



1836

St. Paul Parish

Established 1839



1846

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

ANNOUNCEMENTS

185th Anniversary of the first Mass in St. Paul.

January 6, 2024 marks 185 years since our parish had its first Mass with the arrival of then Fr. Blanchet. Let us try to stay true to the traditions of our founding fathers and mothers of St. Paul.

MOTHER MARY OF GOD Begin the new year celebrating Mary, Mother of God. This solemnity is not a holy day of obligation this year; however, Mass will still be offered Monday January 1 at 9:00 AM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—We are beginning a new study in January and welcome anyone who would like to join us. We will meet each Tuesday from 8-9AM. Our next book will be "In the School of the Holy Spirit" by Fr. Jacques Phillippe.

Questions? Please contact Kelly Mullen, 503-507-5904 or Gwen Owens, 500-800-1191

EXODUS 90- Men in the parish looking for an intense sacrificial preparation involving abstinence from alcohol and social media and including fasting, prayer, daily reading and cold showers reading for Easter. If that sounds promising, contact Father Baier asap. The group begins Jan 1.

PARISH FEAST DAY—THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Come celebrate St. Paul on January 25th in the Church for Mass and in the Community Hall with an Italian Dinner. Mass is tentatively set for 5:30pm and dinner for 6:15pm. You are encouraged to invite those outside the parish as well. We did this last year and served dinner to more than 70 people.

Pastoral Council meeting January 4, 6pm

Finance Council meeting January 4, 7pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wed, Thurs, Sat	8:30 AM
Friday (School Mass)	2:00 PM
ADORATION	
Tuesday	5:00-6:00 PM
Thursday	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

Saint Paul Parish - December 24, 2023

Mass Intentions for December 31, 2023—January 7, 2024

12/31	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
1/1	Mon	9:00 AM	+Cheryl Ledoux
1/2	Tue	6:00 PM	+Erick Orozco
1/3	Wed	8:30 AM	NO MASS (funeral later)
1/3	Wed	7:00 PM	+Erick Orozco
1/4	Thu	8:30 AM	+Erick Orozco
1/5	Fri	2:00 PM	+Erick Orozco
1/6	Sat	8:30 AM	+Erick Orozco
1/6	Sat	6:00 PM	+Erick Orozco
1/7	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish

Collections:
December 24, 2023
\$4,463.00
Christmas
\$2,829.00

*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 JANUARY 2024

This list will be published the last weekend of the previous month and also will be posted in the church vestibule.

	Lector	Ushers/Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6PM	Steve Stone	Ryan Davidson	January 7 —Jim Mullen
		James Davidson	January 14 —Arianna Campos
Sun. 9AM	Steve Davidson	Paul Charron	January 21—Julia Fieger
		Steve Charron	January 28—Nancy Buyserie

Altar Care			
January 6	Abby Pohlschneider	Rebecca Gray	Cindy Wurdinger-Ancell
January 13	Susan Schibel	Laurie McCarthy	
January 20	Cindy Smith	Marian Kuch	
January 27	Laurie Nicklous	Jen Coleman	

Altar Servers

Saturday 1/6 6:00	Cecilia & Delilah	Sunday 1/7 9:00 am	Max, Landry, Evy
Saturday 1/13 6:00 pm	Hadley & Skyler	Sunday 1/14 9:00 am	Henry, Frank, & Isaiah
Saturday 1/20 6:00 pm	Cy & Rita	Sunday 1/21 9:00 am	Bre, Chey, Jennifer
Saturday 1/27 6:00 pm	Nolan & Makaela	Sunday 1/28 9:00 am	Allie, Stella, Georgia

From the desk of Father Baier...

Reflection 10 – The Eucharistic Prayer, Part II

One of the simplest statements we can make about the Mass is that it is basically the community of believers coming together to relive the entirety of Salvation History, from creation to the Resurrection. Finally, we have come to the most significant moment in this reliving, because *this* moment, after the priest has invoked the Holy Spirit to come down upon the gifts of bread and wine, is a reliving of the Last Supper, when the Eucharist was instituted. We are actively participating in the re-presentation of the Last Supper. Just as Christ's Apostles were present, we have chosen to answer Christ's calling and to make ourselves present at this moment. The priest begins this moment of the consecration by stating the context of the Last Supper before reciting the words of Christ given to his Apostles at this moment.

The Priest is not quoting the words of Christ; rather, Christ is speaking to the congregation directly and actively through the priest when he says, "This is my body, which will be given up for you". Within this moment, two life-changing things are taking place. First, the moment of the Last Supper is now united to the moment of the crucifixion when Christ sacrifices himself for us. Just as we have chosen to be present at the Last Supper, we have now also chosen to be present at the foot of the cross, kneeling and accepting that Christ's sacrifice is for us.

Second, because the words of Christ at the Last Supper are deeply united to the moment of his sacrifice, his words at the Last Supper become literal. He took what was once bread and wine and declared that it is *literally* his body, given up for us. This is the moment that the bread and wine are transubstantiated (their substances are changed in the most fundamental way) into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ.

This miraculous event is made possible only by simple words because these words are not merely being uttered by a priest; these words are being uttered by Christ through the priest. Still, we may ask ourselves how even Christ's words have the power to change the substance of something today.

We must remember that Jesus Christ is God the Son, the Word made flesh. Jesus Christ is the same Word that created the heavens and the earth at the beginning of time. This Word has the power to create and transform, and it is through this Word that the work of human hands becomes the body and blood of Christ.

The priest then raises the Host and the Chalice in the same way the body of Christ was raised on the cross for all the world to see. This is such a solemn moment because it is the most important moment of human history being re-presented to us in the present moment.

The priest will then call us to recognize "The Mystery of Faith", referring to the Paschal Mystery – Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Remember: throughout the Mass, we actively relive the entirety of Salvation History. By declaring the Mystery of our Faith to us, the priest reminds us that this moment of the Mass is us actively living the climax of Salvation History and human history – when God, who became man, opened the door to Salvation for all people.

SPPS Spotlight

YOUR GIFT GOES TWICE AS FAR!

Through the wonderful generosity of the Weston Grant, St. Paul Parochial School once again has the opportunity to obtain matching tuition assistance funds in the amount of \$45,000 for the 2023-2024 school year! Mr. Weston through the OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation will match the tuition assistance donation of every dollar donated to St. Paul Parochial School.

Last year, we reached our matching goal of \$40,000 and were able to provide tuition assistance to our school families. These families often contribute their time and energy to the school, but because of circumstances are not able to contribute the full amount of tuition.

Your gift (both large and small) helps make it possible for these students to attend SPPS, and provides a way for SPPS to continue to meet the needs of all of our students.

Thank you for your generosity. You are making a huge difference in the lives of these students and families!

Sincerely,
Amanda Davidson
Principal

To take part in this matching donation opportunity, please mail your donation indicating “Tuition Assistance” on the check to PO Box 188 St. Paul, OR 97137 or drop off your gift to the school office. Your donation is tax deductible.

SACRAMENTS	PARISH OFFICE										
BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, FUNERAL	WED 9:30 AM—11:30 AM THURS 9:30AM-NOON 20217 Christie Street NE P O Box 454 St Paul, Oregon 97137 (503) 633-4611 (503) 804-3123 (Emergencies) stpaulparish@stpauzel.com www.stpaulparishweb.org										
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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