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# St. Paul Parish

Established 1839

**November 5, 2023**

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**



1846

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEN'S group** will meet this Thursday 11/9 from 6-7pm in the parish council room.

**BOOK STUDY-** *What Happens at Mass* This Thursday 11/9 at 7pm in the parish office. Talk to Fr. Baier if you would like a book to start reading.

**Remember the Dead**—If you would like to honor a beloved family member or friend, please put a picture of them on the table by the statue of St. Therese. Pictures will remain up until Advent.

### ADVENT DAY RETREAT

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton, 3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton

Our Retreat Master is Fr. Christopher Bernabe.

The Theme for the day is "It Came upon a Midnight Clear; How Christ's Light Leaps Forth into our Darkness"

Retreat from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 8:15 a.m.

\$40 per person; includes lunch

To register, please phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127 or register online at

[www.olpretreat.org](http://www.olpretreat.org)

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	2:00 PM
	7:00 PM Spanish
Thursday-Sat	8:30 AM
<b>ADORATION</b>	
Tuesday	5:00-6:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00AM-noon

### CONFESSION

Tuesday-after Mass until last confession.  
 Friday 8:05-8:20 AM  
 Saturdays 4:00-5:15 PM  
 And by appointment or drop in at the office as  
 Father is available.  
 Parish office: 503-633-4611  
 sbaier@archdpdx.org  
**PARISH OFFICE**  
 FRIDAY 12:30-3

# Saint Paul Parish - November 5, 2023

## Mass Intentions for October 29-November 5, 2023

11/5	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
11/6	Mon	NO MASS	
11/7	Tue	6:00 PM	+Erick Orozco
11/8	Wed	8:30 AM	
	Wed	7:00 PM	
11/9	Thu	8:30 AM	+Erick Orozco
11/10	Fri	2 PM	
11/11	Sat	8:30 AM	+Erick Orozco
		6:00 PM	
11/12	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish

### Collections:

**October 29**  
**\$1,421.00**

*If you would like something included in the bulletin please suggest it by noon on Tuesday.*  
*(503) 633-4611*  
*stpaulparish@stpaultel.com*

## SERVICE TO THE PARISH FOR NOVEMBER

	Lector	Ushers/Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Sat. 6PM</b>	Susan Coleman	Dan Keeley	November 5 —Karren Pohlschneider
		Ben Smith	November 12 —Jim Mullen
<b>Sun. 9AM</b>	John Brentano	Steve Hiller	November 19—Julia Fieger
		Michael Hiller	November 26—Nancy Buyserie

Altar Care		
<b>November 4</b>	Melissa Coleman	Shelly Wolf
<b>November 11</b>	Tori Wolf	Amanda Davidson
<b>November 18</b>	Kathy Mullen	Mary Ellen Pohlschneider
<b>November 25 (Advent)</b>	Kelly Mullen	Kjerstine Vachter

### Altar Servers

<b>Saturday 11/4 6:00 pm</b>	Hadley & Skyler	<b>Sunday 11/5 9:00 am</b>	Henry, Frank & Isaiah
<b>Saturday 11/11 6:00 pm</b>	Cecilia & Delilah	<b>Sunday 11/12 9:00 am</b>	Raegen, Rachel, Jack C
<b>Saturday 11/18 6:00 pm</b>	Cy & Rita	<b>Sunday 11/19 9:00 am</b>	Bre, Chey & Jennifer
<b>Saturday 11/25 6:00 pm</b>	Nolan & Makaela L	<b>Sunday 11/26 9:00 am</b>	Allie S., Stella & Georgia

## From the desk of Father Baier...

Here's a question for us to ponder: is Mass fun? If not, *should* it be fun? There are a lot of things we do in life and things we spend our time on not because it is fun, but because it is meaningful. Establishing and maintaining relationships with other people is not always fun, but it satisfies our need for community. Working on our health is not always fun, but it allows us to feel better in the long run and to be around for those whom we love. Going to work or school is not always fun, but it lets us work for something greater in our lives. In fact, when it comes to the things that matter in life, whether it is fun or not is one of the least important things we consider before choosing to do them. We do these things for two reasons: it is the right thing to do, and it is good for us. Whether we have realized it or not, there is nothing that matters more in life than the Mass. All those other things that matter to us – our relationships, our health, our jobs – are only possible and only matter because of what happens during the Mass.

If you consider yourself a Catholic but do not consider the Mass as the most meaningful aspect of life, don't worry – it probably isn't your fault. In fact, very few of us probably understand exactly what the Mass is, so it takes some explaining. We are using these brief reflections to walk through the Mass and to understand why we do what we do.

The reason why Mass is the most important part of our lives is because it is where we can have a personal and physical encounter with Jesus Christ himself in the Eucharist. Think of your relationships with those you love – how successful are those relationships going to be if it's a one-way street. How can we expect to foster relationships with others if we give and do not receive, or receive and do not give?

The Mass can be considered as the time we spend with God in our relationship with Him. Calling someone or texting them or thinking about them is great, but we can't expect this to lead to meaningful growth in our relationship with them. We need to spend time in their presence to do that. We can pray to God and think about Him often, but if we do not spend personal time with Him in the Eucharist and in the Mass, our relationship will grow stagnant. The sad part is that God is offering His time and presence to us, but sometimes we either don't accept it or don't appreciate it.

Like all our relationships, you will get out what you put in from the Mass. If you approach Mass with dread because it's not technically "fun", you will resent being in the presence of God. Instead, try to approach Mass in a different way – you're not coming here to have fun, you're coming here to find meaning. Because you are undertaking a significant moment in your relationship with God every time you come to Mass, it requires some preparation.

Preparing for Mass does not begin when we walk into the church; it carries over from our last time attending when we are instructed to "Go forth", to "Go in peace", and to "Glorify the Lord by your life". As the expression of our relationship with God, Mass is an active thing that should be reflected outside of the walls of a church. All the preparation we do before the Mass, from fasting an hour before to genuflecting, blessing ourselves with holy water, and kneeling in prayer, is done because of the Eucharist.

If Mass was merely a community gathering, there would be no need for those things. So, as we continue to learn why we do what we do for Mass, remember – our behavior in Mass is how we are behaving in front of God. And there is nothing more meaningful in our life than being in His presence.

## SPPS Spotlight

Pre-K

Being a big kid going to school can be exciting and scary, but watching this group of 3-5 year olds rise to the challenge has been rewarding. We continue to work on learning the classroom expectations while making learning fun. We have covered topics such as school rules, neighborhoods, and friendship, and are currently delving into all things "Autumn" and I have to say, I love their enthusiasm!

We learned about nocturnal animals and trees in the Fall, and the changing leaves and life cycle of apples. After the Pumpkin Patch field trip to French Prairie Gardens we've been very curious about pumpkins. These young scientists asked, "How many seeds are inside the classroom pumpkin?" then made individual predictions. Going through the slime and pulp was worth it, and counting seeds proved challenging. The outcome was surprising for students who thought 10 was a big number. And after counting 46 sets of 10 (whew!) the grand total was 464!

In religion, we learned to pray the Sign of the Cross, which can be challenging with the hand movements, but we are getting pretty good at crossing ourselves. We learned about the Holy Family, (Jesus, Mary, Joseph) and that there are Saints and Angels, too. Our Catholic Letters also come with Catholic words that start with the letter, further building our vocabulary.



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### SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING  
OF THE SICK, FUNERAL

### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor	Father Scott Baier
Sec/Bookkeeper	Theresa Wolf
Finance Council	Bryan Hockett, Chair
Pastoral Council	Andrea Britten, Chair
Development	Laurie Nicklous

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### ST PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Principal	Amanda Davidson
School Advisory Chair	Ken Wolf

### PARISH OFFICE

OPEN WED & THURS 9-12 AND  
FRIDAY 12:30-3  
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Welcome to St. Paul Parish. We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God you are with us. To become part of our parish family, or if you have updated information, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner     New Address     New Phone     Visitor     I would like Father to call me  
 Interested in parish ministries     I would like weekly offertory envelopes