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St. Paul Parish

Established 1839

February 13, 2022



1846

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	School Mass
Thursday-Sat	8:30 AM
ADORATION	
Tuesday	5:00-6:00 PM
Friday	9:00-11:00 AM

CONFESSION

Tuesday-after Mass until 7:00 PM
 Wednesday 4:30-5:00 PM
 Friday 8:00-8:20 AM
 Saturdays 4:00-5:15 PM
 And by appointment or drop in at the office as
 Father is available.
THE SACRAMENTS
 Baptism - Marriage
 Anointing of the Sick—Funeral
 Contact Father Baier
 (503) 633-4611

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Administrator	Father Scott Baier
Sec/Bookkeeper	Kelly Mullen
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Pastoral Council	Andrea Sonnen, Chair
Development	Laurie Nicklous

ST PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

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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

Saint Paul Parish - February 13, 2022
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for February 13-20, 2022

2/13	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
2/14	Mon	NO MASS	
2/15	Tue	6:00 PM	+Annette Smith
2/16	Wed	School Mass	
2/17	Thu	8:30 AM	Firefighters of the St. Paul Fire District
2/18	Fri	8:30 AM	+Alice Regla
2/19	Sat	8:30 AM	+Austin Smith
		6:00 PM	
2/20	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish

Collections

February 6
\$1,450

ALTAR DECORATORS

February 19
Kathy Charron &
Rose Merten

*If you would like something included in the bulletin please suggest it by noon on Tuesday.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES, February 19 & 20.

Saturday, 6 PM: Beth, Claire, Maggie

Sunday, 9 AM: Carly, Lila, Carter

SAINT PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL 2022 AUCTION: THANK YOU to all of those who supported our online auction this year. Results will be published in next week's bulletin.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY—tentatively-March 12 9:30– noon All the Catholic Churches in Oregon are asked to participate in this synod. As a parish we will participate in the Synod on a Saturday during Lent, tentatively March 12th in an event that will start with prayer at 9:30 am and continue with conversation about the topics until noon discussing how we journey together as a Catholic community. Pope Francis has asked us to do this!

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please remember to submit your confirmation saint name, sponsor, and sign up for an final interview. Use the QR code to go the link!



ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT AT OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT CENTER IN BEAVERTON:

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 9 a. m.– 2:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Retreat - Beaverton

We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Vlazny will be giving our annual

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT "Food for the Journey"

Doors open at 8:15 a. m. \$40 per person, includes lunch. To register, please call the retreat house at 503-649-7127, or email sisters@olpretreat.org. For our virtual option, register at www.olpretreat.org

The following is from Pope Francis Wednesday Audience for February 9.

The true light that illuminates the mystery of death comes from the Resurrection of Christ. This is the light. And Saint Paul writes: "Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15: 12-14). There is one certainty: Christ is resurrected, Christ is risen, Christ is alive among us. And this is the light that awaits us behind that dark door of death.

Dear brothers and sisters, it is only through faith in resurrection that we can face the abyss of death without being overwhelmed by fear. Not only that: we can restore a positive role to death. Indeed, thinking about death, enlightened by the mystery of Christ, helps us to look at all of life through fresh eyes. I have never seen a removals van behind a hearse! Behind a hearse: I have never seen one. We will go alone, with nothing in the pockets of our shroud: nothing. Because a shroud has no pockets. This solitude of death: it is true, I have never seen a hearse followed by a removals van. It makes no sense to accumulate, if one day we will die. What we must accumulate is charity and the ability to share, the ability not to remain indifferent when faced with the needs of others. Otherwise, what is the point of arguing with a brother or with a sister, with a friend, with a relative, or with a brother or sister in faith, if then one day we will die? What is the point in being angry, in getting angry with others? Before death, many issues are put into perspective. It is good to die reconciled, without grudges and without regrets! I would like to say one truth: we are all on our way towards that door, all of us.

The Gospel tells us that death comes like a thief. This is what Jesus tells us: it arrives like a thief, and however much we try to keep its arrival under control, perhaps even planning our own death, it remains an event that we must reckon with, and before which we must also make choices.

Two considerations stand for us Christians. The first: we cannot avoid death, and precisely for this reason, after having done everything that is humanly possible to cure the sick, it is immoral to engage in overzealous treatment (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2278). That phrase of the faithful people of God, of the simple people: "Let him die in peace", "help him to die in peace": such wisdom! The second consideration instead concerns the quality of death itself, the quality of pain, of suffering. Indeed, we must be grateful for all the help that medicine is striving to give, so that through so-called "palliative care", every person who is preparing to live the last stretch of their life can do so in the most humane way possible. However, we must be careful not to confuse this help with unacceptable drifts towards killing. We must accompany people towards death, but not provoke death or facilitate any form of suicide. Remember that the right to care and treatment for all must always be prioritised, so that the weakest, particularly the elderly and the sick, are never rejected. Life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered. And this ethical principle concerns everyone, not just Christians or believers.

I would like to underline a real social problem. That "planning" — I don't know if it is the right word — but accelerating the death of the elderly. Very often we see in a certain social class that the elderly, since they do not have means, are given fewer medicines than they need, and this is inhuman; this is not helping them, it is driving them towards death earlier. This is neither human nor Christian. The elderly should be cared for as a treasure of humanity: they are our wisdom. Even if they do not speak, or if they do not make sense, they are still the symbol of human wisdom. They are those who went before us and have left us many beautiful things, many memories, much wisdom. Please, do not isolate the elderly, do not accelerate the death of the elderly. To caress an elderly person has the same hope as caressing a child, because the beginning of life and the end are always a mystery, a mystery that should be respected, accompanied, cared for, loved.

May Saint Joseph help us to live the mystery of death in the best possible way. For a Christian, a good death is an experience of the mercy of God, that comes close to us even in that last moment of our life. Even in the Hail Mary, we pray asking Our Lady to be close to us "at the hour of our death". Precisely for this reason, I would like to conclude this catechesis by praying together to Our Lady for the dying, for those who are experiencing this moment of passage through this dark door, and for the relatives who are experiencing bereavement

from the desk of Father Baier...

Well it's almost five o'clock after Austin Smith's memorial and burial. I'm in the confessional trying to finish this bulletin. This has been a very busy week. I'm thankful for Austin's life and for the outpouring of love for his family and for our community. God bless St. Paul and may the Lord protect us in these days ahead.

Many of you expressed to me difficulties in faith over the last 9 days. Why does God allow tragedies to happen? If we love and serve God well, why would he allow an accident to happen? These are good questions and although they seem to shake our faith, I think they show us that we need deeper roots in the running streams of grace. Looking at the lives of the prophets who loved God, the Son of God Jesus Christ, and the first Christians who died for the faith, we see the way they were mistreated and even killed despite their strong love of God. We could be tempted to think that God abandoned them, but that is far from the truth. God gave the prophets and the martyrs a mission not unlike Jesus', they were sent with a mission. That mission was to be great, not to be comfortable. The book of Wisdom has an interesting pericope that says that the just man though he die early is at peace. "For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, not can it be measured in terms of years...Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord. (Wisdom 4)"

So often we think about life only from our own human perspective. God has made us for eternity and yet we are so attached to this life on earth. Granted, it is all that we know and that we have become accustomed to in life. God calls us to see things from his supernatural perspective, to realize that all things work for the greater glory of God. As St. Therese said, "everything is a grace." As the Apostle St. Paul said, "where sin abounds grace abounds all the more. We will grow from our losses and from our tragedies and one day if we meet God in grace we will see the plan and understand.

With warmest regards and care,

Fr. Scott Baier