



1st Sunday of Advent December 3rd, 2017

Please join us in praying the Rosary in the Holy Spirit Chapel this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Phone (512) 755-3299 to request assistance or obtain information.

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help those in need celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

****This weekend, December 2nd & 3rd,** we will have our monthly 'Brown Bag' collection to aid the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you are contributing a check, please make it out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Every little bit helps!

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Christmas Party

Our annual parish Christmas party is on Sunday, *December 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm* in the Finn Center. Dinner and beverages are provided. (or you may bring your own beverage.).

If you have signed up and are not able to attend please call Barb.

To cancel call **Barb Fuller@ 715.614.0109** or email **dbfuller60@yahoo.com**.

No First Saturday Social or Knights of Columbus donuts due to the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3rd.

IRA information

If you have an IRA, then there is a unique opportunity for you to help St. Paul the Apostle. The IRS allows those who are over 70 1/2 years of age to distribute up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA to organizations like St. Paul - tax free! Better yet, these contributions count toward your required minimum IRA distribution. All you need to do is simply ask your IRA administrator to send a check from your IRA directly to St. Paul the Apostle Church. If you have questions, please contact *Ed Wenzel 214-263-4423* or the office at St. Paul's. Thank you.

Christmas Baskets

If you took a **Santa Sack** or **Cash/Check envelope**, please return them this weekend. Elves are in **Hecker Hall** to check them in. The elves will be working on Monday and Tuesday getting them ready for delivery on *Wednesday*. If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Varga, *glenda@varga-associates.com* or 210.846.9024

Thank you for your generosity!

Coming Holidays Means “Tamale Time”

The Knights will be taking orders through November. Orders must be placed before *December 6th*. You can call Justin Bochat, 830-598-4932, or Bob Baker, 214-762-7125 to place an order. Pork Medium or Spicy. Price: \$8.00 a dozen or \$20.00 for 2.5 dozen. The tamales can be picked up after the masses on the weekends of December 9-17.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We are offering the opportunity to remember relatives and friends by making donations towards our Christmas poinsettias. Envelopes are in the Church entryways. Please PRINT the information on the envelope, include your donation and return them in the offertory baskets or bring them to the church office, no later than Sunday, December 17th.

Your loved ones will be remembered at all our Christmas Masses.

The Tour of Our Lady of Fatima for Peace

December 10, 2017 8:00am mass at St. John the Evangelist in Marble Falls, TX. The tour of the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is a nation-wide call to prayer and penance for peace in our nation and conversion of hearts. That’s because prayer is more powerful than any army on earth. Our Lady promised, “in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

Day of Spirituality

Dec. 12th - “Food, Family, and Faith” 9:30am – 2:30pm How we view food plays a vital role in our faith life. It serves as a reminder of our hunger for Christ, is central to hospitality, and expresses our joy during celebrations. Food feeds us physically and spiritually. Join Msgr. Elmer and our own EWRC Chef as they explore how the foods we make, eat, and share transform our lives through God’s grace.

Knights of Columbus Collection for the Pregnancy Center



The Knights of Columbus collected the following items last weekend for the Pregnancy Center: 23 Walmart cards, \$480 in cash and checks and 50 bags of requested items. Thank you so much for your generosity. The Pregnancy Center is very grateful for your support. **God bless you all!**

Matching Campaign to Reduce Parish Debt

Want to help the parish reduce our Building Fund debt?

This holiday season, we can significantly reduce the debt *and* save \$190,000 in interest payments. A net profit this year in church operations has allowed for the creation of the 2017 Finn Center Matching Contribution Campaign. The Fund makes available \$50,000 for matching—dollar for dollar—with parishioner Building Fund contributions. So, \$50,000 in campaign contributions would raise \$100,000 toward this year’s debt reduction.

Coupled with the chance to reduce the interest rate by refinancing the Finn Center loan, the resulting \$100,000 in principal reduction would save our parish \$190,000.

So, as you think about giving to your favorite charities this holiday season, please consider giving to St. Paul’s Matching Campaign. Your contribution will be doubled and make a real difference for our parish. Write your check or submit your contribution—which will be matched—before Christmas. Contributions can be dropped in the Sunday collection or dropped by the Parish Office. Make sure you designate on your check that it is for the “*Finn Center Matching Contribution Campaign*”.

Armed Forces Honor Garden Update

The Flag Wall is up and many of the pavers are in place. Please take a moment to view the final piece of our Honor Garden. Forms for memorials and messages for the Plaques, Stars and Pavers are available at *St. Paul’s parish office (830-598-8342)* or by going to the web site at *http://stpaulshorsehoebay.org*. The Memorial Stars are priced at \$250; 5x3 plaques at \$200 or 15x5 plaques at \$600; and paving stones at \$150 each. *Forms are available in Hecker Hall.*

**** Reminder: Friday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ** The Parish Office will be closed.**

+ Next weekend- Diocesan Special collection-for Retired Clergy and Religious +

Thank you for your generous contributions totaling \$6,369.00



Weekday Mass Schedule

Dec. 2	Jennifer Ramirez+	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 9	Johnny Matzinger+	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Dennis & Bessie Wilde+	8:30 a.m.	Dec. 10	Jewel Ferina +	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 3	Living & Deceased Members of #65 Catholic Life	10:30 a.m.	Dec. 10	Paul J. Thompson+	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 6	Dick Wallrich+	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 13	Pete Cannatella+	5:30 p.m..
Dec.7	Jennifer Ramirez+	8:00 a.m.	Dec. 14	Rose & Joe Jamail+	8:00 a.m.
Dec.8	Louis Zarsky+	8:00 a.m.	Dec. 15	Mary Davis+	8:00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministers

December 2 5:30 p.m.

Lectors- Phil Schoch, Trudi Leddy
Ushers- Ted Shetka, Frank Gracely

E.M.- Pat Schoch, Jim Jamail, Kathy Jamail
Sacristan & Altar Server – Lowell Crable

December 3 8:30 a.m.

Lectors - Valorie Becker, Samantha Nesrsta
Ushers – Dick Heilman, Jerry Pawelek

E.M.- Sam Morrison, Lynette Morrison, Pat Heilman
Sacristan- Fred Phillips Altar Server- Lilly Nesrsta

December 3 10:30 a.m.

Lectors – Judy Salvaggio, Sally Stemac
Ushers - Jack Gless, Ed Wenzel

E.M.- Marie D'Arcy, Tom D'Arcy, Veronica Cook
Sacristan-Denny Fuller Altar Server – Ed Stemac

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Cindy Mueller and Barbara Fuller both celebrate on December 2nd, and to Kaitlyn Murphy whose birthday is December 4th. Ann Marie Danner and Virginia Shields will celebrate on December 5th. On December 6th, Susan Fenlon will celebrate her birthday and Jeannine DuPont has a birthday on December 8th.

Enjoy a wonderful Year!

Happy Anniversary

Happy anniversary to anyone celebrating the wonderful sacrament of Matrimony. Please send your special date to the office so we can acknowledge you. *May God bless your marriage.*

Prayer Request

Please pray for Stephen Joseph Kuehler, George Abraham, Brandon Ross, Robert Rocha, Rachel Webb, Jim Jones, Bailey King, Lorraine Coussons, Victoria Gracia, Shelby Spangler, Ariel Christine Igoe, Mark Ward, Vicki Monselt, Lucia Calancea, Frank Matzinger, Trisha Belota, Emily Fenlon, Bill Kiper, John Milton, Jon Norstrom, Marcus & Johnny Perez Families, Doreen Drinkard, Marian Averyt, Harry Kelly, John Swagart, KK Rice, Ed Steiniger, Barbara Erlenmeyer, Stacey Ashbranner, Syl Gaisbauer, GiGi Fisher, Seawillow Schmidt, Jaime Campbell, Father Scott Mikkelson, Juanita Burson, Anita Fey, Jamie Enerson, Susan Robinson, Linda Baker, Jody Jamail, Samantha Gosselin, Steven Patrick Kopenitz, Donia Caspersen, Michael Jamail and Jonathan Hulme, Taylor Shelton, Claire Blanchard, Adolfo Gracia Jr., John Milton, the Riveria Family, Roger Johnson, Marge Hoss, Michele Woyton, Patsy Wiley, Bill Mickey, Nancy Reynolds, Dianne Jones, Betsy Crawford and Zack Sheilds.

Please pray for those in our Armed Services

Staff Sgt. Josh Zabierek
Army Spc. Warren Andrews
Sgt. Corey K. Bradford
Captain Sean Zarsky, USAF
Major Andrew Bochat
Captain Eric Barton
Michael Cook

SFC Erick DeAlba
Staff Sgt. Adam Long
1st Lt. Hannah Zarsky
Col. Maria Bochat
Captain Heather Barton
Tiffanie Boetchner

Matthew Anderson, USN
Lt. Christopher Carr
SFC Mary McLean
Branden Carlson
Sgt. James Balestrini
LCDR Darby Gray
Pvt. Ethan Cook

St. Paul the Apostle Parish

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MASSES

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Saturday - 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

ADORATION

First Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction

Pastor: Father Rubén Patiño, C.S.P. email: rmpatino@aol.com

Deacon: John De La Garza: 512-771-6627 inksgranite@yahoo.com

Paulist Fathers: Website: www.paulist.org

Parish Business Administrators: Sandy Gracia/Penny Breedlove

Phone: 830-598-8342

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Church Email: stpaul@zeecon.com

Parish Website: www.stpaulshorseshoebay.org

PASTORAL COUNCIL

President – Frank Trogus 830-596-8470

Finance Council Chair – Brian Limoges 806-886-0335

Liturgical Ministries – Esther Ellis 512-694-8945 emellis@nctv.com

Music – Mary Williams 325-388-9120



St. Vincent de Paul Help Line: 512-755-3299

Children's Faith Formation - Keith Nesrsta 214-693-4063

Maintenance - Homer Ahr 830-598-2991

Finn Family Life Center - Ed & Pam Wenzel 214-263-4423

The Samaritans...reaching out: Georgina Christy 830-693-8001

Social Activities – WWICS/Social - Claudia Haydon 830-598-9364

Communications – Pat Schoch 830-22-2201

Benevolence – Jackie Scott - jacalynscott@mac.com, Diana Virdell- mdvirdell@yahoo.com

Adult Faith Formation – Lowell Crable - lowellcrable@gmail.com

Development – Ed Wenzel 214-263-4424

A Word from Servant of God Isaac Hecker, Founder of the Paulist Fathers

"I feel every day more my lessness, and the greatness of God of Love. The inner life is becoming ever more real. It seems that the more we are enlightened and enlivened our memories are restored and that we become self-conscious."

[Diary, January 20, 1845]

If you have asked Father Hecker to pray for you or another person who is ill, and you believe something miraculous has happened, please phone Father Paul Robichaud, CSP, at 212-265-3209 x350 and tell him your story.