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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, Tuesday, Thursday ..... 8:00 am
Wednesday ..... 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
Friday ..... 8:00 am at Old Saint Paul

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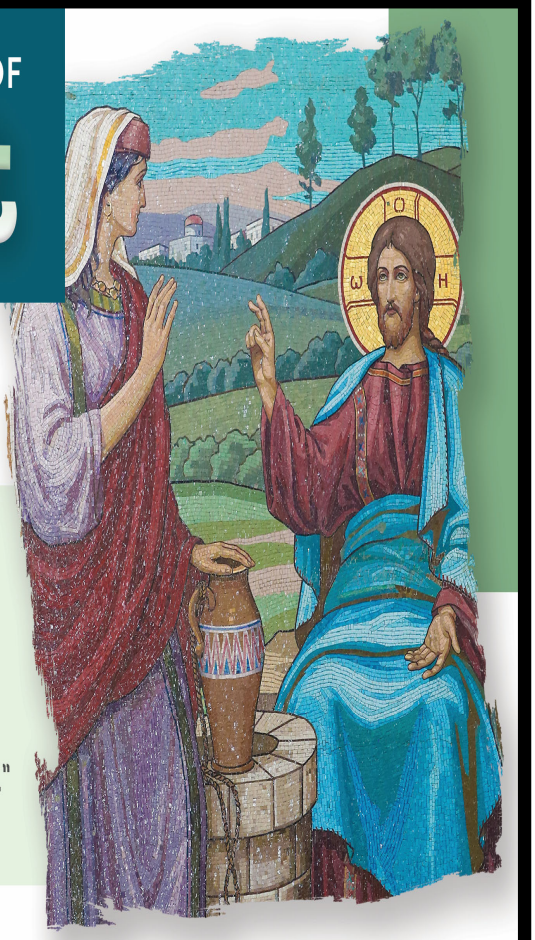
MARCH 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent



"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:14

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WOW! It's almost HERE!

14 Days

Just two short weeks for the Holy Spirit to answer our prayers for our PARISH MISSION
For God to bless His people at DYNAMIC Saint Paul!

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
March 26, 27, 28 ... 6 - 8 pm
"REVIVAL" & "RETREAT"
Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Confession? Yes, Please!
Penance Service MONDAY 7:00 PM

Visiting priests will join Fr Tully in hearing Confessions after a short prayer service tomorrow. Be sure to pick up an "Examination of Conscience" handout as you leave today. There are other chances for Confession during Lent if you can not make this last communal service here at Saint Paul. Please watch the bulletin for those announcements.

An Act of Contrition
My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, Whom I should love above all things. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and avoid what leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us, in His name, my God, have mercy Amen.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday 3/12
- 8:00AM Mass – Church +Lisa Rogers
- 9:00AM Olive Branch open till 1PM
- 9:30AM Faith Formation Family Session - FLC
- 10:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Church
- 10:30AM Mass - Oriental
- 10:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy - SJC
- 11:00AM Mass – Church St Paul Parish Family
- 12:30PM Lenten Movie Series - SJC
- 1:00PM Misa – Church (L)Jane Foye
- 2:00PM Cursillo - FLC2
- 4:30PM St Patrick's Day CDA Dinner at K of C Hall
- 5:00PM Youth Group at Port City Church

Monday 3/13
- 8:00AM Mass – Church +David Shea
- 10:00AM Ladies Card Games - FLC3
- 12:00PM Fatima Rosary - Chapel
- 6:00PM RCIA - FLC 2 and 3
- 6:00PM Gospel Choir Practice – Church
- 7:00PM Penance Service - Church

Tuesday 3/14
- 8:00AM Mass - Church +Carlton Tyndall
- 12:00PM One in the Spirit Prayer Group - SJC
- 1:00PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - FLC3
- 7:00PM Folk Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday 3/15
- 9:00AM Olive Branch Open till 11:00AM
- 9:00AM School Mass – Church +Jane Davis
- 10:30AM Bible/Catholic Education Study - Conf Rm
- 5:00PM Medjugorje Prayer Group – Church/SJC
- 6:00PM Mass - Church +Jacob Morrow
- 7:00PM Hispanic Choir Practice – Church
- 7:00PM Adoration with Rosary - SJC
- 7:45PM Benediction - SJC

Thursday 3/16
- 8:00AM Mass – Church +Catherine Douress
- 8:45AM Adoration - Church
- 10:45AM Reconciliation
- 11:45AM Benediction - Church
- 7:00PM Chancel Choir Practice - Church

Friday 3/17
- 8:00AM Mass - OSP +Baby Calvin Day
- 8:35AM Preservation Guild for OSP - OSP
- 6:00PM Lenten Soup Supper - Atrium
- 7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday 3/18
- 6:30AM Men's Bible Study - Conference Room
- 11:00AM AAMEN Group Program - FLC
- 3:30PM Reconciliation - Confessional Room
- 5:00PM Mass – Church +Ann DeRosia Karl

Living your Lenten Journey

March 17th Before the Stations of the Cross

FISH FRY FRIDAY

The Knights of Columbus will hold the third of three fish frys in the FLC on Friday, March 24th. Serving will begin at 5:00PM and end at 6:45PM (Dine in or Pickup). Ticket prices are $16.00 per person or $35.00 for a family up to 4. Additional family member tickets are $10 each. Tickets will be on sale in the Atrium this weekend after all masses. Tickets will also be available in the Church Office on Monday and Tuesday of the week of each Fish Fry.

The Catholic Daughters of Saint Paul Church presents

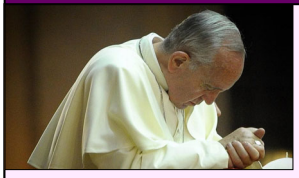
The Women Who Walked with Jesus to Calvary

A morning retreat with Deacon Jim

Saturday, April 1st, at 8:00AM
School Library

Continental Breakfast at 8:00AM
Retreat begins at 8:30AM
"Mary's Station of the Cross" at 11:30AM

Please come and join us for a morning of reflection and renewal.
All are welcome - women AND men!



"In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil* 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope* and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ."
Pope Francis

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95: 1-9; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-42.

This Sunday marks the midpoint on our Lenten journey. The invitation to turn our hearts to God intensifies and is amplified by the encounter of Jesus and the woman at the well. Jesus perceived the deepest needs of the woman's heart and redirected the encounter from physical thirst to spiritual thirst. Jesus ignored the social norms and speaks to her with frank familiarity reminding us that God invites everyone into relationship with Him. The letter of St Paul echoes this promise, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.". Throughout Lent, God calls us unceasingly. The woman at the well represents every one of us. When God looks deeply into your heart today, what spiritual thirst needs to be quenched?

LOOK DEEP

All knowing God, You see deep into our hearts and understand all that we need.
Thank You for meeting us in the everyday messiness of our lives.
Look upon us with compassion and mercy.
Free us from anything that blocks a true relationship with You and quench the spiritual thirst we carry today.
Pour Your love into our hearts anew and guide our paths to eternal life, through Christ our Lord. Amen

This Week at Home

Monday, March 13—2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42: 2-3; 43;3-4; Luke 4: 24-30.

Prophets are people chosen to be messengers of God's word. Prophets have a persistent message, and the people often have shown resistance to their message. Prophets are often simple and ordinary in their presentation. Look for the prophets that God has sent in the here and now. Open your heart to the message they offer.

Tuesday, March 14—Deuteronomy 3:25-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35.

Today's message—Forgiveness is hard, but it is a requirement of discipleship. Take Jesus' command to pray today. Whom do you need to forgive? Write a letter to Jesus and specifically name whom you need to forgive, the reason and ask for help to take the next step.

Wednesday, March 15—Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Psalm 147:12-20; Matthew 5:17-19.

Pope Francis reminds us that "all of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord". We teach with our words, but even more with our actions, gestures and choices. Reflect...does your life reflect the faith we carry within? Ask for God's help to have your life reflect that God loves you and everyone.

Thursday, March 16—Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-9; Luke 11:14-23.

The voice of our Lord comes to us daily through this season of Lent, requires our openness. Our Lord challenges us to follow the path He has planned for our lives. He tells us how to live, to love, to pray, to give and how to forgive. Do you allow His voice to guide your life? Take these thoughts to prayer with our Lord.

Friday, March 17—Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81;6-17: Mark 12:28-34.

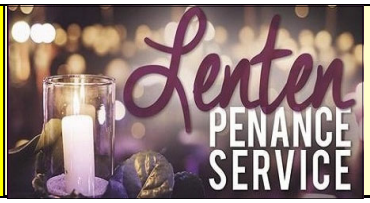
St Patrick and his monks practiced an early form of confessional counseling, inviting people to acknowledge their sins and repair the conduct of their lives. How are you doing toward creating a clean heart? Take time to seek the sacrament of reconciliation and make daily adjustments in your choices.

Saturday, March 18—Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-21; Luke 18:9-14.

Humility is a virtue that is conveyed with our eyes, our demeanor and with our spirit, even before words reveal our true selves. A spirit of humility is cultivated through a life of gratitude for the blessings we have received and with sincere awareness of our dependence upon the our Lord, the generous giver of those blessings. Take time when you pray today, to ask our Lord for a humble spirit.

RECONCILIATION

Thursday	**10:45 - 11:45AM**
Saturday	**3:30 - 4:30PM**



PENANCE SERVICE

Monday,
March 13th
7:00PM

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time

Friday: St Patrick; Abstinence

Saturday: St Cyril of Jerusalem

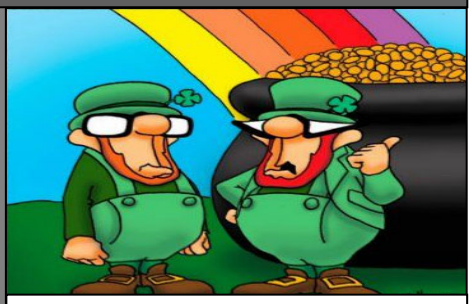
Welcome

Welcome New Parishioners

Robert and Lisa Dawson

John and Hannah Brocklesby

Juanito and Betty Ann Dela Cruz, Brandon Jacob and Noah Baza



"So when I said 'hide the gold in an inconspicuous place', you put it under a rainbow??"

Saint Paul Catholic School
Success begins @ Saint Paul

Our School Board is an important expression of our commitment to the educational mission of our parish. We need to complete our Advisory Board and request the nomination of parish members who will fulfill the mission and provide strategic direction for our school. Nomination forms are available in the Parish Office and at the School. Please complete the form and submit it by March 31st. If you have questions, please contact Rick Dean 571-361-3305.

worldwide marriage encounter

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage. Participate in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Mar 31-Apr 2, 2023 in Herndon, VA. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information visit NCMarriageDiscovery.org or call 704-315-2144.

The Junior Catholic Daughters of Saint Paul Parish will meet on Wednesday, Marth 15th, in the FLC from 3 -4PM.

All young ladies, 8-18 years of age, are invited to join our Circle of Love. This month, the girls will present our donations to EPIC and Twp. 7 EMS, and hear from a representative of each agency. Come have fun and help us *Serve the Lord with Gladness.*

THE ONE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP PRESENTS THE CHOSEN

We hope you are enjoying this outstanding series. We saw Jesus as a craftsman and His interaction with children. We know how much He loved children and they got to learn The Our Father before the Apostles!

In episode 4, Simon comes to the realization of the Messiah. John's Gospel tells us of the spectacular catch. They caught 153 fish! The number is significant in that it represents the number of species of fish found in the Mediterranean Sea. The largest species of fish found in the Sea of Galilee is Tilapia. It is a good possibility that when Jesus cooked breakfast for them after His Resurrection it was most likely Tilapia. Something to think about the next time you are buying fish for dinner. Most important of all is Simon's conversion!

Check out what is drawing over 420 million viewers to see this box office event. Join us as Jonathan Roumie, a devout Roman Catholic, portrays Jesus in this crowd funded program. Viewers were so touched that in a matter of months, enough donations poured in to support an entire season. All of the actors loved it so much, they keep coming back!

Join us Sunday March 12th, at 12:30PM in SJC and become hooked on this Hollywood spectacular of Jesus' life! You might even want to "Walk on the Water." Join us each week during Lent and Easter as we continue our way through the first two seasons. Then come back in the fall for season 3 and possibly season 4!

OLIVE BRANCH STORE & LENDING LIBRARY

ATTENTION ALL IRISH!
(As well as those who just like to wear the green!)

St Patrick's Day is March 17th, and we have you covered. We have green glass bead Rosaries, Celtic Cross lapel pins & auto visor clips and a beautiful Celtic wall crucifix and cross. For Lent, choose from "Amazing Love" booklet, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross pamphlets, hand crosses and "My Lenten Prayer Book". Come see our wonderful gift items for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We need volunteers. Only 2 hours per month & it's fun.

Open Sun. 9–1 & Wed. 9–11 in the Family Life Center.

All proceeds benefit St Paul Catholic Church.

Pastor's Corner

March 12, 2023

More than 300 individuals took an important step toward initiation into Christ and his Church on Sunday, February 27, at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral during the Rite of Election. 13 St Paul parishioners represented 18 in our program!

Please pray for them!

Interfaith Refugee Ministries

At the American Bishops meeting in the Fall, special recognition was given to the sponsorship of refugees from war-torn countries. Our "specialty" in New Bern has been the wonderful and fruitful inclusion of Burmese families into our community. This week a new family arrives for a new future here with us. Interfaith Refugee Ministries is the group out of Christ Church that has a long history with resettlement. Saint Paul has been an important partner with Interfaith Refugee. Parishioners here at Saint Paul have already responded to the need to give this new family a great start. Please contact Interfaith Refugee Ministry if you can help! www.helpingrefugees.org 252-633-9009

Priesthood Discernment Group! Really, ever thought about being a priest?

The monthly priesthood discernment group meeting is a great opportunity to meet other guys who are in discernment and learn about the process. The meetings are led by Promoter of Vocations, Fr. Jim Magee, on the 2nd Saturday each month and begins at 9am with Mass and then moves to a conversation on a specified topic. We will conclude at 11:30am with Midday prayer followed by lunch. Contact Fr Magee to learn more at Saint Peter Church, 2700 East Fourth Street, Greenville, NC 27858 (Convenient to men at Saint Paul, New Bern)

"What is a Parish (or Parochial) Mission?"

Of course Wikipedia has an article on this! Here's the headline: "A parochial mission or parish mission is a special pastoral effort in the Catholic Church aimed at preaching to and instructing Catholic followers. These are "home missions" geared toward Catholics, distinguished from apostolic missions to make conversions among non-believers. Such missions may consist of systematic preaching and instruction, extending over a stated number of days, performed by authorized missionaries."
Are you ready for our Parish Mission on March 26, 27 and 28? The coming two weeks should include daily prayer for God to be in charge of this Revival at Saint Paul… carefully invite a family member or friend or neighbor, especially any non-practicing Catholics you know. You will learn a lot and you never know the impact on the person you host at the Mission: you'll never find out if you don't ask!

SAINT PAUL PARISH INFORMATION

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

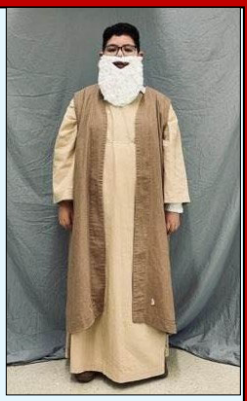
Monday and Tuesday - Mass at 8am in the Church
Wednesday - Mass at 9am and 6pm in the Church
Thursday - Mass at 8am in the Church, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Benediction at 11:45am
Friday - Mass at 8am at Old Saint Paul Church, 504 Middle St.
Main Campus Church doors are open 7am-7pm for 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 before the bulletin issue date.

NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

St Paul School Investment Fund
Easter Flower envelope anytime this month

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



There were Saints among us recently at Saint Paul Catholic School. Students in the Upper School Religion classes recently learned about the lives and acts of Saints, their major project for the third quarter. Each student chose a Saint, did research on the Saint's life, wrote an essay, and made a Power Point presentation to the class about the Saint. Their final activity was going to school dressed as their Saints and recording videos portraying them.

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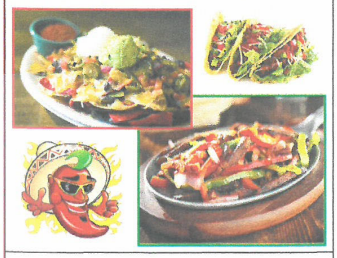

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