



3rd Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

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

Reconciliation Service, 5:30 pm on Monday, December 18th; Thank you Bishop Joe S. Vasquez for helping.

“Tamale Time”

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

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.

Ladies Bible Study for 2018

Start the New Year discovering a rich school of prayer for all life's circumstances. The Ladies Bible study starting January 8, 2018 will be on **The Book of Psalms**. We meet on Mondays from 2:30 to 4:00 This 10 lesson study will enrich your prayer life and empower your prayer to become an honest and personal dialogue with God. The study includes reading the psalms, follow up group discussion questions and a video with Jeff Cavins discussing the readings for the day. You will also get online access from home to view these videos. Each lesson is encapsulated so that if you miss a week you are able to follow the next lesson. We hope you will join us in this study! You can preview the study online at <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/catholic-bible-study/adult-bible-study/psalms> The cost is \$23.95. If you have questions email **Pat Bentley** @ bentleys@swbell.net. We will order the workbook for you or you can order from Ascension Press. Let us know if we should order your book. Hope to see you there!

Men of Faith host noted Football Coach, Leader and Christian

Dennis Franchione (Coach Fran), a renowned football coach with over 40 years on football field sidelines, will be the guest speaker at the next Men of Faith Fellowship breakfast. Men of St. Paul's are invited to hear him speak on faith and football and how being a believer helped him move forward in a complex and complicated career and constantly produce winning football teams. Coach Fran coached at Southwestern College (Winfield, KA), Pittsburg State (KA), U of NM, TCU, U of Alabama, Texas A&M, and Texas State U, while compiling a career winning record of 213-135-2. The breakfast and talk will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Church at HSB. Tickets (\$10) are available from *Sam Morrison* (830-613-5596), *Dick Heilman* (830-598-6491) and *Frank Trogus* (830-596-8470) or at the door Tuesday morning before the event.

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

St. Paul the Apostle Book Club

Book club will meet @ 3:00p.m. on Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at the home of Paige Schweizer. The selected book is The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd and is available on Amazon. Newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Contact *Claudia Haydon* (830) 598-9364

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.*



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017
SUNDAY MASS- 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM
FAMILY MASS - 4:00PM
VIGIL MASS - 6:00 P.M.
TRADITIONAL MIDNIGHT MASS - 8:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 10:30 A.M
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE FOR: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH @ 5:30PM AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM.
VIGIL MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY: SUNDAY, 5:30 PM
THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1

The Parish office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 22, Monday, Dec. 25, 2017 and Monday, January 1, 2018

Thank you for your generous contributions totaling \$7,263.00



Weekday Mass Schedule

Dec. 16	Ethel Marr +	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 23	Ralph Azarian +	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	Millie Cannatella +	8:30 a.m.	Dec. 24	Loved Ones Flower	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 17	Jim May +	10:30 a.m.	Dec. 24	Loved Ones Flower	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 20	Caroline Gracely +	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 27	Christopher Williams +	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Ken Jones +	8:00 a.m.	Dec. 28	No Mass	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 22	KK Rice	8:00 a.m.	Dec. 29	No Mass	8:00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministers

December 16 5:30 p.m.

Lectors- Lowell Crable, Jim Jamail
Ushers-Bill Gaylord, Butch Nery

E.M.- Jeanette Matzinger, Emily Gaylord, Ted Shetka
Sacristan & Altar Server – Gary Olfers

December 17 8:30 a.m.

Lectors - Jackie Scott, Bill Steffek
Ushers – Dick Heilman, Jerry Pawelek

E.M.- Valorie Becker, Theresa Phillips, Lynette Morrison
Sacristan & Altar Server- JJ Castro, w/ Joe Marino

December 17 10:30 a.m.

Lectors –Paul Gosselin, Patty Gosselin
Ushers - Ed Wenzel, Jack Gless

E.M.- Frances Carrillo, Linda Baker, Grace Gless
Sacristan- Barbara Fuller Altar Server –Denny Fuller

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Pat Bentley who will celebrate on December 17th. Both Averie Nesrsta and Ray DuPont celebrate birthdays on December 18th. Denny Fuller will celebrate on December 19th and Kathy Stahl will celebrate on December 20th. *Enjoy a wonderful Year!*

Happy Anniversary

Happy anniversary to Ron & Cheryl LeVick who will celebrate their 56th anniversary on December 16th, to Tom & Debbie Engler, celebrating their 46th anniversary on December 18th. Peter & Olta Potts will celebrate their 58th anniversary on December 19th. *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, 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, Zack Shields and Jeff Cook.

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

**** On January 2nd, 2018 names on prayer request will be removed. Please send an email to office stpaul@zeecon.com to place your person in need of prayer back on the prayer request list.****

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

“It is my 25 birth day; here let me offer myself to Thee for Thy service oh Lord. Is it not what I should? Am I not thine? Thou didst create me and ever hast sustained me. Thine I am. Accept me oh my God as thine, a child who needs most thy love and protection.”

[Diary, December 18, 1844]

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.