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# St. Paul Parish

Established 1839

**February 18, 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**



1846

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday Lenten Mass at 7:00 AM** After a great attendance on Ash Wednesday for Mass, especially by our high school students, it made sense to have a 7 am Mass for Lent so that our high school students have the opportunity to come. As I said in my homily, athletes deny themselves all kinds of things to win a race, in the spiritual life it is no different. This gives us all another opportunity to train during lent in prayer and worship and discipline for the spiritual battles that lie ahead.

**LENTEN RETREAT**—Wednesday, March 6 from 7-9pm all are welcome to a Lenten Twilight Talk with Dina Marie Hale of Faith Moments at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton. The theme is: "Behold the Lamb of God." This evening retreat will be a perfect way to enhance your Lenten journey in preparation for Holy Week and the Easter season. Doors open at 6:30pm and a free will offering is appreciated. Come early to browse the Catholic bookstore and gift shop in the retreat house. For more and to RSVP your seat visit: [www.dinamarie.org](http://www.dinamarie.org). Our Lady of Peace Retreat House is located at 3600 SW 170th Ave, Beaverton, OR.

**Thank you to all who worked so hard to put together and to participate in and to support our SPPS Auction.** Thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure to support the children and make Catholic education possible for them. After totaling numbers, we have raised \$215,354 for our general fund and \$19,950 towards Raise the Paddle - All Things Science. That brings our net grand total to \$235,304!!

**Our subscription with FORMED is coming up for renewal. We would like to know if our parishioners are utilizing this valuable tool. Please email the parish at [stpaulparish@stpaultel.com](mailto:stpaulparish@stpaultel.com) to let us know your thoughts on whether we should continue with FORMED. Thank you.**

**Stations of the Cross** English Friday at 6pm, Spanish Fridays at 7:30 pm. **Friday Soup Supper** will continue during Lent. We will gather after the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening, 6:30 pm. If you would like to make a vegetarian or seafood soup, bread or salad, please contact Theresa Wolf at [stpaulparish@stpaultel.com](mailto:stpaulparish@stpaultel.com) or text her at 971-983-9122.

### 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
<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](mailto:sbaier@archdpdx.org)

## Saint Paul Parish - February 18, 2024

### Mass Intentions for February 18-25, 2024

2/18	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
2/19	Mon	NO MASS	
2/20	Tue	6:00 PM	
2/21	Wed	7:00 AM	
		7:00 PM	
2/22	Thu	8:30 AM	
2/23	Fri	2:00 PM	
2/24	Sat	8:30 AM	
		6:00 PM	
2/25	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish

**Collections:**  
**February 11, 2024**  
**\$2,647.00**  
**Catholic Communication**  
**Campaign**  
**\$20.00**

*If you would like something included in the bulletin please suggest it by noon on Tuesday.  
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### The New Creation—Reflections by Scott Hahn & Ken Ogorek

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of Baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also pre-figured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1-9)

We see that a new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the New Adam—the beloved Son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38) living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14). Like Adam, He is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-20).

This is the Good News, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, Resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 4:3-7). But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness, a world filled with afflictions, and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9, 13; Deuteronomy 8:2, 16).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior, the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20) and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows to repent and believe in the Gospel.

- How am I avoiding near occasions of sin—those times when I drive myself to the desert of temptation?
- In my communities, do I use my freedom responsibly or take as right to do and say anything?

***Holy Spirit, You led Jesus through a period of fasting and prayer. Guide me throughout this Lenten season as I strive to deepen my experience of repentance as well as strengthen my faith in the Good News of salvation. Amen.***

## **From the desk of Father Baier...**

Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lenten journey has surely begun. I realize myself that sometimes I prefer comfort and abhor suffering. I avoid suffering. Does this ever happen to you also, where you feel agitated or troubled and instead of wrestling with the feeling in prayer, you seek to distract yourself with some chocolate, some fresh air, you pick up your phone to look through messages or social media? There can be a great benefit this Lent in wrestling with the temptations and discomfort that comes our way! Be assured of my prayers for each of you. Jesus loves each of us individually and communally. He wants us to love him back because he knows how good it is to love. If we love God, we will become more like God too!

I am going to a special pro-life Gala dinner on Saturday 2/17 evening and Fr. Terry Tompkins of Mt. Angel Seminary will be here in my stead. Fr. Terry is a seasoned priest who happens to be very prolife. He was once deemed Enemy number 1 by Planned Parenthood in the Bay Area. He loves to tell stories and is quite good at it!

I'm going to the dinner Saturday night with some parishioners and friends. Together we will listen to the Sisters of Life speak and Abby Johnson. The Sisters of Life are based out of New York, where they work with pregnant mothers who need help before, during, and after the birth of their child. They are strong advocates for Life. Abby Johnson is the woman who the movie Unplanned was based on. Abby worked as a director of a planned parenthood in Texas and for the first time stepped into an abortion procedure. It changed her life when she saw the ultrasound and the life that was terminated. She quit her job and became an advocate for life across the US and the world. I'm excited to hear what they have to say.

Take courage this Lent to be joyful and cheerful with yourself and with others. Christ's glory will come.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Scott Baier

# SPPS Spotlight

We have all been very busy in Spanish class. We have learned many words, phrases and quite a few things about the culture and traditions of other countries. Our 5/6 and 7/8 grade classes are learning the "Our Father" in Spanish in hopes that we are able to attend a Spanish Mass and looking forward to praying the "Our Father" in Spanish with our parishioners.



In addition to Spanish we took a few minutes out of our day to make our "Joy Journals" to help us reflect during Lent. Our students crafted their own journals out of paper and ribbon, and decorated the covers. They are going to make daily entries either with words or pictures on what brings them joy everyday! Many of our children drew pictures or wrote down that both the school and parish bring them joy! We hope that those thoughts and words bring you joy as you are reading this!

## SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING  
OF THE SICK, FUNERAL

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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**ST PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL**

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**ST. PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OFFICE**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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