



2nd Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017

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

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

"Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Reach out to them by encouraging them to call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

St Paul the Apostle Church celebrated 35 years on December 5!!!

Interdenominational services began in Horseshoe Bay in 1972 under the direction of Father Walter J. Dalton, C.S.P., who offered Mass in a variety of places in Horseshoe Bay before the Chapel was built. Nine people attended the first service. The Chapel was formally dedicated in an interfaith Celebration and a Mass of Blessing on December 5, 1982, and for over 10 years served the entire religious community of Horseshoe Bay. The Chapel was also called the St. Paul the Apostle Interfaith Center. On December 9, 2007 a Silver Jubilee Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Gregory M. Aymond, Bishop of Austin. The celebration recognized the humble beginnings of the Church in Horseshoe Bay. For more details on the Dedication, Jubilee and our history see our website:

<https://stpaulshorseshoebay.org>

As we reflect on our humble beginnings and where our community is now, we can find the hope that comes with Advent. A VERY Happy 35 Years!!!

Christmas Baskets

Thank you so much for your **enormous generosity, support & work** making the St Paul the Apostle 2017 Christmas Basket Project a great success! Your generosity plus the diligent work of over 20 volunteers provided clothes, toys (including 19 bikes), and HEB gift cards to 27 families encompassing 90 individuals. Check the Church website for pictures, which will be posted shortly. All our administrative overhead is contributed by our elves, so we can return 100% of all monies received to people in our community that are in need. Any excess funds are contributed to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and to our Benevolence Committee. **Thank you again for all your support and may God bless you and your families this Christmas and throughout 2018!**

"Tamale Time"

You may pick up your tamales after the masses this weekend, December 9 and 10, and next weekend, December 16 and 17. . You can call Justin Bochat, 830-598-4932, or Bob Baker, 214-762-7125 for more information.

The Samaritan Grief Support Group

The Samaritans will meet Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Russo's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. The Samaritans meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please call Georgina Christy, 830.693.8001, if you have questions.

Reconciliation Service, 5:30 pm on Monday, December 18th.

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.

Prayer Blanket Blessings

Father Rubén will be blessing prayer Blankets this Thursday, December 14, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Prayer Blanket members, please bring all new blankets to this Mass. If you want to request a Prayer Blanket or if you are interested in joining this group, please contact *Marie D'Arcy* at 830-597-6100 or darcytx@verizon.net. You do not need to be a sewer-you just need a willingness to bring comfort through prayer to those facing serious medical challenges. The Prayer Blanket Group meets every first and third Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at St. John's in Marble Falls.

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.

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://stpaulshorseshoebay.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.*

The calendars for 2018 are in Hecker Hall. Please pick one up on your way out.

Thank you for your generous contributions totaling \$7763.00



Weekday Mass Schedule

Dec. 9	Johnny Matzinger+	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 16	Ethel Marr +	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	Jewel Ferina+	8:30 a.m.	Dec. 17	Millie Cannatella +	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 10	Paul J Thompson+	10:30 a.m.	Dec. 17	Jim May +	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 13	Pete Cannatella+	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 20	Caroline Gracely +	5:30 p.m..
Dec.14	Rose & Joe Jamail+	8:00 a.m.	Dec. 21	Ken Jones +	8:00 a.m.
Dec.15	Mary Davis+	8:00 a.m.	Dec. 22	KK Rice	8:00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministers December 9 5:30 p.m.

Lectors- Jeff Ellis, Esther Ellis
 Ushers-Phil Schoch, Barbara Shields
December 10 8:30 a.m.
 Lectors - Lowell Crable, Diana Virdell
 Ushers – Dick Heilman, Bill Steffek
December 10 10:30 a.m.
 Lectors –Paige Schweizer, Penny Breedlove
 Ushers - Ed Wenzel, Bob Schweizer

E.M.- Pat Schoch, Kathy Jamail, Jim Jamail
 Sacristan – Jim Jamail, Altar Server – Ted Shetka

E.M.- Teresa Crable, Jane Marino, Pat Heilman
 Sacristan- Duane Young, Altar Server- Joe Marino

E.M.- Paul Gosselin, Patty Gosselin, Veronica Cook
 Sacristan- Barbara Fuller, Altar Server –Denny Fuller

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Mark Bentley and Audrey Langley who both celebrate on December 9th, and to Joan Scheider whose birthday is December 10th. Rene Pfiffner-Jakubowsky will celebrate on December 12th and Connie Manning will celebrate on December 13th. Al Remack’s birthday is December 14. *Enjoy a wonderful Year!*

Happy Anniversary

Happy anniversary to Bob and Althea Rowan who will celebrate their 51st anniversary on December 10th, to Dale and Penny Breedlove , celebrating their 48th anniversary on December 12th. Also celebrating their 41st that day are Patty and Steve Willis. Phil and Pat Schoch will celebrate their 48th on December 13th.
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 Shields.

Please pray for those in our Armed Services

Staff Sgt. Josh Zabierek	SFC Erick DeAlba	Matthew Anderson, USN
Army Spc. Warren Andrews	Staff Sgt. Adam Long	Lt. Christopher Carr
Sgt. Corey K. Bradford	1 st Lt. Hannah Zarsky	SFC Mary McLean
Captain Sean Zarsky, USAF	Col. Maria Bochat	Branden Carlson
Major Andrew Bochat	Captain Heather Barton	Sgt. James Balestrini
Captain Eric Barton	Tiffanie Boetchner	LCDR Darby Gray
Michael Cook		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.stpaulshorseshobay.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

“Another day has passed! Ah and wither has it gone? And to what end is it that it has been spent? Have I been moved a day closer to God by it?”

[Diary, January 20, 1845]

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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.