



Saint Paul

the Apostle



Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.
James 1:21b

Dear SPA Family,



I remember one of my teachers in the seminary who told me a story of a rabbi who ended up in a Roman prison. He received minimal but sufficient rations of water and food for survival. However, as time went on, the rabbi grew weaker. Until finally a doctor had to be called. The doctor stated that the body was dehydrated. The medical diagnosis surprised the prison staff. They could not understand how this could have happened, since the prisoner was getting enough water to drink. The case was explained by a guard who often observed the rabbi's behavior. The rabbi used the water for ritual religious washing before prayers and before eating. As a result, there was little drinking water left. This old rabbi was faithful to the Law.

When speaking of the Law, an Israelite means two things: the 'Written' Law and the 'Oral' Law. The older and more important is the Written Law. The Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament) contains this law. Some Torah laws were detailed, and others were very general. For a long time, the Israelites were satisfied with the general norms that each tried to apply to specific life situations. In the fifth century BC, a group of legal experts called the Law Scholars appeared. They believed that general rights, not fully specified, should be formulated in clearer forms, so that they would consider all the details of human life. And that was one of the sources of the Law of Oral tradition.

At the same time, a group grew up among the Israelites who wanted to imitate the ritual holiness of the priests. For example, according to the written law, all priests were required to wash their hands before entering the most holy place in the temple to remove any ritual impurity and make a worthy sacrifice to God. The faithful, following the example of the priests, began to wash their hands before praying and also before eating. These two phenomena caused the Law of Oral Tradition to multiply its provisions and become more and more extensive.

In Jesus' day, many Israelites kept and valued the Law of oral tradition more than the written Law of the Torah. The belief arose that scrupulous observance of the Law of oral tradition was the ideal of religious life. Attempts were made to saturate every activity of the day with the religious law. The Pharisees took the lead. They knew the law perfectly well and scrupulously obeyed it. It turned out, however, that these efforts led to the degeneration of religion. Religious life took the form of external ritual activity. In a short time, the external observance of the ritual law was identified with genuine piety and service to God. The meticulous, external observance of the Law of Oral Tradition was more important than the internal disposition and deeds of the faithful.

Let me illustrate what I'm trying to say. Around two in the morning the telephone rings at the rectory. In a broken voice someone says: "My daddy is dying". The priest quickly dresses, takes the Blessed Sacrament, and goes to the address indicated. On his way, a man with a gun runs up to him and demands money. The surprised priest reaches for his wallet in his coat pocket. When the priest unbuttoned his coat, the robber saw a collar. "Oh, I didn't know you were a priest", said the robber, hiding the gun. "I'm so sorry, you may keep your money". Grateful for getting out of trouble, the priest wanted to offer his attacker a cigarette, but the man shook his head and said, "Thank you, Father, I don't smoke in Lent".

Have a blessed week! Fr. Chris Ciastoń

DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Sunday - \$36,388

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Family Formation Updates:

We're happy to announce we've added a Kindergarten class on Wednesdays!

Also, our Sunday and Wednesday classes are in need of catechists for the upcoming 2021-2022 year. We currently have the following times and grade levels available:

Sunday B (10:30-11:30am): 4th Grade

Substitute Catechists needed for all sessions!

If you are interested, please contact the Family Formation office for more information. Thank You!

TEENS

Teen volunteers are needed for Sunday A, Sunday B, and Wednesday class times. Contact the Family Formation office for further details! Thank You!

YOUTH MINISTRY

All Are Welcome – 9th to 12th Grades

Starting September 12th

Sunday Nights 6:00pm-8:00pm

After 5:00pm Mass

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Come encounter the person of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Father!

Registration: saintpaultheapostle.church or Church Center

Questions: Lisa Filip 847-918-0600 x 28

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT- THE RULE THAT MATTERS MOST... LOVE!

BY: MARY PENICH

Sometimes, events occur which take us by surprise and sometimes they are our own doing. Sometimes, these happenings add to the quality of our lives and sometimes they bring unexpected angst. While working my way through our decision to downsize our home, I've had ample opportunity to contemplate the misery which sometimes plagues us all. In the process, I've acknowledged that Mike and I are truly fortunate to have had the opportunity to make this choice. So it is that I've rolled up my sleeves and dug into the packing. I've distracted myself from my fatigue by turning my thoughts to my fellow humans. So many struggle in the grip of difficult realities which are their daily lot. Though there's much joy to be found throughout our lives, sadness and drudgery emerge as well. It seems that, in spite of millenniums of discoveries and breakthroughs in every aspect of life on this earth, the human condition hasn't evolved much.

This conviction is underscored for me by Jesus' experiences among us. I imagine Jesus walking amidst crowds, sometimes alone, but more often in the company of his friends. Curious onlookers and those seeking something to replace their misery lurk in the shadows. Might they discover something better in Jesus' words and works? I see Jesus responding to the sick, the lonely and the downtrodden. Their suffering piques Jesus' compassion and his love. He does all he can to ease their pain in body and in spirit. Even when Jesus himself is hungry and tired, he can't resist those in need. As I add another box to the stack in the garage, I realize that I must also add my own efforts to Jesus' work. "Yes, Jesus," I tell him. "I get it most of the time."

Jesus knows that none of us get it right all of the time. This is the reason that Jesus' most pressing concern when he walked this earth was to love us and to teach us to love one another. This should have been nothing new to the temple hierarchy. In today's reading from Deuteronomy (4:1-2, 6-8), Moses presents the Ten Commandments to the people. They'd exhibited hard-heartedness while they wandered in the desert and they desperately needed guidance regarding their relationships with one another and with God. In response, God inspired Moses to present ten simple laws to the people. They would guide the people in their efforts to love God and to love one another. The Pharisees knew this story well. Still, they grew those ten simple commands into hundreds of precepts.



They used them to oppress the people rather than to uplift them. The second reading from James (1:17-18, 21-22, 27) indicates that this was an ongoing problem. James noted that some in the early church attempted to put faith alone above their love and concern for one another.

In today's gospel (Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23), Jesus clarifies his point. The Pharisees criticized Jesus for not following the letter of the law regarding temple rituals. They were indignant over Jesus' apparent disregard for these mandates. The disciples ate with ritually unclean hands. Jesus touched the sick and the ostracized who were off-limits in the temple and therefore became unclean as well. Jesus responded to the Pharisees' criticisms by scolding them. They'd allowed their devotion to ritual to replace their devotion to God. The Pharisees valued clean hands far more than they valued God's people. They valued meticulous obedience to their precepts far more than the people's heartfelt devotion to God. While God provided the Ten Commandments to guide the people in forming a loving community, the Pharisees used them to separate the people into the worthy and the unworthy, the clean and the unclean. So it was that Jesus enlightened them on the matter. Jesus knew that none of us is perfect. He also knew that we can make up for our shortcomings in any situation with love. At times, this requires setting aside a rule or two so we can touch a heart just as Jesus would.

As I return to my packing, I'll try not to allow my down-sizing efforts to interfere with the opportunities to love which present themselves. God invites each of us to set aside whatever we're busy with to do the same. In the end, God asks only that we love and care for one another as best we can. When we fail, God asks that we forgive ourselves. God also asks that we forgive one another. It is then that we can move on to the next opportunity. God's intent is not to track our failings, but to inspire our love. Jesus said it best through his own lifetime. He loved and cared for those he met along the way with the hope of inspiring us to do the same.

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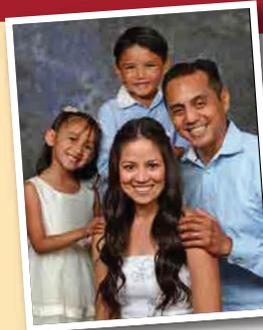
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Among the many wonderful evangelization and catechetical ministries we have here at *St Paul the Apostle*, our RCIA program is perhaps the one most directly supporting the great mission of the Church - the building of God's Kingdom on Earth. Christ instituted the Church and gave us the Sacraments to be the vehicles for our *pilgrim journey* to his Kingdom in Heaven.

RCIA, or the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*, is a journey of faith formation leading adult men and women into a deeper relationship with Christ - preparing them to come into full communion with his Church and receive the *Sacraments of Initiation*.

So, RCIA is for those adults who are seeking to be *baptized...* as well as those already *baptized in another Christian tradition* who seek to be *Catholic*. It is also for those *baptized Catholic adults* who have not yet received, and desire to receive, the other *Sacraments of Initiation*: Confirmation and Eucharist.

As baptized Christians, we all share in this mission: to build up God's Kingdom on Earth. So, even if you, yourself, don't fall into one of these categories of people seeking full initiation and communion with the Catholic Church, it's likely you know people who do - your spouse or fiancé, your adult son or daughter, a parent, a sibling, a friend or neighbor, a coworker or classmate. Most people who have gone through RCIA and are now active members of our faith community were led to RCIA by a trusted Catholic in their lives.

And, so, we appeal to you to boldly approach each and every person you know who might benefit from joining our RCIA program:

1. Tell them what being a practicing Catholic and participating in the Sacraments means to you.
2. Invite them to consider exploring RCIA at St Paul.
3. Hand them a bulletin or show them our website with our contact information.
4. Then have them email Deacon Bob directly at deaconbob@saintpaultheapostle.church to request more information about RCIA and how to register.

Our weekly classes will begin in late September... and will run until April 16 when the Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated at the Great Easter Vigil.

Please do your part now to fill our church with new and renewed Catholics... as we rejoice together with them as the Kingdom of God... his pilgrim Church on Earth!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Our Fall Tootsie Roll ID (Intellectual Disability) Fundraising Drive will be held over the Labor Day weekend on Sept. 4-5, 2021, here at the Parish as well as at the Jewel food store in Gurnee. As you may recall we split our Tootsie roll drive this year into a Spring and Fall events this year to make the best use of our people power. Our Spring Drive was successful in raising over \$1300 for our Intellectually Disabled People Charities and we hope to surpass that amount in the Fall to reach our total annual goal for \$2800. Thank you to all who donated in the Spring and who will donate in the Fall.

In October, we will launch our annual Religious Vocations fundraiser and raffle. This raffle is for the benefit of our seminarians studying at St. Mary the Lake University in Mundelein, IL. We will be mailing out raffle ticket books as well as handing them out at church this year. In addition, they will be available thru out the month of October at the Parish Office.

If you have followed the activities of the Knights of Columbus this year and are interested in knowing more of what we do or more about "These Men We Call Knights", then please visit our website at <http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>

If you are interested in becoming a Knight and are a Catholic gentleman over the age of 18, please contact us or go online and become an e-member. <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

If you wish to become a member of our Divine Mercy Council #11112 here at St. Paul, please make a note or comment to that affect when applying or let me know and I will arrange for the appropriate processing.

Sincerely, George Behr, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus – Divine Mercy Council

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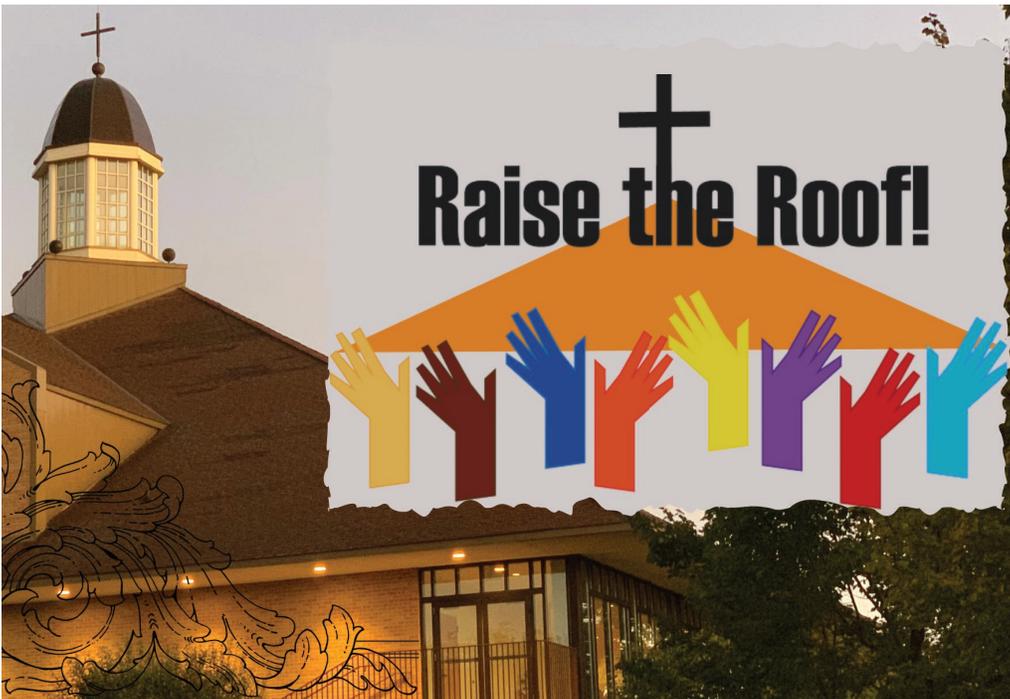
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

5:00PM: Charles Suhling | Carlos Cespedes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

7:30AM: Richard Thorsen | Sergio & Angelina Cadienas

9:30AM: Mary Roehl | Eula Mae Thorsen
Raul & Mary Montoya

11:30AM: Ed Piggott

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

7:30AM: For the Parish Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021

7:30AM: Mary Roehl

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

7:30AM: For the Parish Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 (Friday Intentions included)

7:30AM: David Slamar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

Louis, Petrina & Joe Smetek | Michael Kinahan

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

5:00PM: Charles Suhling | Fred & Mary Ann Perry
Jaime & Isabel Gorospe

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

7:30AM: Harry Siuda

9:30AM: Robert Chester Buttrey | Alberto Montoya
James Lavin | Victoria & Bernad Santos
Jose & Loubelle Cadiena

11:30AM: Mary Roehl | Valeriano Ventura
Fr. Marty Zielinski

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalms — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Patty Hacker	Patricia Wells
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PLEASE KNOW THAT WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK AT EVERY MASS. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME OR THAT OF A SICK LOVED ONE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST ABOVE, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL KERI AT THE PARISH HOUSE.
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“A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.”
—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:

I Thes 4:13-18
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY:

I Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY:

Col 1:1-8
Ps 52:10-11
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY:

Col 1:9-14
Ps 98:2-6
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY:

Col 1:15-20
Ps 100:1b-5
Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY:

Col 1:21-23
Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8
Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY:

Is 35:4-7a
Ps 146:7-10
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPT 15

We will be back together in person at the Parish House on *Wednesday evenings only 7:00 - 8:30pm* (starting Sept 15 and ending Nov 17) to study St Paul's Letter to the Romans. Though we have done this book many years ago, this is a new curriculum with an added video lecture by Dr. Andrew Swafford, an engaging professor from St. Benedictine University. Romans is one of the most important reads of the NT and answers so many questions about our faith, and how to share our faith!

I will be ordering workbooks from Ascension Press (cost \$25) for the 9 week course soon. If you plan to attend, please call or text a note to

Barbara Wagner (847) 767 1202

or email to barbarawagner25@earthlink.net so I order enough books.

All are welcome whether you are familiar with the Bible or not!

If you would like to go through the course at home and view video lectures online because of Covid, you will be able to purchase a workbook in the gathering space or from me.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

The faith sharing group will be resuming their meetings starting on September 7th. Meetings are on Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the lower level of the church. The readings for the following Sunday are used for our sharing sessions. Whether you are able to come every week or just once a month, you are welcome to join us whenever you can. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Bandel @ 847-855-0149.

THE CIRCLE OF WOMEN

We're continuing the video series Captivating- restoring your feminine heart. The series is based on the book Captivating- unveiling the mystery of a woman's heart and explores growing in relationship with Christ and in identity as a daughter. Please join us- the next session will be held on September 11th. You can attend one or all of the sessions. See the website for details.



847-347-0832

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Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

PREGNANCY SUPPORT:

Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

POST-ABORTION

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:

Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

PADS: 847-698-4357
Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

COUNSELING:

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:
5:00PM

SUNDAY:
7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM

ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS
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