



1836

# St. Paul Parish

Established 1839

**July 10, 2022**



1846

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wed-Sat	8:30 AM
<b>ADORATION</b>	
Tuesday	5:00-6:00 PM
Friday	9:00-12:00 PM

## CONFESSION

Tuesday-after Mass until 7:00 PM  
 Wednesday 4:30-5:00 PM  
 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.

## THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Marriage  
 Anointing of the Sick—Funeral  
 Contact Father Baier  
 (503) 633-4611 Emergencies: (503) 804-3123

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor	Father Scott Baier
Transitional Deacon	Anthony Hoangphan
Sec/Bookkeeper	Kelly Mullen
Finance Council	Bryan Hockett, Chair
Pastoral Council	Andrea Sonnen, Chair
Development	Laurie Nicklous

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## ST PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Principal	Amanda Davidson
School Advisory Chair	Phil McCarthy

## PARISH OFFICE

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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 - July 10, 2022  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Intentions for July 10-17, 2022**

7/10	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
7/11	Mon	NO MASS	
7/12	Tue	6:00 PM	+John Schomus
7/13	Wed	8:30 AM	
7/14	Thu	8:30 AM	+Jim Schomus
7/15	Fri	8:30 AM	
7/16	Sat	8:30 AM	+Walter Wilmes
		6:00 PM	
7/17	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish

**Collections**

June 26  
\$7932  
July 3  
\$2235

**ALTAR DECORATORS**

July 16  
Kathy Charron &  
Rose Merten

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES, July 16 & 17**

Saturday, 6PM: Beth, Claire and Maggie McKillip

Sunday, 9AM: Angel Hernandez, Sofia & Sienna Meza

FATHER SCOTT BAIER'S INSTALLATION MASS AS PASTOR WILL BE JULY 31 AT THE 9AM MASS. THE PARISH STAFF AND PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL HAVE ROLES IN THE INSTALLATION.

**THANK YOU** to our MANY helpers who made the rodeo BBQ chicken fundraiser another success. We sold out early several nights. A huge thank you to our 'chicken mama', Laurie Nicklous who led the charge again this year, planning for this fundraiser months in advance and working tirelessly every day and night during rodeo week. We could not do this without her! Thank you to our principal Amanda Davidson and her team that parked cars fundraising for Saint Paul Parochial School. We couldn't have made everything happen without them!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING UP, JULY 28 & 29.** We have space for more incoming 1st thru 5th graders. If you'd like to enroll please contact the parish office for a sign up form. If you have a form please bring it to Mass and give it to Deacon Anthony, or drop it off at the rectory offices.

**YOUTH COORDINATOR:** We at St. Paul parish in St. Paul OR are looking for a youth coordinator to work with middle school and high school students about 8-12 hours a week on average throughout the year. You would assist Fr. Baier with paperwork, planning, communication with parents, interacting with teens, training volunteers, confirmation, and transportation. An additional expectation would be driving our 14 person passenger bus. Please talk to or email Fr. Baier if you are interested.

## From the desk of Fr. Baier...

Sometimes in the Church we can start to use 'churchy' words that others don't really understand. The word grace is perhaps a word like this! What is grace? We pray "Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you..." We know grace is good, and it is of God, but what is it. We talk especially of women who are graceful in their movements, what is grace? St Augustine writes, "Lest the will itself should be deeped capable of doing any good thing without the grace of God, after saying, 'His grace within me was not in vain, but I have labored more abundantly than they all", he immediately added the qualifying cluse, 'Yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me' (1 Corinthians 15:10) In other words, Not I alone, but the grace of God within me." In other words, it isn't the grace of God alone in us, or us working on our own, but us working together with the grace of God. For this reason we should always give thanks for God for our good achievements for we achieve them though our own efforts, yes, but also through the grace of God. When we think of our lives and the evil that we have not committed, it is the grace of God that has preserved us from this! As in the expression, "But for the grace of God, there I go!"

Grace can be understood as the goodness, benevolence, friendliness, love, and faithful care of the God who loves and guides us. It is also seen in the many gifts God gives us. The catechism defines grace as "The free and undeserved gift that God gives us to respond to our vocation to become his adopted children. As sanctifying grace, God shares his divine life and friendship with us as a habitual gift, a stable and supernatural disposition that enables the soul to live with God, to act by his love. As actual grace, God gives us the help to conform our lives to his will. Sacramental grace and special graces are gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us live out our Christian vocation." Mary, the Mother of God was full of grace because she totally admitted God's will into her life. For us who choose to sin, especially those who sin mortally, we wound, mar, or destroy the grace within us. This is why we say confession restores us to a "state of grace". Brothers and sisters let us seek out the grace of God in our lives and cooperate with it as Mary did. Blessings and peace,

Fr. Scott Baier

The Hebrew Psalter, written before the time of Jesus Christ, has 150 psalms. We hear them sung often between the first and second reading at Sunday Mass. They are good to read on your own. Some are uplifting, others offer counsel, others meet us in the depths of sadness. I encourage you to look up psalm 1 in your Bible. It serves as an introduction to the psalter. It offers the reader a choice between two paths in life.

What will you choose a life of grace or a life of sin? Fr. Konrad Schafer says, "happy the wise person who meditates the torah continually, enters through it to appreciate the riches of the Psalter and ends in praising God." (3). Here, happiness refers to the "lasting blessing held out to the person who pursues the good. (3). In choosing to pursue the good and divine life, one finds divine happiness. The choice presented to the reader is between happiness and death. Psalm 1 is about the end of the wicked in death and the blessedness of God's accompaniment of the good. As Fr. Schafer states, "Anyone whose life is rootless and meaningless because he or she is godless will have not defense when arraigned in judgment. A reciprocal contrast is made between the other two parties; God will defend the lover of the law" (5).

By law we understand the law of God written on our hearts as well as the sacred scripture. As Fr. Schafer shares, "It is the fine tuning to the divine will, and it is a source of pleasure, an object of the heart, which are free and loving. The just man is compared with a tree planted by streams of water that bears fruit. While the wicked are rootless and blown about life chaff, the good are rooted in the Lord's grace."

Jesus was one who was rooted in the torah, and yet we might ponder that he also spent time associating with sinners. Still, Jesus does not follow the counsel of the wicked, he follows the counsel of God and of the law. He does not sit in company of scoffers, but rather teaches them and makes them docile to the law themselves. Jesus does not go in the way of sinners, but rather Jesus himself is the way. Jesus is so assured of his own identity as the Son of God that he is able to approach sinners and to share grace with them.

As a tree planted by the steams of grace, it can take time to grow. Let us be patient. Recently I was visiting the monks at Mt. Angel. I was talking with two of them and then suggested we see what the other monks were doing. Fr. John Paul remarked that if we uprooted ourselves we would not bear much fruit. The Benedictines make a vow of permanence to live in the same place for a lifetime. "If you are going to put down spiritual roots, taught St. *Benedict*, you need to *stay in one place* long enough for them to go deep. As I am named Pastor here at St. Paul. I hope that I can put down deep roots here to bear fruit for God and for the community.