand years later from these events, we do not have a chance to meet Jesus like the apostles. We are dependent on the testimony of the apostles. We may ask if this is a credible witness. Especially today, we ask about this credibility when there are many 'teachers and prophets' who, in proclaiming their truths, sometimes refer to Jesus. Before the resurrection of Jesus, the apostles were depressed and deprived of all hope, and after the events of Easter, an extraordinary change took place in them. **They experienced the power of a miracle; they saw Jesus.... alive.** The apostles, risking their lives, did not stop proclaiming the risen Christ to the world.

Closeness with the Holy Scriptures is a sure source of strengthening our faith in the risen Christ. This was experienced by the prisoners of war in the camp on the River Kwai. Bareheaded and barefoot prisoners were forced to work hard under the scorching tropical sun. Well-built men became walking skeletons in a matter of weeks. It was accompanied by a mental and spiritual breakdown. Faced with this situation, two inmates organized groups to study and ponder the Bible. During these classes, **the prisoners discovered that Christ had risen in them.** They experienced this truth very personally. It became a source of tremendous power that transformed them internally. Their lives have changed completely. Optimism and strength to endure these inhuman conditions returned.

Like the prisoners of the camp on the River Kwai, we can trust in the Gospel and experience His resurrection in our lives.

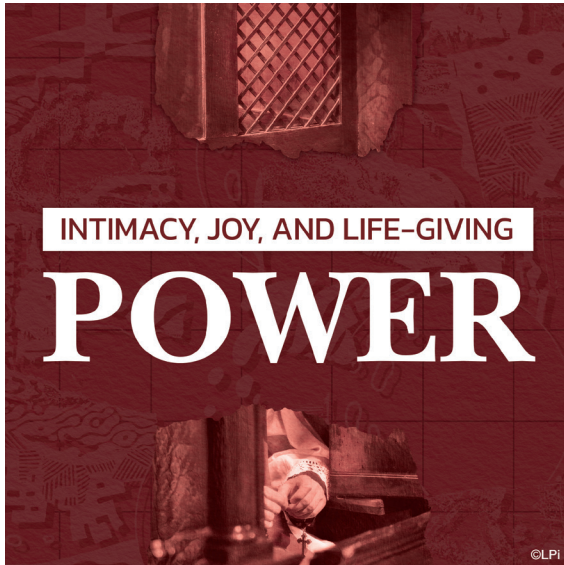
*Happy Easter season,
Fr. Chris*

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION



I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #442 Resucitó** by Kiko Argüello

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #211 Fish with Me** by Ken Canedo

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

Responsorial Psalm: **I Will Praise You Lord** by PJ Anderson

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF SAINT KILIAN** by Curtis Stephan

Preparation Song: **Revelation Song** by Jennie Lee Riddle

At Sunday 5:00pm: **You Welcomed Me** by Tom Booth

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

Communion Songs: **Forever** by Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor, and Kari Jobe

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)** by Rowland Prichard and William C. Dix, arranged by Josh Blakesley

Closing Song: **Go Out in the World** by Ed Bolduc

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Mighty to Save** by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

READING I

ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

READING II

REVELATION 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen, " and the elders fell down and worshiped.

GOSPEL

JOHN 21:1-14

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.



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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: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Tuesday: Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit..

Wednesday: Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Thursday: Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Friday: Psalm 117:1bc, 2
Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Saturday: Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Cinco de Mayo

Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Loida Busa Phelps | Edward Skowron | George Braniff | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett | Luis E. Niño & Carmen Vasquez

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Michael Kinahan | Josie Bustamante Kellogg

9:30am: Robert Chester Buttrey

11:30am: Our Parish Family

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

7:30am: Mary Borzick

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

7:30am: Maria Dominguez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

7:30am: Iris Fernandes

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

7:30am: Dorothy Lavin

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Nicky Hortelano | Joseph Richardt | Patricia Wells | Gerena O. Monis | Cecile Harris | John Carter Bennett

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

7:30am: Honesto & Consolacion Garibay

9:30am: Anna Morien | Michael Penich, Sr. | Jennie Penich | LaVerne Claps | Daniel & Arleen Moriarty | Francisca Masso | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay

11:30am: Chuck Gresser | Victoria Lasso | Norilyn Querubin | Rey Querubin

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of April 28, 2025

Sunday- \$14,858

Sharing- \$ 105

SVdP- \$1,492

Easter- \$3,456

Catholic Extension- \$966

Rice Bowl- \$1,721

Let There Be Light- \$100

Flowers- \$500

Online Sunday- \$10,159

Online Sharing- \$390

Online SVdP- \$1,289

Month to Date - April

Sunday- \$ 60,295

Online Sunday- \$ 39,442

Sharing- \$ 290

Online Sharing- \$ 1,819

SVdP- \$ 2,810

Online SVdP- \$ 2,366

Easter- \$ 35,489

Catholic Extension- \$ 5,029

Rice Bowl- \$ 3,286

Let There Be Light- \$ 253

Flowers- \$ 1,265



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jacob Bereles	William Otero
Bob Franz	Marcy Davis
Cortney Kinahan	Emily Meyer
Rod Reyes	Laura Hopkins
Betty Falotico	Rosa LaBellarte
Carmen Torres	Ruben Querubin
Daniel Alfaro	Rachel Ciullo
Luis Fernando Mathieu	Patricia Freeman
Dorothy Stratten	Toni Lynn Mengarelli
Keith Kellogg	Shannon Bremmer
Lisa Mischke	Karen Swazas
Loretta Mirando	April Grandgeorge
Dave Erickson	Alma De Torres
Darrel Alfonso	Stephanie Rappe
Carla Irwin	Vicki Shafer
Alice DeSilvia	Ruth Blood
Richard Kot	Maria Delannoy
Adriana Aparicio	Tom Asma
Pearla Villareal	Natalie Hycner
Suzelle Conze	Karla Arce
Kathy Hunt	Jeanne Sypien
Jackie Herrera-Giron	Glenn Garamoni
Kaz Wilk	Daniel Schmelz
Rose Scarpelli	Russell Yanow
Portia Tinker	Victoria Sofia
Donna Kalinoski	Luquez Mogollon
Kathy Pozniecki	Kinga Szymoniak
Frank Shade	Chris Lucy
Roberto Dacumos	Donna O'Brien
Alfredo "Doy" Martija	Monica Nash
Antonio "Tony" Alvarado	Norilyn Querubin
Charlie Lucas	Rey Querubin

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 or 847-918-0600



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

Pope Francis
Phillip Woznick Jr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025
6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
10:00AM FIRST COMMUNION
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025
7:30AM MASS
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM BAPTISM - SZYMCZAK
1:30PM BAPTISM - DURAN
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2024
7:30AM MASS
7:00PM ADORATION

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2024
7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
11:00AM KNIT PURL PRAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025
7:30AM MASS
9:30AM BIBLE STUDY
3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025
7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
7:00PM K OF C MEMBERS MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025
7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025
HOSPITALITY WEEKEND
9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
12:30PM BAPTISM - MCWAY
1:00PM BAPTISM - HAWLEY
1:30PM BAPTISM - PARTYNSKI
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM TASTE OF ST. PAUL

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025
MOTHER'S DAY
7:30AM MASS
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS

MAY 10/11 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Andy Thiel Mike Biarnesen	E. Drexler S. Grzesiak J. Hauck D.Herchenbach	B. Rago P. Balmes D. Wells	J. Cruz M. Mohrfeld	Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Jan O'Brien Catherine Karl	M. Janik C. Karl J. O'Brien K. Calendo	L. Griesser A. Wodek T. Zdenanlik	T. Rafael-Azcueta R. Azcueta	Fr. Joe Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Matthew Schwarz Claress Pettengill	K. Belk S. Estorque J. Farber R. Ignacio	A. Ignacio C. Latza T. Maus	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Joe Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Gerald Galano Dodee Yedinak	R. Auguste E. Colcol T. Denecke- Dattalo	L. Lechowicz M. Ramirez J. Schoenherr S. Estorque	D. Moseley JJ. Plamoottil	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Nancy Fink Teen or Lector 1	C. Bertke C. Crow C.Karl T. Marchioni	J. Marino T. Robb L. Holland	T. Marlowe	Fr. Chris Dn. Ivan

Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?

Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on Tuesday, May 6, at 11 am in Room 30.

The ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets, and other items to comfort those in need in our church community.

All ages and experience levels are welcome — and we even have supplies to get you started on your project!

Questions?
Contact the parish office:
info@spa.church

GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"What we have once enjoyed deeply,
we can never lose. All that we love
deeply becomes a part of us."
-Helen Keller

**You are invited to join with us as we
gather with others who have lost a
loved one. Here you will find
support and encouragement in
abundance.**

The next meeting is
May 7, 2025 at 3pm.

Sandy Gbur,
Certified Grief Educator
sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church
708-217-2209

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor



Circle of Women

We, the Circle of Women are women rooted in faith, called to share that faith with each other. The group meets monthly on Saturday mornings, from 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. at St. Paul's lower level.

The next meeting is on May 10th.

Each month is a different topic, each session is separate so consistent attendance is not required. Come as you are, share with us, or just listen if that is what you need. Our cornerstones come from the word saint: safe, accepting, inclusive, nurturing and trust. Our space is sacred and what we share at Circle of Women stays at Circle of Women.

All women are welcome- bring your friends!

OUR MOTHER'S DAY TRADITION CONTINUES...



**On Mother's Day, May 11, we will
continue a very special parish
tradition! For the 34th time, Deacon
Mike will read the book,
LOVE YOU FOREVER, as part of his
children's homily. Deacon Mike will
read at the 9:30 and 11:30 AM
Masses. Please join us for this annual
celebration of our mom's love and
God's love for us all!**

We need your help! Calling all culinary enthusiasts!

Taste of St. Paul will be on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 6-8pm

Let's see how many delicious foods we can bring to the table!

We are looking for chefs willing to share 100—150 samples for the evening. They should be an equivalent of \$0.50 to \$2 in portion size. We will provide sampling cups, sporks, 6" plates, and napkins.

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME OF DISH _____ COUNTRY OF ORIGIN _____

WILL YOU NEED: 6" Plates ____ Sporks ____ Small cups ____ ?

Let us know what you can bring for the taste at our website,

SaintPaulTheApostle.church/parish-life or email Charlotte Nielsen at cnielsen@spa.church.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

(with Praise and Worship music)

Monday, May 5
at 7:00 PM in the
Parish House



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Vicariate I Ministry Commission

Formation and Training for NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Presenter: Fr. Joe Curtis

When: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Where: St. Paul the Apostle, 6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee 60031

Time: Check in at 8:30 a.m. | Training 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Register at: bit.ly/VIEMspr25

A follow up session will take place in your parish that will include any particular practices for your parish.

This training meets the archdiocesan requirements for mandation and remandation.

Questions? Contact Marie Paul at mariep@sttheresachurch.org.



SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

55+ Active Singles A new way to meet friends or partners

UPCOMING EVENT IN MAY

**VOLUNTEER at
NO. IL FOOD BANK**

Wednesday, May 21st

5:00pm—7:30pm

Followed by pizza at

The Silo Restaurant. Lake Bluff

We have 25 spots reserved at Northern Illinois Food Bank's Lake Forest Center. Afterwards we can meet for pizza & beverages. **We must fill these slots no later than Wednesday, May 7th.**

Cost: \$15pp for pizza. Beverages on own

Register at: sainttpaultheapostle.church; Select Single Senior Social Club; Mocktail Party and/or Volunteer

Questions? Please call or email:

Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net



Congratulations to St. Paul the Apostle's 2025 First Communion Candidates!

Honor May Accardo
Kyrie Barrera
Tomasz Joseph Belzek
Kai Emilio Birck
Milania Merritt Blessing
Scarlette Grace Bobo
Maximilian Walter Bremmer
Savannah Gray Cauliflower
Santiago Rafael Chavez
Oliver Edmund Copeland
Sean Michael Daugherty
Rosemary Robert Delfeld
Cynthia Mariah Diaz
Freya Grace Diaz
Connelly Thomas Downs
Joseph John Ecker
Elvano Ericks
Mason Alexander Esteban
Giovani Nathaniel Franco
Mia Izabella Franco
Mateo Ray Kirby Garcia
Ephrem F. Garcia
Emma Karen Gibson
Matthew William Gibson
Alexander Ian Gomez
Rosie Gomez
Aria Itzani Gonzalez

Emilia Louise Keenan
Zoey Paige Kiefer
Martyna Julia Kurylonek
Clare Rebecca Lally
Sebastian Liam Lopez
Alan Lukowski
Ryan Kristopher Lunardi
Seiji Rafael Mañago
Isabella Martinez
Jayla Jazmin Medina
Parker Jameson Acheron Melo
Eleanor Rochelle Montgomery
Ava Marie Morales
Beckett Michael Orson
Everly Racquel Payawal
David Perez
Joseph Ross Reed
Camber Ania Rivera
Zaky Leonard Rizvi
Andrea Jean Manlutac Roque
Dominique Marion L. Ross
Jenesis Skye-Lord Santana
Jacob Johnathon Tomlinson
Brandon Matthew Williams
Josh Eugene Wilson
Elijah James Young



*Congratulations to our men and women from OCIA
who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the
Easter Vigil on April 19.*



Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist:

*Stuart Anthony
David Brito
Jordan Gonzales
Vika Lukowski
Tyler Mickelson
Ariana Renfroe*

*Profession of the Catholic Faith,
Confirmation and First Eucharist:*

*Carey Denecke
Christopher Sveistis*

Confirmation and First Eucharist:

*Margarita Salgado
Rose Anne Terrazas*

Confirmation:

*Megan Dickman
Rene' Giangiorgi*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



FILIPINO MINISTRY AWARDS

ARAW NG
PARANGAL

The Filipino Ministry Awards – Araw ng Parangal, a celebration of Filipino culture in the Archdiocese of Chicago, aims to honor the Filipinos who, in various ways, contribute their unique presence and witness of faith. The afternoon will be a tribute to the leaders in the past and the present, affirming their generous collaboration and animation of the Filipino communities in various parish ministries in the Archdiocese. This event, the first of its kind, is a significant celebration of the faith-filled contribution of Filipino culture in the church, a testament to our rich heritage and values.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Saint Lorenzo Ruiz
Artwork by Paul Balan, Sculptor and Painter

**Sunday, June 1, 2025
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

St. Cletus Parish
600 West 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525

For more information and to purchase ads
for this event, please visit
pvm.archchicago.org/filipino-awards.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Vicariate I | Summer 2025

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult parishioner in Vicariate I who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? **Preparation** for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly on

Mondays beginning June 2, 7–9 pm at St. Edna Parish (door #2)
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights

Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, July 23, 7 pm
Bp. Timothy O'Malley, president

Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration at lcrepeau@stedna.org or 847.398.3362, ext. 325. Registration closes on Monday, May 19.





Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 14TH
9am-3:30pm

PRECIOUS LOVED
RESTORED LOVED
HIGHLY BELOVED
PRECIOUS SPECIAL WORTHY
TREASURED
REDEEMED
FAVORED
REDEEMED

CHERISHED



Saint Paul the Apostle PRESENTS

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

July 12th
6pm - 10pm



St. Paul the Apostle

Craft Show & Sale 2025

Saturday, Nov. 8th 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee, IL
(lower level Gathering Space)

Application available at cnielsen@spa.church

Question:
I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer: You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I



People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. He found strength to endure isolation and disease in Eucharistic adoration and the celebration of the Mass. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i, pray for us!

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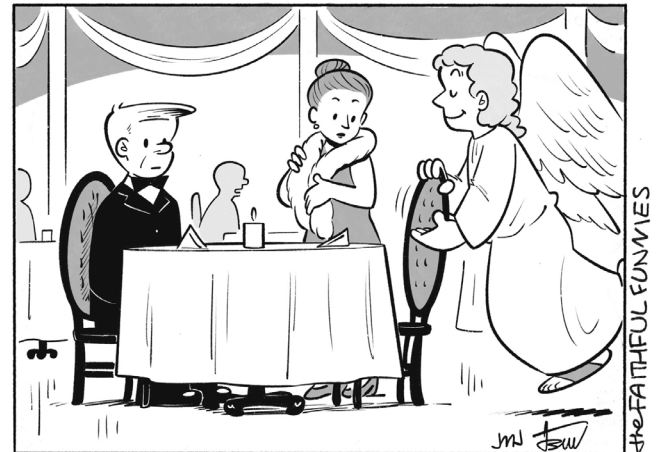
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Prayer of Belief

Lord,
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Help me to hear Your invitation
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Help me to join You where and
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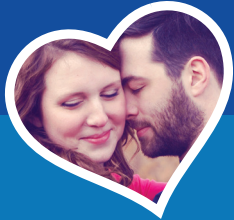


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