

Masses for June 23 through June 29, 2007

SATURDAY 5:00pm Parishioners of St. Paul
SUNDAY 9:00 and 11:00 Parishioners of St. Paul
MONDAY 12noon Healing: Norma Haberstroh
TUESDAY 12noon†Janie Acosta
WEDNESDAY 12noon †Eustacio Galvan, †Benito Rosales
THURSDAY 12noon †Anna Canon
FRIDAY 12noon †Marietta Crow

Flowers on the altar for the Masses this weekend: In memory of R.L. Gaddy. "We love and miss you Dad; Peggy, Steven and Angela."

Floral Arrangements for the weekend Masses are handled by Debbie Trevino (282-1631). Please call her for details. *Thank you!*

CONFESSIONS – In Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 4:00-4:45p before Saturday night Mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to have a name on the prayer list, please call the office. Each month the names on the prayer list will be removed and new names will be put on the list per request.
For healing: Norma Haberstroh, Julia Ysla, Cindy Snow, Robert Lara, Debi Ratkovic, Penny Carns-Cooper, Joy Mummulvill, Sandra Rodriguez, Donna Shaffer, USMC Sgt. Major Payne, Isabela De la Garza, Pete Czaja,
Pray for our service men and women wounded in war.

SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24

Sunday Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3,13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80
Monday Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday Gn 13:2.5-18; Ps 15:2-5; Mt 7:6,12-14
Wednesday Gn 15:1-12,17-18; Ps 105:1-4,6-9; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday Gn 16:1-12,15-16; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 7:21-29
Friday Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday Gn 18:1-15; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50,53-55; Mt 8:5-17
Sun 1Kgs 19:16,19-21; Ps 16:1-2,5; Gal 5:1,13-18; Lk 9:51-62

There is a small table with a basket near room 1 to submit any Prayer Requests. Please join the Prayer Group on Mondays from 9:00 to 10:30am to pray the rosary for your petitions.

MASS IN SPANISH

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Greeters, Altar Servers and musicians are needed. Our first Mass in Spanish begins next Sunday, July 1 at 12:30pm and will continue every Sunday. Please assist with this very important move in our liturgical life at St. Paul Parish.

Before entering the Church for Mass, please remember to shut off all cell phones and pagers. Now that the weather is getting warmer, please remember that you still need to **dress in a respectful manner for Mass.** (This means no low rider or lace up pants, halter tops, crop tops or t-shirts with inappropriate logos and messages, and dresses and skirts that are mini or micro mini in length.)

Please save your hotel shampoo, soap, or other items that can be used for clients with our social ministry program. Please leave these items in the kitchen in a bag marked Bernice Machala.

The Legion of Mary now has the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to come into your home for Rosary devotions. Families, especially those who are homebound, call Karen for an appointment at 282-1926.

**Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Celebrated this Friday, June 29**

St. Peter, a Galilean fisherman, spokesman for the Twelve Apostles, died in 64 A.D. at the order of Nero. St. Peter was crucified upside down believing he was not worthy to die in the same manner as Jesus, the Lord. Our first Pope, he frequently carries the title of Prince of the Apostles. St. Peter is a completely loving example of humility before God.

St. Paul, according to tradition, was martyred in Rome about 67A.D. He was a Pharisee who, by God's grace, became the "Apostle of the Gentiles." St. Paul wrote many letters of introduction and encouragement to Christians of many cities. We hear these letters as part of the Bible readings on most Sundays and Feast-days. St. Paul endured beatings, imprisonment, shipwrecks and more because of his love of Christ. He was beheaded in Rome and his burial site is still honored.

Sts. Peter and Paul – pray for the church you loved so faithfully.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next SVDP meeting is on June 24 at 10:15am in room 9. Please join us and find out what we are all about.

In the Gospel today, we find the real amazement of the story of John the Baptist's birth is that God uses mere humans in his plan of salvation. God, indeed, continues Christ's saving work through us. **Please prayerfully consider helping St. Vincent de Paul in our ministry to the needy. We really need phone volunteers for Wednesday mornings, 10 to 12noon, Wednesday afternoons, 12 to 2 pm and Thursday mornings 10 to 12 noon. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please call Carmen at 292-3251. Thank you so much and God bless you.**

DYK

Did You Know that we do more than have Mass in the main building at St. Paul? Our facility is multi-purpose. We have religious education classes, early education classes, summer bible camp, boy scout meetings, adult bible study, ministry and organization meetings, concerts, benefits and other events. There is a whole lot of LIFE here at St. Paul 7 days a week. Praise the Lord!

We keep our Sanctuary sacred by putting partitions in front of it during these events. You may have noticed that during some events the area that serves as our Sanctuary is completely cleared of the altar and all. This is why it is so important for us to be especially considerate of the way we attend Mass on the weekends. It is hard at times to remember that even though we are multi-purpose as a facility, this facility's main purpose is for the Mass and all Sacraments.

Did You Know that many of our young have never been to Mass in a Church building? This is why it is so important to teach them the reverence and etiquette appropriate for attending Mass no matter what type of facility it is held within. **The Mass doesn't change, neither should your reverence toward it.** Hearing God's Word and receive Christ will always be a beautiful gift and we should be prepared to always receive graciously!

IMPORTANT NOTICE- OFFERING ENVELOPES: Did you know that your parish envelopes are not only used to record your contributions for tax purposes, but also to verify you are a parishioner here? If you wish to have your child baptized, or are planning to have a wedding, Quinceanera, or is you wish to receive a letter of recommendation to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, your attendance at Mass needs to be established. This can only be done if we know that your attend Mass regularly through the use of your parish offering envelope system. If you forgot your envelope, please use a temporary envelope. Also, notify the office if you have a change of address. **Please remember to use your offering envelopes on a regular basis.**

Birth of John the Baptizer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Ana Jackoskie, Director

Registration for the 2007-2008 Religious Education year will be held in July. Please look for an announcement in the bulletin.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Debbi Saunders Email: dsaunders2002@aol.com

Teacher Needed: Do you have a background in education? Have you taught in a preschool environment? Do you want to work Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 1:30pm? Do you want a rewarding job working in early education? If you answer yes to any of these questions, please contact Debbi Saunders at 280-4460x123. Mornings With Jesus has a Lead Teacher position open. Call for an interview.

Please accept our deepest gratitude to everyone who made our Summer Bible Camp 2007 such a huge success. The Lord called and our fantastic volunteers and staff answered. We had a record attendance of approximately 170 children ranging from 3 years through 18 years old. Our 2 week Camp has turned out 50 Youth Leaders both new and seasoned. These youth spent their time learning how to be a Christ-like leader wherever they are; here at St. Paul, at home, school and at jobs.

We are ever grateful to our Camp sponsors: Segovia Produce, 4D Printing, GattiTown, Chic-Fil-A, The Daub Family, Bea Rios, Ilene Doyle on behalf of St. Gabriel cafeteria, Vilhemina Broz, Bath and Body Works, California Pizza Kitchen, Austin Scoops, and families who donated items from our Wish Corral.

Thank you St. Paul parish for continuing to believe in the power of our young and providing them with the opportunity to learn and live through Jesus Christ during the summer months!

With love from Ms. Debbi and Ms. Lisa.

GIFT SHOP

Through the month of July we will be open on Sundays after the 9am and 11am Masses. Once we have organized and trained staff our hours will increase! You are welcome to shop at our website: www.MsDebbi.com. Your orders can be shipped to you or a recipient of your choice, or you may pick them up at the Church during normal business hours.

If you are interested in working with the Gabriel Project, please call Mary Joy Guzman at 291-8943.

If you would like to schedule an event here at St. Paul, please call Bob Dugas. His number is 280-4460 x 113.

Anyone going on the bus trip to Couthatta Casino and Resort on June 28/29, please be at the church at 6:30am on Thursday by the youth building, (SPARK). The bus will leave at 7am. Baggage tags will be distributed. Try to limit your baggage to (1) one, a small cooler and pillow if you wish. Drinks and breakfast will be provided for Thursday morning. For more information, please call Brenda Hester at 415-4850.

Rosary and Pasta Nights

The Youth Group will be praying the Rosary at 7pm in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine every Wednesday through the summer. Pasta dinner will be served after the Rosary. Please call Bob Dugas for more information. 280-4460 x 113.

PARISH FESTIVAL

September 28 – Friday 5:00pm to 11:00pm
September 29 – Saturday 12 noon to 11:00pm

The Parish Festival Committee wishes to thank the many individuals who have taken Raffle tickets to sell. If you have not picked up tickets as yet, they are available after Mass at the church office. Stubs and cash can be returned at this time also and, hopefully, additional tickets picked up. Many thanks to all of you.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Bottled water and cans of pop, ice tea, lemonade, etc. (We have no storage space but buy when on sale and save them until September.)
- Bingo prizes
- Raffle: donations of prizes for the raffle or money donations to help pay for the prize.
- Auction prizes
- New or gently used stuffed animals needed for prizes.

CHURCH SUPPORT for the Period 6/12/2007 to 6/18/2007 "Your Stewardship is the source of our growth"

Expenses	\$ 2,827.78
Income	\$ 9,540.45
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.00
Second collection: Peter's Pence	\$ 1,009.43

Thank you for your continued generosity and support

This weekend we will have a guest who will speak at all the Masses for a Mission Appeal. Please be generous.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Project Rachel is a ministry of the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities that helps women and men who suffer emotionally or spiritually because of an abortion. Lay counselors and priests are available to work with post-abortive women and men. The retreats are held at confidential locations. Call: Pro-Life Helpline 238-1246.

Attention Young Adults: St. Ignatius Church is featuring a Young Adult Scripture Study on Thursday evenings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. These sessions will last through the summer. It consists of three areas: scripture, service and social. For more information please contact Edward Reyes at 736-4518.

St. Ignatius hosts social justice conference: "Harvest of Justice," a conference focusing on the challenges of Social Justice through education, motivation and a call to action, will be held June 30 from 9am to 4:45pm at St. Ignatius Parish, 2309 Euclid Dr. in Austin. Featured speakers will include Bishop Gregory Aymond and Jeff Korgen. Korgen is the author of "My Lord and My God – Engaging Catholics in Social Ministry." The cost is \$20 per person, which includes lunch. Participants may register online at www.harvestofjustice.org or call (512)442-3602.

Retrouvaille helps struggling couples: It is a program to help couples in troubled marriages heal and renew their marriage relationships through a weekend retreat format. The next Retrouvaille retreat in English will be held in Austin on August 10-12. The Retrouvaille program, which begins with a weekend retreat, helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For more information or to register for the program, call (512)233-0261.