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St. Paul Parish

Established 1839

February 25, 2024
Second 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.

Our subscription with FORMED will be cancelled, unless we hear from parishioners who are utilizing this valuable tool. Please email the parish at 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 or text her at 971-983-9122.

Morning "Women's Book Club" meets at 8:00 am on Tuesdays, in the parish office.

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. Our Lady of Peace Retreat House is located at 3600 SW 170th Ave, Beaverton, OR.

Men's group will resume in April.

Pastoral Council meeting March 7, 6pm and Finance council meeting March 7, 7pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM

Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wed 7:00 AM
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

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Mass Intentions for February 25-March 3, 2024

2/25	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
2/26	Mon	NO MASS	
2/27	Tue	6:00 PM	+Cheryl LeDoux
2/28	Wed	7:00 AM	
		7:00 PM	
2/29	Thu	8:30 AM	+ Ed & Edna Murphy
3/1	Fri	2:00 PM	
3/2	Sat	8:30 AM	
		6:00 PM	
3/3	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish

Collections:
February 18, 2024
\$2,303.00

Special Collections:
Church in Eastern Europe
\$314.00
Home Missions
\$343.00

*If you would like something included in the bulletin please suggest it by noon on Tuesday.
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SERVICE TO THE PARISH FOR MARCH 2024

	Lector	Ushers/Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6PM	Ruben Sisto	John Kaufmann	March 3—Dan Mullen
		Sharon Davidson	March 10 —Arianna Campos
Sun. 9AM	Mary Ellen Pohlschneider	Dick Ernst	March 17—Jim Mullen
		Bryan Hockett	March 24—Nancy Buyserie
			March 31—Julia Fieger

Altar Care			
March 2		Kathy Charron	Rose Merten
March 9		Connie Davidson	Georgene Bernards
March 16		Sara Weisz	Nancy Davidson
March 23	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Theresa Wolf	Shelly Wolf
March 28	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	Cindy Smith	Marian Kuch
March 30	<i>Easter</i>	Tori Wolf	Amanda Davidson

Altar Servers

Sat. 3/2 6:00 pm	Cecilia & Delilah	Sun. 3/3 9:00 am	Henry & Frank, Georgia & Anne
Sat. 3/9 6:00 pm	Nolan K & Makaela L	Sun. 3/10 9:00 am	Raegen F., Lillian P., Jennifer
Sat. 3/16 6:00 pm	Hadley E & Skyler E	Sun. 3/17 9:00 am	Bre & Chey A; Jack Counts
Sat. 3/23 6:00 pm	Cy & Rita C.	Sun. 3/24 9:00 am	Jameson F; Allie S; Addie G
Holy Thursday 3/28 7:00 pm	5 volunteers needed		
Good Friday 3/29 7:00 pm	3 volunteers needed		
Easter Vigil 3/30 8:30 pm	5 volunteers needed		
Easter Sunday 3/31 9:00 am	Volunteers needed		

From the desk of Father Baier...

Second Sunday of Lent—Bonds Loosed, Reflections by Scott Hahn & Ken Ogorek

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.

The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only begotten Son. In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see Romans 8:32; Genesis 22:12, 16).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son," just as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved firstborn son. These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true Son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see Matthew 1:1, John 8:56). In His Transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God—raised from among their own kinsman, speaking with God's own authority (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 19).

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (see Sirach 48:9-10; Malachi 3:1, 23-24). And as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see Isaiah 53:3).

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see Psalm 116:3). His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did. Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and to renew our vows as His servants and faithful ones.

I hope that you are well this Lent! The good weather these last few days has been very welcome I think to all of us. This past week we had 18 children receive their first reconciliation. What a gift for them and their families as they promise to work on their sin and receive forgiveness from Jesus. As I told them, I pray that they come to reconciliation again in the future. You'd be surprised how many times a wayward soul comes to confession in their twenties and tells me that the last time they went to confession was when they received first communion. That was the case for me in my own life also. Many of us have an aversion to the sacrament as we have an aversion to the doctor, we'd rather just live our lives without addressing our ailments, whether spiritual or physical. Still this sacrament is a sacrament of profound healing. It helps us, no, it allows us to move inward again in our spiritual life. The alternative is to live always on the outside of things, on the outside of the interior castle as St. Theresa of Avila puts it. That can be a difficult and even boring and dangerous place to be. The richness of interior life given to us in confession helps us to be thankful. Coming to confession requires a trust that Jesus works through the priest in the sacrament to guide us and to give us his grace. Jesus I trust in you. We will have a communal penance service on March 20 at 6:30pm. I'm hopeful you can attend.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Scott Baier

SPPS Spotlight

After first reconciliation at the school, the children had an opportunity to run through a tunnel of love that had children and staff chanting their names and slapping their hands. The 2nd graders were overwhelmed with the love and appreciation from their fellow students. We are blessed at SPPS to have such solidarity among the students and staff.



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

ST PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

PARISH OFFICE

WED 9:30 AM—11:30 AM
THURS 9:30AM-NOON
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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: _____

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