

# SAINT PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH The Most Holy Trinity --- June 4, 2023

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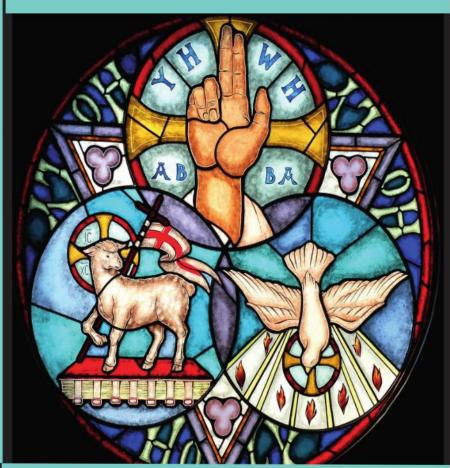
#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am, 11:00 am,
	1:00 pm (Misa en Español)
	10:30 am (in Oriental)
Monday, 1	Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 am
Wednesdo	ıy 6:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am at Old Saint Paul

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## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Please keep in your prayers the High School Youth who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. They have participated, some for two years, in a preparation program centered on Youth Retreats for spiritual renewal and maturity.

We all are looking forward to their on-going contributions to the life of the Parish Community and their deepening Catholic Faith.

With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord), they can now make their future an act of thanksgiving and worship to God. We pray that they are successful in that commitment.

May God bless us all in that spiritual goal.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

From your celestial home, shed a ray of Light Divine!

# WORD OF OUR LORD

Why does God love us so much? And why are we able to love others? The answer to these questions is found in the meaning of today's feast. Trinity Sunday celebrates not so much an idea of three-in-one, as the relationship of the Persons of the Trinity with each other and with us.

The idea of the Trinity is based on love. But God's love was so great, God went even further. God created us to be loved by God.

Though human love is not perfect, the love of man and woman can produce another person, a child. The three Persons of the Trinity share one life in God. But through baptism we also share in God's life. Just as parents love to see how their children look like them, so God loves to see the divine in us.

Our decision to love is a response to God's love, and our ability to love is itself a gift from God. The meaning of life, the universe and everything is Love, the love of the Trinity for each other and for us. The question now is, how well do we use that gift of God's love by loving each other? Tom Schmidt

Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen

**Scripture Readings For the Week** 

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-9; Dn 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Monday: Saint Boniface

Tb 1:3; 2:1-8; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:** Saint Norbert

Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday Tb 3:1-11-17; Ps 25:2-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday Tb 6:10-11; 7:1-9; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday Saint Ephrem of Syria

Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday Tb 12:1-20; Tobit, 13:2-8; Mk 12:38-44

# SAINT OF THE WEEK



#### Saint Ephrem's Story

Poet, teacher, orator and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syriac Christian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to Edessa, along with many other Christians. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest. Ephrem was said to have avoided presbyteral consecration by feigning madness!

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit."

Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373. francescanmedia.com/saint-of-the-day

# PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



# HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that Church
movements and groups may
rediscover their mission of
evangelization each day,
placing their own charism
at the service of
needs in the world.

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday 6/4 8:00AM Mass – Church +Richard Ewan 9:00AM Olive Branch Open till 1:00PM 10:00AM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Church** 10:30AM **Mass - Oriental** 10:30AM **Chaplet of Divine Mercy - SJC** 11:00AM Mass – Church **Saint Paul Parish Family** 1:00PM Misa – Church +Timotea Valdez 5:30PM **Youth Group Meeting** Monday 6/5 8:00AM Mass – Church +Mary Jean Anderson 10:00AM Ladies Card Game - FLC3 6:00PM **Gospel Choir Practice - Church** 6:00PM **RCIA** Tuesday 6/6 8:00AM Mass - Church (L) Fr Chris Promis, CSSP 10:30AM Mass - Oriental 12:00PM One in the Spirit Prayer Group - SJC 1:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry - FLC3** 7:00PM **Folk Choir Practice - Church** Wednesday 6/7 9:00AM Olive Branch Open till 11:00AM 5:00PM Medjugorje Prayer Group - Church/SJC 6:00PM Mass – Church **+Kurt Neumeister** 7:00PM **Hispanic Choir Practice – Church** 7:00PM Adoration with Rosary - SJC 7:45PM **Benediction - SJC** Thursday 6/8 8:00AM Mass – Church +Gregory Lloyd Moore 8:45AM **Adoration - Church Reconciliation - Confessional** 10:45AM 11:45AM **Benediction - Church** 7:00PM **Chancel Choir Practice - Church** Friday 6/9 8:00AM Mass - OSP +Tom Lopez 8:30AM **Corpus Christi Procession** 6:30PM **Troops of Saint George Meeting** Saturday 6/10 Men's Bible Study - Conference Room 6:30AM **Reconciliation - Confessional** 3:30PM

# July 17th - 21st 8 am - 12 pm Family Life Center \$35 a child or \$75 per family Registration forms will be available in the church starting June 1. Registration weekends will be June 17/18 and 24/25

+Ernie Parent

Mass - Church

5:00PM

# **SAINT PAUL SCHOOL**

Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, was a bittersweet day for our eighth-grade class and their families. It was the last time that they would attend Mass as a class before their graduation, which took place immediately after Mass.

Congratulations to the following graduates:
Kennedy Boyd, Anthony Collins, Brianna Dutcher, Ryan Edwards, Holly Evans, Charlotte Flowers, Zykirra Koonce, Michael Lewis, Htay-Reh Seh, Gabriella Stires, and Emma Williamson. Details of the ceremony, including awards, will be featured in a future bulletin.



On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the class traveled to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA for their class trip. Thank you to the class sponsors and parents who

traveled with them and to all who contributed to their fundraising projects that helped make the trip possible.



On Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul Catholic School students who celebrated their First Holy Communion the previous Sunday took part in the annual May Crowning of

the statue of Mary in the school courtyard after school Mass. Congratulations to our students and all children of the Parish who were part of the First Holy Communion class.



GALA RESULTS are in!! After expenses, the profit for the night was nearly \$90,000!! This year's monies support Saint Paul Catholic School's spiritual and academic curriculum, help grow

our arts program and build our scholarship endowment fund. To EVERYONE who supported the 2023 Reach for the Stars Gala - THANK YOU!! Whether you were a sponsor, a donor of auction items, a provider of services/ items for the event, bought a ticket or volunteered your

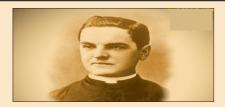




# SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Dad took so long trying to explain the Trinity, I didn't have the heart to ask him about the Electoral College."



The Knights of Columbus
Annual Founder's Day Breakfast
Sunday, June 11th 9.30 – 11.00am
K of C Hall, Pinetree Dr.

Ticket prices are \$10 per individual, \$20 per family. Tickets will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Everyone is invited!

# Welcome

# New Tarishioners

Joshua Rodriguez
Sire Mon, Jacquelin Olivares &
Zeniilo Olivares Mon
George, Sook & Elizabeth Hoffman
Tina & Rob Bova
Kasie & Lily Benton



#### **Dear Parishioners:**

Our 2023 fiscal year will be completed at the end of this coming June.

As we prepare to head into a new fiscal year, this is a good time to remind you what your offertory donations mean to the Church and School.

Simply put, your regular weekly offertory is the engine that drives everything that is done at the Parish from worshipping our Lord, to caring for the needy, to investing in the future of our children, and to maintaining our facilities.

We thank you for your generosity and look forward to your continued and increasing support for the Parish.

Scripture tells us that when we give generously, the Lord will bless us. Thank you!

Sincerely, Parish Finance Council

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We also have gifts for any age graduate!

Come see us - we need volunteers. Shifts are only 2 hours per month and it's fun.

Open Sun 9–1 & Wed 9–11 in the Family Life Center. All proceeds benefit St Paul Catholic Church.



Pope Francis met with nearly 1,000 newlyconfirmed, or soonto-beconfirmed, members of the Church

from the Archdiocese of Genoa, Italy.

He challenged the youth to stand up against gossiping and fighting, warning that they are works of the devil.

"Above all, be united, don't fight with each other," the Pope said.
"Do you know who invented fighting? Who knows? The devil.
The devil wants us to fight so he will be happy."

Before closing the meeting in front of his Casa Santa Marta residence, Pope Francis encouraged those present to pray to the Blessed Mother and said a Hail Mary with the group.



#### **PRAY FOR OUR VBS**

Dear God, thank You for going before us as we prepare for Vacation Bible School. Help us meet any need we have of supplies, decorations and volunteers. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank You for the opportunity to pour your Spirit into the lives of these children in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else You are glorified in our VBS, in Christ. Amen!



#### Dear Friends at Saint Paul:

Nine years ago, in an early bulletin, I shared the following. It is well worth repeating now:

"There were many different ways that Jesus became "famous" and here is one of them, from the Gospel of John (12:20-22): "Now there were some Greeks among those who had to come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus."

The other story is a heralded one, told in seminaries, about the grand pulpit of an old Gothic church. You will remember that such pulpits, before the invention of amplification (or even electrical supply), are elevated platforms, accessed by circular stairs hidden from view. A preacher would literally "climb into the pulpit" with eyes carefully watching to ensure a steady step. In one such pulpit, there is a plaque written with the following admonition to the preacher as he climbed, pondering his words and the audience he was about to address, watching each step: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus!

I know that what you deserve is far more than I can supply. I thought I could secure your help by sharing with you the "job description" of a Pastor from the Code of Canon Law, the central organizing law book of the Catholic Church."

to the norm of law.

Can. 528 §1. A pastor is obliged to make provision so that the word of God is proclaimed in its entirety to those living in the parish; for this reason, he is to take care that the lay members of the Christian faithful are instructed in the truths of the faith, especially by giving a homily on Sundays and holy days of obligation and by offering catechetical instruction. He is to foster works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice. He is to have particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth. He is to make every effort, even with the collaboration of the Christian faithful, so that the message of the gospel comes also to those who have ceased the practice of their Can. 530 The following functions are especially entrusted to a religion or do not profess the true faith. §2. The pastor is to pastor: 1/ the administration of baptism; see to it that the Most Holy Eucharist is the center of the 2/ the administration of the sacrament of confirmation to parish assembly of the faithful. He is to work so that the those who are in danger of death, according to the norm Christian faithful are nourished through the devout of can. 883, n. 3; celebration of the sacraments and, in a special way, that they 3/ the administration of Viaticum and of the anointing of the Eucharist and Penance. He is also to endeavor that they are 3, and the imparting of the apostolic blessing; led to practice prayer even as families and take part 4/the assistance at marriages and the nuptial blessing; consciously and actively in the sacred liturgy which, under the 5/ the performance of funeral rites; creep in.

Can. 529 §1. In order to fulfill his office diligently, a pastor is to strive to know the faithful entrusted to his care. Therefore he

Can. 519 The pastor (parochus) is the proper pastor (pastor) of is to visit families, sharing especially in the cares, anxieties, the parish entrusted to him, exercising the pastoral care of the and griefs of the faithful, strengthening them in the Lord, and community committed to him under the authority of the prudently correcting them if they are failing in certain areas. diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called With generous love he is to help the sick, particularly those to share, so that for that same community he carries out the close to death, by refreshing them solicitously with the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, also with the sacraments and commending their souls to God; with cooperation of other presbyters or deacons and with the particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful, according the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties. He is to work so that spouses and parents are supported in fulfilling their proper duties and is to foster growth of Christian life in the family.

> §2. A pastor is to recognize and promote the proper part which the lay members of the Christian faithful have in the mission of the Church, by fostering their associations for the purposes of religion. He is to cooperate with his own bishop and the presbyterium (priests) of the diocese, also working so that the faithful have concern for parochial communion, consider themselves members of the diocese and of the universal Church, and participate in and sustain efforts to promote this same communion.

frequently approach the sacraments of the Most Holy sick, without prejudice to the prescript of can. 1003, §§2 and

authority of the diocesan bishop, the pastor must direct in his 6/ the blessing of the baptismal font at Easter time, the own parish and is bound to watch over so that no abuses leading of processions outside the church, and solemn blessings outside the church;

> 7/ the more solemn eucharistic celebration on Sundays and holy days of obligation. (See Vatican.va/archive for the CCL)

## SAINT PAUL PARISH INFORMATION

# Sacraments

#### SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Reconciliation: Thursdays 10:45-11:45am, Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Please send an Email to Baptisms@spccnb.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 (252-638-4436).

Funerals: Call 638-4436 or e-mail funeral@spccnb.org



#### **JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS**

Mass Monday and Tuesday - Mass at 8am in the Church Wednesday - Mass at 9am and 6pm in the Church

Thursday - Mass at 8am in the Church, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Benediction at 11:45am

Friday - Mass at 8am at Old Saint Paul Church, 504 Middle St. Main Campus Church doors are open 7am-7pm for private prayer.



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

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The complete Parish Calendar is always available for viewing at our website: spccnb.org



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# Congratulations to the following Saint Paul Catholic School Graduates Our Eighth Grade Class of 2023:

Kennedy Boyd
Anthony Collins
Brianna Dutcher
Ryan Edwards
Holly Evans
Charlotte Flowers
Zykirra Koonce
Michael Lewis
Htay-Reh Seh
Gabriella Stires
Emma Williamson

Thank you to the faculty and staff of our parish school, especially Mary Margaret Blout, retiring after more than three decades of service at Saint Paul School! Congratulations and Thank You!



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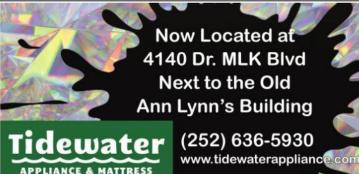


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