SAINT PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5:00 pm
Sunday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm (Misa en Español)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday . . . . . . 8:00 am
Wednesday . . . . . . . . . . . . 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:00 am at Old St Paul
First Saturday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation
per announcements

PASTORAL STAFF
Father Thomas Tully,
Pastor

Father Robert Schmid,
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Mike Mahoney,
ObISB, Parish Deacon

Deacon Rick Fisher,
Parish Deacon

Deacon Jim Hackett,
Parish Deacon

Sister Monique Dissen,
IHM, Pastoral Associate

Deacon David Kierski,
School Principal

THE POOL OF SILENCE
JERUSALEM
I was blind and now I see.
JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22
2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WE ARE STILL OPEN!
LENT IS STILL ON!
EASTER IS STILL COMING!

Thanks to all who are
making our efforts
successful.
We will reach out to
include everyone AND
protect each other’s health.
SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Young Authors’ Essay Contest
Nine Saint Paul Catholic School students were recently recognized by the North Carolina Reading Association as school winners in the 2020 Young Authors’ Essay Contest.
This year’s theme was The Magical Power of Words.
The following students were recognized at assembly:

First Grade: Gianni Digirolamo
Third Grade: Henry Smith
Fifth Grade: Claudio Rivera-Abaroa
Seventh Grade: Cara Edwards

Second Grade: Joseph Hall
Fourth Grade: Eliana Blakemore
Sixth Grade: David Doban & Bryan Humphrey
Eighth Grade: Ellora Pumphrey

Claudio Rivera-Abaroa and Henry Smith have also been named state winners. They were recognized at the Young Authors’ State Awards Ceremony in Winston-Salem on March 21st.

Lenten Service Project
The beneficiary of the school service project for this year is The Filling Station in Pollocksville. Students in all grades are collecting non-perishable food to be delivered to the Filling Station during Holy Week.
If you would like to help, please drop off your donations during school hours.
Success begins @ Saint Paul.
Go Knights!

“God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

At the Annunciation, God revealed this good news to Mary. She was the first to hear and to believe that God would do what He promised. Her faith told her that nothing is impossible for God. Mary also heard God’s invitation calling her to be the Virgin Mother of his Son.
This call meant that Jesus would be formed in her womb, and she, as His mother, would nourish and care for Him. This call meant that she had a special place in God’s plan for salvation. Mary replied, “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to Your word.” (Luke 1:38)
In saying yes, Mary agreed to God’s plan because she wanted what God wanted. She was willing to accept all the joy and pain, all the unexpected events.
She was willing to bring Christ to a waiting world.

O God, who willed that Your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in His divine nature. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

Sunday 3/22
- 8:00AM Communion Hour
- 9:00AM Olive Branch Closed for the present
- 9:30AM Faith Formation – School - CANCELED
- 10:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – SJC
- 10:30AM Communion Hour in Oriental
- 11:00AM Communion Hour
- 1:00PM Communion Hour
- 6:00PM No Confirmation Class

Monday 3/23
- 8:00AM Communion at 8am
- 7:00PM Adult Women’s Basketball - Gym

Tuesday 3/24
- 8:00AM Communion at 8am
- 10:30AM No Mass in Oriental
- 12:00PM One in the Spirit Prayer Group – SJC
- 6:00PM Confessions available 6-8pm
- 7:00PM Twin Rivers Volleyball - Gym

Wednesday 3/25
- 9:00AM Communion at 9am
- 9:00AM Olive Branch Closed
- 5:00PM Medjugorje Prayer Group – SJC
- 6:00PM Communion at 6pm
- 6:45PM NO Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 6:30PM SPRAA Men’s Basketball Open Gym

Thursday 3/26
- 8:00AM Communion and Exposition at 8am
- 8:35AM Adoration
- 10:45AM Reconciliation
- 11:45AM Benediction
- 7:00PM Twin Rivers Volley Ball - Gym
- 7:30PM NO Folk Choir Practice

Friday 3/27
- 8:00AM Communion at OSP at 8am
- 5:00PM Fish Fry - FLC – TAKE OUT ONLY
- 9:30AM Sacrament of Confirmation Postponed
- 3:30PM Reconciliation
- 5:00PM Spanish Baptism Class – Confessional
- 5:00PM Communion Hour

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fish Fry**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their final Fish Fry in the Family Life Center on Friday, March 27th.

**ALL MEALS WILL BE SERVED AS TAKE OUT! DRIVE UP AND STAY IN YOUR CAR!**

Serving will begin at 5:00PM and end at 6:30PM.

Ticket prices are $12.00 per individual or $30.00 for the family. Tickets will be on sale in the Atrium this weekend after all masses. Tickets will also be available for sale in the church office on March 23rd and 24th.

**PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE Seminars**

The Seminars have been canceled for this season. Former participants have been contacted. Please look forward to a new representation of the series. Thank you!

**300 Club**

$50 Annual Entry Fee
$100 Week Prizes ($50, $25, $15, $10)
$1,000 Semi-Annual Reverse Drawing
For tickets, contact Kevin Blust at 252-259-0347.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. That’s just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Attend one of the upcoming weekends on May 1-3 and Sep 11-13, in Hickory, NC, and Nov 6-8 in Atlantic Beach, NC. Visit NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
Given the suspension of all weekday and weekend public Masses in the Diocese of Raleigh, below is information to search online.

Diocese of Raleigh Parishes Streaming Mass
St. Mary Magdalene, Apex –YouTube, Sunday, 10:45 a.m.
St. Catherine of Siena, Wake ForestFacebook, 10:00 a.m.
St. Anthony of Padua, Southern Pines – On Facebook, Monday-Thursday, 12:00 p.m.
St. Michael The Archangel, Cary – On Livestream: Daily Mass, 8:30 a.m. and Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Duke Catholic Center –YouTube, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
St. Ann, Clayton –Facebook, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh - Homilies only
St. Francis of Assisi, Raleigh - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Durham - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
St. Thomas More, Chapel Hill - On Facebook, Daily Mass, Wednesday, 12:15 a.m.
St. Raphael the Archangel, Raleigh - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
St. Charles, Ahoskie - On Facebook, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Misa en español
St. Raphael the Archangel, Raleigh, en Facebook, Domingo a las 2:00 p.m.
St. Ann Clayton, en YouTube, Sábado a las 7 p.m.
Immaculate Conception, Durham - En Facebook, Domingo a las 10:30 a.m.
St. Thomas More, Chapel Hill - en Facebook, Misa diaria, Jueves a las 6:00 p.m.; Misa dominical a las 1:30 p.m.
St. Michael the Archangel, Cary - en Livestream, Domingo a las 2:15 p.m.
St. Charles, Ahoskie - en Facebook, Sábado a las 7:00 p.m.
María Reina De Las Américas & Sta. Teresa del Niño Jesús Catholic ChurchesYouTube, 7p.m.; Friday LIVE Viacrucis 7p.m. and11a.m.

Other Devotional Resources
Act of Spiritual Communion (St Alphonsus Liguori)
Pope Francis’ Prayer with Mary for COVID-19
Magnificat Magazine online version
St. Francis of Assisi, Raleigh - On Facebook, Lunch with Mr. Jim, weekdays, 12:00 p.m.; Virtual Evening Prayer, weekdays, 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception, Durham, Daily Gospel Reflection (bilingual)

Across the World
Vatican News Livestream of Pope Francis' Masses
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
St. Patrick's Cathedral – Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Sirius XM Catholic Channel - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.; Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.
Catholic TV - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
EWTN - Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Please continue to keep all those who’ve been affected by the virus -- the sick, the health care and public health professionals caring for the sick and working to contain the virus, those affected financially, and all of us as we deal with this situation and its added anxiety and stress.
That All Might Be Light

Lord of light, God of our salvation, we walk by the light of Your Son, whom You sent that all might see and know Your love.

Manifest yourself to all who seek Your face, and be merciful when we persist in blindness. Expose injustice, and illuminate the way to peace.

Reveal the darkness within and around us.

Cast that darkness out of us so that we will walk more boldly by Your light.

With Your Son as our guide, bring us into Your everlasting radiance.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 23, 2020—The Isaiah passage reminds us how invested God is in this earth. He will not abandon it, but will refashion it. By healing a child, Jesus reveals that God’s work of re-creation has already begun. Thank about the work you do or will do and how it is part of God’s work of remaking the world.


Tuesday, March 24, 2020—Ezekiel tells that water brings life to parched earth, transforms salty water and allows flora to thrive. The gospel tells us that Jesus surpasses this life-giving water and heals a man through the power of his word alone. Each time you use water today, thank God for the ways he has helped and replenished you.

Ezekiel 47:1-12; Psalm 46:3-9; John 5:1-16.

Wednesday, March 25, 2020—Sacrifices in the old testament are offerings set apart for God. They remind us that they themselves are set apart for God. We give things up during Lent to make ourselves a sacrifice, to set ourselves apart from the things of this world and to put ourselves at the service of God and his kingdom. Mary offered herself with barely a moment’s thought. Offer yourself to God by praying St. Ignatius of Loyola’s Suscipe.

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38.

Thursday, March 26, 2020—The Israelites wanted to relate to God in ways that were familiar to them, so they made an image of God. They struggled to accept that God is both beyond images and represented by them, his people. When Jesus came, it was also hard for the people to accept him. Make a list of titles for Jesus. Choose one title that you do not normally use for him and pray and reflect on what it may mean for you at this stage of your life.

Exodus 32A:7-14; Psalm 106: 19-23; John 5:31-47.

Friday, March 27, 2020—The people in the temple struggle with whether Jesus is the Messiah, because he is from Galilee. Jesus is the just man who obeys God in everything, and he is precisely attacked for that reason. Pray for those who are ridiculed or endangered because they are doing what is right.


Saturday, March 28, 2020—As Jesus continues to provoke division, the religious authorities take an ever more rigid stance against him. In those moments when we reject someone, it may turn out that we have misunderstood what God is telling us. Choose a psalm and listen for how God might be challenging you.

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-23; John 7:40-53.
PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE
Reconciliation: Thursdays 10:45-11:45am, Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment.
Baptism: First time parents must attend Baptismal Preparation Classes. Email Baptisms@sbcnb.org

First Communion/Confirmation: Contact the church office.
Marriages: Contact church office - 6 month advance notice is required.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the church office or rectory.
Funerals: Call 638-4436 or e-mail funeral@sbcnb.org

To submit bulletin articles, email bulletin@sbcnb.org.
The deadline is Thursdays at noon.
All requests should be sent in editable format 11 days before the bulletin issue date.

The complete Parish Calendar, as well as past bulletins, are always available for viewing at our website:
www.sbcnb.org

EME / LECTOR SCHEDULE
3/28: 5PM - Team #2
3/29: 8AM - Team #2 11AM - Team #2

MARCH’S SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Easter Flower Offering

OLIVE BRANCH STORE & LENDING LIBRARY
WE ARE TEMPORARILY CLOSED
We apologize for any inconvenience.
We will re-open when the regular Mass schedule resumes. If you have a special need during our closure, please contact the Church Office and they can give us your contact information so we can try to help.
We look forward to re-opening soon & look forward to seeing you then.
Open Sun. 9–1 & Wed. 9–12 in the Family Life Center
All proceeds benefit Saint Paul Catholic Church.

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